

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

August 18, 2020

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, August 18, 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, Matt Haas, John Heitger, Tricia Mullins, and Scott Thorn. Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Solicitor Jason Groh, and Clerk of Council Beverly Hatten were also present.

Allen motioned to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2020 meeting as written. Heitger seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

Mayor advised he received a written resignation letter from Councilman Robert Kerr. Mayor read the letter to Council. Mullins motioned to accept the resignation of Robert Kerr. Thorn seconded the motion. Council agreed unanimously to accept the resignation of Robert Kerr with regrets. An announcement for anyone interested in filling the vacated seat was posted on the website. Applications must be received by August 20, 2020.

The July Financial Report was reviewed. Mullins motioned to approve the Financial Report. Heitger seconded the motion. The July Financial Report was unanimously approved.

Former Councilman Dave Zimmerman passed away recently. The Village Parks were of great interest to Zimmerman and he was instrumental in developing the park to what it is today. The Village of Smithville Park Fund was suggested for donations in his obituary. The Village has received a \$50.00 donation from Nina Miller. Haas motioned to accept the donation. Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously accepted the donation for the park fund.

Liaison Reports

Allen advised the squad runs were up this past month, no particular reason was cited. A narcotic safe has been installed in the squad. Total expenditures included \$14,000 spent on COVID 19 purchases and overtime.

Haas advised there was a clog in one of the drains at field 1. In order to access it in the future, we can install a catch basin. An estimate has been received from Burkey Excavating in the amount of \$1500.00 for the installation of the catch basin. Douglas Turf will be coming to apply fertilizer and broad leaf weed control in park sometime this fall.

Heitger advised the durapatcher was out on Gable Lane and a few other streets. The school paint on the streets was refurbished with fresh paint. There were storm sewers repaired.

Mullins advised will be doing the finance meeting as planned and work on the capital plan. Reminder to everyone to get their "wish lists" in for appropriations for next year.

Mayor advised the insurance company wants to put into place an infectious disease response plan. They would like a long-term plan/policy to how we would respond. It will be brought before Council for approval. Mayor advised he would like Haas to look it over. Mullins advised it would be done this week and forwarded to Haas review.

A water tower ground breaking ceremony is being planned. Invitations will be sent out to elected officials and others including Al Snyder, the former mayor. The ground breaking ceremony will be open to the public.

Mayor attended the Commissioners meeting in regards to the Agricultural Security District. Four land owners have filed an application for designation as an Ag Security District. The properties are located between Smithville and Wooster. This restricts the land's use for agricultural purposes. Mayor attended in support of these individuals.

BPA met last Monday. CT Consultants attended the meeting. Ryan Marthey, former BPA Chair and engineer, was invited as well. The topic under discussion was the I&I (Inflow and Infiltration) on the sewer side. They were asked about a master plan to assess the sanitary sewer and going forward for projects to submit to OPWC on an annual basis. To replace the system, it would be over a number of years. CT Consultants were challenged to return with information of building basins for overflow during a large rain event versus eliminating the overflow. With the basins the water could be stored to be treated after a large rain event instead of eliminating the overflow. We are requesting an idea of what we would save by eliminating the flow versus the cost of basin as well as treating the overflow which is considered fresh water.

Thorn regarding an email reference the moving of the recycling onto Village owned property. The Mayor advised Ruritans operate the recycling. It is currently on private property. The Solid Waste District receives federal money. The Federal Government doesn't like to spend money to do improvements on private property. This location seems to be ideal, but it is privately owned. Ruritans operate the recycling for the Solid Waste District and then receive money which they put back into the community. There have been a couple of sites in the Village considered. This will be brought before Council to approve a location which would fit the needs of the Solid Waste and the Ruritans. Thorn inquired if anyone has approached the landowner to see if they would be willing to sell just that portion of the property or do a long-term lease. Mayor advised he will reach out to the owner and open discussion to include Thorn.

Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$45,052.06. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to pay the bills.

Ohio Drilling inspected all of the wells and there is a report. Mayor can send out the report to Council members who may be interested.

Allen motioned to adjourn the business meeting. Haas seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm.

Scheduled meetings:


Council Meeting September 1, 2020 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday

BPA Meeting September 14, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Monday

Council Meeting September 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday

Minutes of the August 18, 2020 meeting were approved on September 1, 2020.


Clerk


Mayor