

# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

April 16, 2018

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Monday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m. in Village Hall. The Council members present at roll call were Allen, Fetzer, Garn, Heitger, McCune & Poulson. Mayor Alexander presided. Also present were resident Phil Null, Solicitor Candidate Matt Simpson of Kropf Wagner Law Firm, Fiscal Officer Candidate Pam Keener, Chief Funk, Officer Candidate Robert Hartman and Clerk-Treasurer Shipper.

Fetzer motioned to approve the minutes from the April 4th council meeting. Poulson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously while McCune abstained.

Phil Null of Gable Ln. informed council that a farmer's field drains across his property as well as surrounding lots draining onto his property. Null noted that his property is visibly sinking and trees are falling. Knoll has accumulated approximately \$5,000 in tree removal costs as well as adding over 2 tons of soil to his yard. Null as stated that neighbors in the development have also added soil to their lots, which has slowed down the drainage, but his property is still retaining water. Null dug a trench around the back of his house and sought the opinion of a contractor who suggested adding a drain tile under the sidewalks. Null asked council to work on an idea to alleviate the problem quickly, because relations between neighbors are continuing to become more contentious and property values are decreasing.

McCune motioned to approve the March Police Report. Fetzer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Poulson motioned to reappoint Officer Robert Hartman to a part-time position with the Smithville Police Department waiving the probationary period. Fetzer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Under Correspondence, Fiscal Officer Candidate Pam Keener was introduced to council. Keener introduced herself with a brief rundown of her resume including auditing various local municipalities with the State Auditor's office. Keener plans on working remotely, but is open to working in the village for 1 day a week. Garn motioned to hire Pam Keener as Fiscal Officer effective April 23rd, 2018 at \$35 an hour. Fetzer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Matthew Simpson was introduced to council. Simpson gave a brief rundown of his resume including working with Cheryl Kirkbride at Kropf Wagner Law Firm and prosecuting mayor's court at the village.

Garn motioned to accept with regret the resignation of Cheryl Kirkbride as Solicitor of the village of Smithville effective May 1, 2018. Fetzer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Garn motioned to hire Matt Simpson as Solicitor of the village of Smithville effective May 1st, 2018. Fetzer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Under Old Business, Mayor Alexander presented quotes for electricity and natural gas contracts. Triple S came in with the lowest quote.

Poulson motioned to enter into contract with Dynegy for electricity at a 12-month rate of \$0.0489 per Kwh Hour. Fetzer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Poulson motioned to enter into contract with Snyder through Triple S Energy at a 12-month rate of \$3.15 per McF. Fetzer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Alexander noted that the CD renewals are contingent upon Keener's recommendation.

The Eby Rd. culvert replacement project has been postponed by the county until 2019.

Poulson motioned to place the ordinance pertaining to establishing certain conditional uses within the commercial-2 ("C-2") district and procedure for application and approval of conditional use permits on second reading. McCune seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Poulson motioned to place the ordinance amending the zoning code of the village of Smithville, Ohio to establish variance procedures on second reading. Allen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Under New Business, Fetzer motioned to approve the March Monthly Financial Report. McCune seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Alexander presented the March Statement of Cash Position.

Mayor Alexander presented the amended proposal from the City of Wooster. The Clean Water Plan pertains to the sewer only, not drinking water. Wooster requests council to approve extending the zone of the plan north on N. Geyer's Chapel Rd. Council questioned the future interests in the city of Wooster wanting to annex this land since utilities would be extended pending approval

McCune motioned to deny the 201/208 Sewer Facilities Plan as proposed by the City of Wooster. Heitger seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously while Allen abstained.

Under Liaison Reports, McCune updated council on the Durapatcher asphalt repair machine. Turner attended a training for the machine and street patching. The machine is expected to increase in price \$10,000 due to increased EPA regulations. The machine is currently roughly \$50,000. Turner is checking with local municipalities on the necessity and value of the machine. The current appropriations do not allow for a major unanticipated purchase at this point in the fiscal year. Council will review this decision later in the year.

Fetzer noted that personnel evaluations are complete.

Garn motioned to Summit Memorial and Thompson Memorial an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for stone repair and engraving respectively for the Veterans' Memorial. Fetzer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Garn motioned to pay Douglas Landscape \$1,671 for Turf Treatment in the park. Fetzer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Garn motioned to pay an amount not to exceed \$800 for materials and supplies in the park. Fetzer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Garn researched blanner installation regulations in local municipalities pertaining to Veterans' Affairs request to install banners in the village.

Heitger asked council if they wish to keep the tree in the sidewalk in front of the Smithville Inn in order to preserve the new sidewalks. Heitger suggested keeping a pole to hang flower baskets or adding planters as suggested by former councilman Moss.

Garn motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$40,778.90. Fetzer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.


Pre-Construction meeting for David Avenue Sidewalks will take place April 19th at 9 AM at Village Hall.


A motion to adjourn was made by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Next regular meeting for Village Council is April 30th, 2018 at Village Hall at 7 p.m.

Minutes approved on 4/30/18

  
Clerk-Treasurer

  
Mayor