

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
AUGUST 6, 2018

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Monday, August 6, 2018 at 7:05 pm in Village Hall, Mayor Paul Alexander called the meeting to order. Members present at roll call were Larry Allen, Tricia Fetzer, Joyce Garn, John Heitger, Ken McCune, and Tom Poulson. Pam Keener, Fiscal Officer; Matt Simpson, Solicitor; Beverly Hatten, Clerk of Council; and Police Chief Funk were present.

Fetzer motioned to approve the minutes for the July 16, 2018 meeting, McCune seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Mayor recognized Chief Funk who presented the July police report. Poulson motioned to approve the July 2018 police report, Fetzer seconded and the July 2018 police report was approved unanimously. Chief Funk commented on Officer Hartman, he went to his school resource officer training last month and is all set to go for the school year. Summer school started today and he is starting to integrate himself into the system, learn his new role. He is being introduced to people at the school and meeting students.

Andrew Pettry applied for a part-time position, passed the polygraph test, received the results today and is being sent to do a psychological test. Pending the results of the background investigation and the testing, if he does well he may be offered a part-time position and presented to council.

Permissive Tax Increase Update. Simpson advised July 1 was a hard deadline. No exceptions or extensions are permitted. When the application is made it won't take effect until 2020. The reference is Ohio Revised Code 4504.172 Supplemental Municipal License Tax. Council will need to pass an ordinance which Simpson will put together for the next meeting.

Park Policy including Inclement Weather. Simpson advised after speaking to Chief Funk, he agrees that the inclement weather wording should be added into the park rules and not as an ordinance to enforce. Simpson passed out a proposed addition to the park rules and regulation for council to review. It reads as: *Competition or practice on any field, court, or other park area shall be immediately suspended once lightning has been recognized or thunder is heard by any person in the area including, but not limited to: participants, coaches, officiants, and spectators. Play shall not resume until at least thirty (30) minutes have passed following the last flash of lightning is witnessed or thunder is heard. If lightning is imminent or a thunderstorm is approaching, all personnel, athletes and spectators shall evacuate to available safe structures or shelters.*

Jump N Shout address request. Garn advised it was not Jump N Shout. She checked with Mark Dravenstott about the address request. He was not the one checking about it. It was Mike Dravenstott who was looking for an address for Buchanan Place. Jump N Shout has its own address, but Buchanan Place shares the address with The Barn Restaurant. Currently the ball is in their court to make a written request for an address.

July 2018 Financial Report. Poulson motioned to approve the July 2018 Financial Report and McCune seconded. The July 2018 Financial Report was passed unanimously.

Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Solid Waste Management District Solid Waste Management Plan. Mayor presented the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Solid Waste Management District Solid Waste Management Plan Summary to Council; a short summary of the plan was handed out to all members. Each community in Stark, Tuscarawas and Wayne County are being asked to approve the solid waste plan. Council needs to review the plan and act on the plan by passing a resolution and then submit a copy of the resolution to the District. This approval is the final step before the District seeks final approval from Ohio EPA to implement the new plan. The program is designed to divert as much solid waste from landfills as possible. The resolution to approve or disapprove deadline is September 14, 2018. Failure to act is considered a negative vote. The Draft Plan is available for review at the following link: <https://www.timetorecycle.org/about/resources/our-plan/> Garn had a concern since Smithville does not have curbside recycling that there could be an issue against Smithville about it. Smithville doesn't do the recycling, the Ruritan Club takes care of it. Council requested time to review the plan before taking action and voting on the resolution.

Liaison Reports:

Equipment. McCune advised the dump truck will be put out on the website for bid sometime this week.

Fire. Allen advised there were a large number of calls this past month, the number was way up. No particular reason, just an increase in calls.

Park. Garn advised Mike Turner was in touch reference trees that are dead or dying and need to be cut down. There is an estimate. First, there is a maple tree at 253 E Main Street which is heavily diseased. Next are the ash trees in the park near the walking path. The ash trees have died and pose a hazard to people using the walking path. When questioned which trees were of greater risk, Turner advised he considered all of them high risk. It is too much of a safety risk for Turner and Baker to take them down. Turner obtained 2 estimates, one from Maibach, but the lesser one is from Rogue. Discussion on the trees was held. Funds are not currently available in the fund to pay for them to be cut down. Keener will present a resolution at the next meeting for an appropriation amendment to move the funds to cover the cost of the tree removal. Estimate from Rogue Tree Solutions is \$2585.00 for cutting down the ash trees in the park, removing the wood and chipping the brush. To grind the stumps in the park the estimate is \$725.00. The estimate for the maple tree on Main Street is \$450.00 for the tree removal and \$45.00 to grind the stump. The estimate is \$3310.00 for the park ash trees and \$495.00 for the maple tree for a total of \$3805.00 for the entire job. Garn inquired if Turner can get the trees on the schedule, but not cut down before the next meeting. Keener advised it can be scheduled, but need to pass the appropriations before the work can be done.

