

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

February 2, 2021

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, February 2, 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, Joseph Reed, and Scott Thorn. Solicitor Jason Groh, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Police Chief Howard Funk, Clerk of Council Beverly Hatten, and new officer candidate Justin Jacobs were also present.

Thorn motioned to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 regular meeting with corrections. Reed seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the minutes for January 19, 2021.

Police Chief Funk presented the January 2021 Police Report. Chief Funk introduced new officer candidate, Justin Jacobs. Chief Funk had submitted a letter of recommendation to hire Justin Jacobs as part-time officer.

Mullins motioned to enter executive session for purposed of employment. Haas seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to enter executive session.

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

Mullins motioned to hire Justin Jacobs as part-time officer with probation period beginning February 8, 2021. Heitger seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to hire Justin Jacobs as part-time officer.

Heitger advised he and the Mayor met with several engineering companies this morning, basically to get to know other firms not only for the sidewalk project, but other projects in the future. We will meet with another company tomorrow.

Mullins advised the insurance plan is in the final stages, hope it will be sent out to Council Members by the end of the week. Hoping to approve it at the next Council Meeting.

Mayor advised he met with a representative from SSI along with Keener and Dannemiller regarding to setting up online access for utility customers. They would have access to their bills, a 24 month history, and have options for payment. It will be a vast improvement compared to the options available now. BPA has approved to waive late fees to customers when it is determined the customer was not at fault for the payment being late. Mayor had a meeting with Dannemiller, Turner and sales rep regarding replacing the sign in front of Village Hall with an electronic sign. We will move forward with the sign as there are many ways the Village will benefit with the electric sign. We will need to develop a policy for the use of the sign. Regarding the problem with the breakers at the sewer plant, the Mayor will be working with Tom Abraham, AgriSludge, in getting numbers together and looking for opportunities for funding.

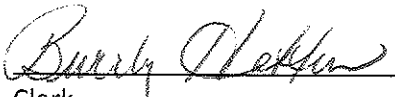
Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$53,824.36. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to pay the bills.

Allen motioned to adjourn the business meeting. Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Scheduled meetings:

- BPA Meeting February 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Monday
- Council Meeting February 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday
- Council Meeting March 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday

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


Clerk


Mayor