

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
February 16, 2021

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 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 Joseph Reed. Solicitor Jason Groh, Police Chief Howard Funk, and Clerk of Council Beverly Hatten were also in attendance.

Mullins motioned to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2021 regular meeting. Haas seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the minutes for February 2, 2021.

Mullins motioned to enter executive session for purposed of employment. Heitger seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to enter executive session. Mayor, Solicitor Groh, Chief Funk and Clerk of Council Hatten were present during the executive session.

Mullins motioned to return from executive session. Allen seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to return from executive session.

Mullins motioned to accept the resignation of Police Chief Howard Funk as of February 27, 2021. Heitger seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to accept the resignation of Police Chief Howard Funk as of February 27, 2021.

Mullins motioned to hire Howard Funk as a part-time officer as of February 28, 2021 with no probation period. Heitger seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to hire Howard Funk as a part-time officer as of February 28, 2021 with no probation period.

Mullins motioned to hire Sgt Jen Barnett as interim police chief as of February 28, 2021. Allen seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to hire Sgt Jen Barnett as interim police chief as of February 28, 2021. It is recommended that Sgt Barnett be hired as police chief, pending an interview.

Mayor forwarded an email to Council Members regarding information from Software Solutions in reference to providing online access to utility information and payments for customers. There would be 24 months of history as well as an opportunity to sign up for ebills, text messages, and payment options. This system would be able to capture the bill payments from the banks instead of them being mailed. There would be no cost to the customer. Included would also be the ability to make income tax payments online. Allen motioned to authorize Mayor to sign a contract with Software Solutions for customer online access once the contract has been received and reviewed by the Mayor and Solicitor Groh. Mullins seconded the motion. Council approved Mayor Poulson to sign a contract after a review by Solicitor Groh.

Allen advised number of COVID cases are going down. Central Fire is in negotiating a lease on Station 2 owned by Wayne Township, a 15-year lease at \$1.00 per year.

Haas advised still working on obtaining quotes for the brick dust treatment for field 1. There will be a Park Board Meeting on March 9 at 7:00 pm at Village Hall.

Heitger advised he and the Mayor finished meeting with engineering firms, and are in agreement on which firm to select.

Mullins advised the insurance plan is in the final stages, hoping it will be sent out to Council Members soon.

Mayor advised he has requested Mullins to work on a policy for the new electrical sign in front of Village Hall.

Mayor advised the BPA met, Ohio Drilling has finished their work on 2 wells and will be working on another. The water tower project is on schedule. The new communication system at the old water tower is working and will transfer to the new tower. We are getting accurate flow readings at the water plant now.

Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$22,477.01. Heitger 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 7:59 pm.

Scheduled meetings:


Council Meeting March 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday

BPA Meeting March 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Monday

Council Meeting March 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday

Minutes of the February 16, 2021 were approved on March 2, 2021.


Clerk


Mayor