

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
APRIL 21, 2020

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm in a live internet session. Mayor Tom Poulson called the meeting to order. Members present at roll call were Larry Allen, John Heitger, Robert Kerr, Tricia Mullins, and Scott Thorn. Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Solicitor Jason Groh, and Clerk of Council Beverly Hatten were also present.

Mayor Poulson opened the bids for the 2020 Street Resurface and Repair Project. Seven bids were received and recorded. The bids will be reviewed for completeness and accuracy, and then awarded.

Mullins motioned to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2020 meeting with a correction. Kerr seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

Council Candidates for the open council seat were in the meeting. Matt Haas and Joe Reed both introduced themselves and shared their work experiences and why they are interested in serving on Village Council. Mayor requested council members consider both candidates and be prepared to make a decision at the next meeting.

Correspondence:

A statement was received from the Greater Wayne Foundation regarding funds for the Veterans Memorial.

**Ordinance 2020-7** Nuisance Property Ordinance regarding criminal activity nuisances to the codified ordinance of the Village of Smithville. Mullins motioned to place the ordinance for a nuisance property on third reading and approve it. Kerr seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to place the Nuisance Property Ordinance on third reading and voted unanimously to pass the ordinance.

Regarding the current property which the Village has been addressing as a nuisance property, a registered letter had been sent out by the zoning administrator. Court is not in session at this time, so the case has not moved forward. The case is being held until court is again in session.

**Resolution 2020-8** Authorizing the Village of Smithville to place non-essential personnel on temporary paid administrative leave due to COVID-19. Department heads can determine which employees shall be classified as "essential employees" and the resolution will stay in place until Governor DeWine has ended the state of emergency due to the COVID-19. Mullins motioned to approve Resolution 2020-8. Allen seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to approve Resolution 2020-8.

**Resolution 2020-9** Authorizing the Village of Smithville to permit employees to not use sick leave due to COVID-19. Employees shall not use "sick leave" for COVID related work absences and any employee with COVID-19 related absence shall be compensated fully as if present at work. Mullins motioned to approve Resolution 2020-9. Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to approve Resolution 2020-9.

Liaison Reports

Kerr advised the Veterans will be placing a wreath at the memorial at 10:00 am. There will not be a Memorial Day Parade this year.

On North Summit Street there are trees in the right of way with dead limbs overhanging the road. Turner will be getting quotes to remove the limbs and/or trees.

Heitger advised we are in the second phase of the downtown project, should be on budget.

Mayor advised there is paperwork for the downtown property owners regarding this sidewalk work being done, Dannemiller pulled the paperwork to have them fill out.

Mayor advised the BPA is working on the water source protection plan, EPA requirement, it is moving forward. Lynn Moomaw has done a lot of work on this.

Regarding the water tower project, the changes recommended by Ryan Marthey have been implemented. The project is on hold due to the State of Ohio awarding funds has been delayed and there is no time line yet. It is unable to be bid at this time as the funds may not be available in July as originally expected. The other part to the project, Ohio Drilling will be coming in to work on the 2 wells at the water plant. For work in the well field, they may not be able to access those wells at this time due to the ground being too wet for the heavy equipment. The communication system between the water plant and the well field will be updated

The BPA is looking at a project to submit for 2021. The I&I project (infiltration and inflow) involving the line on Northeast Street which runs along the creek and the line that runs into the park area. Those have been cleaned and the intent would be to line those stretches of sanitary sewer. Looking long term, the BPA would like a more extensive study.

Wayne County Emergency Management has sent out an email requesting communities to submit an initial claim for general funds which will be made available for losses due to the COVID-19. The loss of revenue will not be covered, but other expenses could be compensated.

A report was run on the utility bills, we have not seen an increase on the number of unpaid bills. The charging of late fees has been suspended.

A resident has asked permission to go into the park to clear trees which have fallen for use as fire wood. No trees will be cut, this is only to clear out trees which are already down. This is a request we have received previously. We have a release of liability form the individual can sign. We will have the solicitor review it to use again.

Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$17,235.77. Thorn seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously to pay the bills.

Allen motioned to adjourn the business meeting. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm.

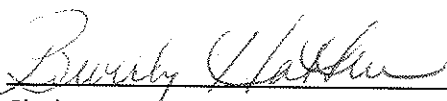
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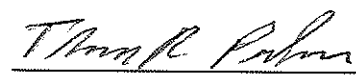
Council Meeting May 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday

BPA Meeting May 11, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Monday

Council Meeting May 19, 2020 at 7:00, Tuesday

Minutes of the April 21, 2020 meeting were approved on May 5, 2020.

  
Clerk

  
Mayor