

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

August 4, 2020

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, August 4, 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, Robert Kerr, Tricia Mullins, and Scott Thorn. Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Police Chief Howard Funk, and Clerk of Council Beverly Hatten were also present.

Haas motioned to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2020 meeting as written. Kerr seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

Police Chief Funk announced Officer Pettry has returned to duty, after the birth of his baby. Sgt Barnett had her baby and is expected to return in October. The yard sales passed without too much trouble. The property maintenance issue is going forward. The Chief spoke to the prosecutor about it. Will get more work done on it and submit a report to the prosecutor.

Vacant Lot Mowing: Solicitor Groh is on vacation. He is continuing to work on the mowing ordinance and will forward it to Heitger when completed and then it will be brought before Council.

Mayor advised the bid opening for the water tower was July 30, 2020. CT Consultants took the bids to review for accuracy and to check references. The Water Tower Project has been broken into three separate bids:

- A. The construction of the water tower.
- B. The improvements of the water main running to the new tower.
- C. The removal of the existing water tower

The contracts for the water tower project will be signed after the loan is approved by the OWDA. The bid amounts combined were slightly higher than expected and therefore the amount of the loan request has been increased. The Village has committed \$575,000 for the project and is requesting the remainder in a 20-year loan. The interest rate was 1.62%, and as of this morning it was 1.42%, it continues to come down.

Resolution 2020-18 Accepting the lowest and best bid, authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into an agreement with Caldwell Tanks, Inc. Mullins motioned to suspend the rules for Resolution 2020-18. Kerr seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to suspend the rules for Resolution 2020-18.

Resolution 2020-18 Accepting the lowest and best bid, authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into an agreement with Caldwell Tanks, Inc. Mullins motioned to accept the bid by Caldwell Tanks Inc (Contract A) to supply all necessary labor and materials for the water tower project at a cost to the Village of \$1,330,000.00. Thorn seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to accept the bid.

Resolution 2020-19 Accepting the lowest and best bid, authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into an agreement with G.E. Baker Construction Inc. Mullins motioned to suspend the rules for Resolution 2020-19. Allen seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to suspend the rules for Resolution 2020-19.

Resolution 2020-19 Accepting the lowest and best bid, authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into an agreement with G.E. Baker Construction, Inc. Allen motioned to accept the bid by G.E. Baker Construction Inc. (Contract B) to supply all necessary labor and materials for the waterline improvement

project at a cost to the Village of \$244,366.50. Heitger seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to accept the bid.

Mayor advised Ohio Drilling has completed their work. We are getting final numbers for the improvements to the wells as it relates to the water tower project. Work will be done on two wells this year and will continue work next year. It will be in the 2021 appropriations.

Mullins motioned to approve the June Financial Report. Kerr seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the June 2020 Financial Report.

July 2020 month end reports were shared with Council by the Mayor, the Statement of cash position, expense, revenue, and income tax revenue reports.

The electric contract has been renewed as decided at the last meeting.

The contract for a natural gas supplier ends May 31, 2021. The Village does not use the volume of natural gas like electricity so the savings is less. Currently we are supplied with natural gas by Santana. Santana Energy continues to be the lowest at 3.09/MCF for a 24-month period. Thorn motioned to renew the natural gas contract with Santana Energy. Haas seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to renew the natural gas contract with Santana Energy as supplier for 24 months at 3.09/MCF.

Liaison Reports

Thorn advised he spoke to Mike Turner about the purchase of a melter applicator to melt asphalt to fill cracks in the road to get more life out of the streets before they need major repair. The cost would be less than \$1,100.

Kerr advised there are pavers at a cost of \$240.00 and a setup fee of \$250.00. The process is starting, it is unknown at this time when it will be completed. The veterans want to set aside about \$1,000 for a service dog memorial next year.

Haas spoke with Mike Turner, there are a few trees he may want to take down and then replant. Will check on funds available for this fall or next spring.

Heitger advised he has received an estimate from Melway for chip and seal for Parkview, Parkview Circle, Jane and Weller of about \$17,000. This is a preliminary estimate for 2021. Regarding sidewalks with water valves in them, this is possibly a tripping hazard on several streets. Mike Turner is looking at them to see what really needs to be fixed.

Mullins advised everyone has turned in something for the 5-year capital plan. It's time to start thinking about appropriations for next year. Work will be done in October for appropriations.

Mayor concerning an email received from the auditor's office. The report showed a very good, clean audit, no issues. Mayor wants to commend not only Pam, but Becky and how she does her work and Beverly. Mullins advised previously there were quite a few issues and thanks to Pam for whipping us into shape. Everyone is doing a great job.

Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$79,773.46. Kerr seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to pay the bills.

Allen motioned to adjourn the business meeting. Haas seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm.

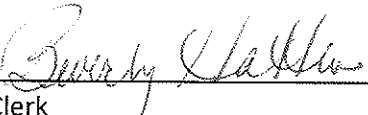
Scheduled meetings:


BPA Meeting August 10, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Tuesday

Council Meeting August 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday

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

Minutes of the August 4, 2020 meeting were approved on August 18, 2020.


Clerk


Mayor