

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

### APRIL 6, 2020

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Monday, April 6, 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, Police Chief Funk and Clerk of Council Beverly Hatten were also present.

Mullins motioned to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2020 meeting as written. Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the minutes as written.

Chief Funk advised they have initiated decontamination procedures for the department and cars. One officer is sick, is not confirmed to be the coronavirus. At this point he will not be tested. He needs to be symptom free for 72 hours before returning to work. Chief also advised of citizens meeting in other parks, the officials had to take down the basket ball goals to discourage the close contact. Chief Funk requested Turner remove the goals before it became an issue here with the weather getting warm.

#### Correspondence:

Large trash pick-up has been postponed. A notice has been added to the website. Kimbles has initiated their level 1 response plan and requested that residents do not set out anything that will not fit in their bin. Residents need to hold them back. Due to more people being home they are cleaning and throwing out more. Kimbles is unable to pick up extra items.

The citizens who organize the yard sales have decided to postpone them. This is also posted on the website.

The website has a new COVID-19 Update tab where residents can click to get the most recent information for the village and it also has links for the Wayne County Health Department and Ohio State CDC.

Nuisance Property Ordinance, there have been changes since the last meeting. The changes were sent out in an email to council members. There was some clean-up work with spelling and punctuation and redundant wording removed. Allen motioned to place the ordinance for a nuisance property on second reading. Kerr seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to place the Nuisance Property Ordinance on second reading.

Income Tax Extension: The State of Ohio has now extended their deadline for filing and therefore the Village of Smithville does not need to pass an ordinance to extend the deadline. The Village's existing ordinance states that if the State of Ohio extends their deadline for filing, Village of Smithville income tax filing is automatically extended with the State of Ohio.

Salary Ordinance legislation regarding paying employees for missed work due to COVID-19. The resolution allows for the Village to determine which employees are essential. There was discussion on payment to all employees, regardless of being tested, how to determine if the Village was going to use sick leave or vacation. Possible that an employee would take unpaid leave. If ill, an employee will be paid, it is undetermined at this time from which fund the pay would be withdrawn. The decision will be delayed until the next meeting while Keener, Groh, and Poulson do more research.

**Resolution 2020-6** Authorizing the Village to temporarily suspend water shut-off and late payment penalties due to COVID-19. Mullins motioned to suspend the rules for Resolution 2020-6. Allen seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to suspend the rules for Resolution 2020-6.

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March Revenue and Expense reports were reviewed. Council was advised it is estimated a possible loss of \$5000 from employers in Smithville due to COVID-19 loss of business and employee layoffs. It is unknown what the loss will be of income tax from residents in Smithville employed outside the Village.

The water tower project is moving forward. The plans have been reviewed and CT Consultants is putting the paperwork together for the OPWC grant and to apply for the loan portion. OPWC is holding up on projects due to the State of Ohio legislature not meeting. It is not certain what will happen with the state budget for projects. The Village is not putting the project out for bid at this time. Once a time line has been received the project will be put out for bids.

Upgrades to the data system for the water system continues. Ohio Drilling will work to verify the well fields are in good working order for the new tower.

Michael Johns spoke to Mayor Poulson and feels over committed at this time and unable to commit the time he feels necessary to council. He has resigned. Mullins motioned to accept the resignation of Michael Johns. Kerr seconded the motion. Council agreed unanimously to accept the resignation of Michael Johns. A notice of the vacant seat will be posted on the website with a link to the form for anyone interested to apply by April 15, 2020 and drop off their application in the drop box at Village Hall.

Summer mowing has begun. Right now, with one employee off, Mayor inquired if Council would approve the hiring of a part-time person to help with the mowing. It is in the salary ordinance to hire additional help as needed. Council members are in agreement to hire someone to assist with mowing as necessary.

#### Liaison Reports

Allen advised the calls for Central Fire Department have gone up. Calls with COVID-19 cases have been handled. Employees are good at using protective equipment.

Kerr advised the Veterans have decided to cancel the Memorial Day Parade. They will possibly look at something later in the year, maybe for July 4.

Parks, a complaint was received about the walking bridge, a problem with a board, they had placed an item on the bridge to bring it to other's attention until we were able to take care of the issue.

Heitger advised Burkey Excavating did some catch basin work on Prospect and Summit Streets before the paving would be done this summer. There was a line omitted in the bid packet, will do an amendment and get it to anyone who already received the packet.

Mayor is planning on having a discussion with the state representative regarding the stimulus funds being directed to small communities.

Pages which need signed by council members will be held until we meet in person and signed at that time. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, 2020 and we will meet online again.

Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$52,610.94. Kerr seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously to pay the bills.

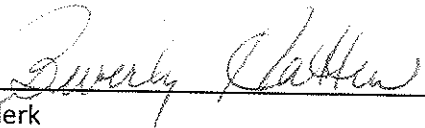
Allen motioned to adjourn the business meeting. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm.

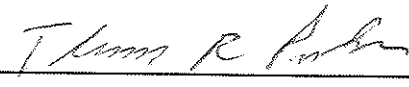
Scheduled meetings:

BPA Meeting April 13, 2020 at 6:00 pm

Council Meeting April 21, 2020 at 7:00, note meetings change to Tuesdays

Minutes of the April 6, 2020 meeting were approved on April 21, 2020.

  
Clerk

  
Mayor