Regarding the chip and seal work in the park, Melway advised they are behind, but have not forgotten and will be out to do the work.

Garn advised last Thursday we had the dedication for the handicapped swing, donated by the Wayne County Committee for Crippled Children. It was on the front page of The Daily Record Friday August 3, 2018 and was also frontpage news in the Times-Gazette in Ashland. The article included a picture of Street Superintendent Mike Turner, village employee Adam Baker, Councilwoman Joyce Garn, and Garn's sister, Nancy Howard, along with Cheryl Steiner, the treasurer of Wayne County Committee for Crippled Children. Turner and Baker installed the new swing next to the three existing belt swings in the park on Thursday. A second swing will be installed later. Garn advised Friday after the paper came out she received a text from Turner that a lady with a child in a wheelchair has already been to the park at the swings.

Garn read a statement she wrote to express her gratitude to members of this council for appointing to her to a seventh term on council, *"after 24 years I have had the privilege to serve with 19 council members, 5 mayors, 5 police chiefs, 3 office administrators, 5 clerk-treasurers, and our first fiscal officer. It is with tremendous regret that I find I no longer have the necessary energy and stamina to deal with the challenges of sitting on council. I would like to vacate my seat effective at the end of the third quarter."*

Poulson advised Garn had spoken to him and he requested she be flexible and Garn has agreed to give council time to find a replacement. At this point the letter of resignation will be held until a new council person is found.

Streets. Heitger advised he drove around and looked at the streets with Turner. They gave each street a grade for condition. Heitger passed out a spreadsheet list of the streets, their surface type and the year each has been improved, if known and condition grade. It is intended to help keep an eye on which streets need resurfacing.

A preliminary cost estimate for the next sidewalk project was presented by Heitger from Engineering Associates in the amount of \$70,000.00 for the construction costs and \$28,000.00 for the engineering costs. The Fairlawn Street Sidewalks are next with the sidewalk installation planned in 2020.

Engineering funds will be budgeted for the year prior to installing the sidewalks.

Heitger presented estimates for striping streets. After reviewing the estimates Poulson recommended to approve Levco as they are considerably lower and they have done work for the Village previously.

Poulson motioned to approve Levco Striping Services Inc for street striping at the cost of \$2645.00, Heitger seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Heitger advised he is meeting with Melway Paving regarding Fairlawn in 2019 on Wednesday at 9am and will ask about Prospect. He will also be meeting with B&K Concrete regarding the next downtown project.

Poulson advised Agri-Sludge presented a new 2-year contract to the BPA with very little change from the current contract. The cost will increase from an annual fee of \$111,800.00 to \$114,595.00. The beginning date for the new contract is October 1, 2018 and will run through September 30, 2020. The BPA approved the contract. Poulson motioned for council to accept the 2 year contract with Agri-Sludge, Inc on the recommendation of the BPA in the amount of \$114,595.00 per year to begin October 1, 2018. Fetzer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Poulson reported that the revenue from the income tax has continued to be above expectations, about \$21,000.00, with numbers run through July.

Poulson asked Simpson about the ordinance for parking on village streets. Chief Funk had given council a sample ordinance from Orrville. Mayor advised he spoke to the owner of the black car and they live there and there is no parking for them behind. They live there, where do they park? Poulson advised it is not an issue that they park there, as much as it is not moved. They can park there if they come and go, but the car does not move. Heitger advised there is a two-hour parking sign. It is not enforced. Poulson is concerned for other residents and businesses that the parking spot is not available, it is always occupied. Discussion of parking availability, options for parking for the owner of the black car. Poulson feels the owner of the vehicle is intentionally trying to irritate the business owners when they were informed of the complaint as they moved the vehicle right in front of the business. Poulson request to look to see if the sign is enforceable.

Keener advised for the September 17 meeting council members should have their wish lists ready for capital purchases with costs for the next 5 years. She needs to make a plan.

Poulson advised the BPA has some major decisions to make regarding the water tower. The insurance did turn down the claim for painting. Suez Water Technologies did a full presentation. If it is painted again the same results will happen. If the tank is rehabbed it will be functional far into the future, if properly maintained. We can do an annual contract with Suez Water Technologies and they will assume the cost to maintain the tank, even if vandalized. However, the condition of the tank is not the entire issue. Capacity is part of the picture. McCune stated that this town is historic and the water tower is part of that, has been there forever. If we can save it and add a smaller one elsewhere. Discussion was held about the water tower and possible new water tower. Kyle Krownapple, BPA, came into the meeting and shared pictures of the interior and exterior of water tower with council.

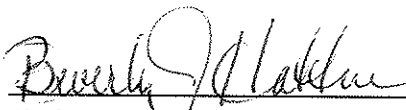
Garn motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$44,965.53. Fetzer seconded and the motion to pay the bills was passed unanimously.

Next council meeting will be August 20, 2018

First council meeting in September will be Wednesday, September 5, 2018 due to Labor Day holiday on Monday.

Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting and it passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes approved on August 20, 2018.


Clerk


Mayor