

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL FEBRUARY 3, 2020

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Village Hall. Mayor Tom Poulson called the meeting to order. Members present at roll call were Larry Allen, Tricia Fetzer, John Heitger, Robert Kerr, and Scott Thorn. Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Solicitor Jason Groh, Police Chief Howard Funk and Clerk of Council Beverly Hatten were also present. Michael Johns, applicant for vacant village council seat was present.

Village Council applicant, Michael Johns was presented to Council and Council members had an opportunity to ask him questions. Kerr motioned to appoint Johns to the vacant council seat. Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to appoint Michael Johns to fill the vacant council seat. Johns was sworn in by Mayor Poulson.

Allen motioned to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2020 meeting. Fetzer seconded the motion. Council approved the minutes as written; Allen yes, Fetzer yes, Heitger yes, Johns abstain, Kerr yes, Thorn yes.

Police Chief Funk presented the police report for January 2020. He advised he has been interviewing three applicants for part time officer and doing background checks. Chief hopes to hire 2-3 part time officers. Chief is starting the search for a new police cruiser to replace/trade in the oldest vehicle. Chief shared letters of recognition for two officers which will be awarded at the next Police Department Meeting. The letters are in recognition of exceptional service for the investigation and arrest of a suspect in a theft.

The condition of a property on North Summit Street continues to be an issue. Mayor spoke with Zoning Administrator Parker regarding the property. Parker advised it is time to start the citation process to motivate the owner to clean it. A letter has been prepared and will be sent stating improvements will need to be made within 30 days before the citation is issued. Mayor request Police Chief make recommendations for changes to the proposed ordinance for a nuisance property and forward input to Solicitor.

Mayor shared his response to NEFCO (Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning and Development Organization) concerning the proposed changes for the "redline". Fetzer motioned to approve the Mayor's response to NEFCO. Kerr seconded the motion. The Mayor wrote a statement which spells out the Village's position for not making changes to the current red line. Council unanimously approved the Mayor to submit his statement on behalf of the Village of Smithville.

Mayor shared the quote from Pro-Tech Systems Group regarding WTP SCADA upgrades. These upgrades to the communication systems will work with the current set up and then can be reset to work with the new water tower when it is ready.

CT Consultants advised to have Ohio Drilling to evaluate the wells to determine how they are performing. It is anticipated that this evaluation will be done in February.

Ordinance 2020-2 Ordinance John Parker, Zoning Administrator, gave recommendations for changes to ordinances, which Council approved in December. Council needs to approve the changes as an ordinance. Fetzer motioned to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2020-2, an ordinance revising Title XV – Land usage within the Village. Allen seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2020-2.

Ordinance 2020-2 Ordinance Revising Title XV – Land usage within the Village of Smithville. Revisions and changes are needed to update and clarify Title XV, Chapter 153. Fetzer motioned to approve Ordinance 2020-2. Kerry seconded the motion. Council unanimously passed Ordinance 2020-2.

Resolution 2020-3 Resolution authorizing the fiscal officer to make advances and/or transfers to or from appropriate accounts. Allen motioned to suspend the rules for Resolution 2020-3. Fetzer seconded the motion. Council unanimously motioned to suspend the rules for Resolution 2020-3.

Resolution 2020-3 Resolution authorizing the fiscal officer to make advances and/or transfers to or from appropriate accounts as in Exhibit A. Allen motioned to approve Resolution 2020-3. Fetzer seconded the motion. Council unanimously motioned to approve Resolution 2020-3.

Mayor reviewed the income tax tracking report.

Thorn advised regarding the area south of the walking path for use as a youth soccer field, he spoke to Mike Turner regarding more frequent mowing.

Liaison Reports

Thorn advised the old lawn mower was sold online for more than the trade in would have been.

Kerr advised the Veteran's group will have a meeting next month and will need to fill some vacant seats in the committee.

Heitger passed around an asphalt bid for council to review.

Fetzer advised she met with Luke of Hatch regarding the website upgrade. They will create the website for council to review.

Mayor reviewed the electric and gas year end reports, which show there was a savings from the previous year.

Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$23,178.04. Kerr seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously to pay the bills.

Allen motioned to adjourn the business meeting. Fetzer seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm.

Scheduled meetings:

BPA Meeting March 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm

Council Meeting February 17, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Minutes of the February 3, 2020 meeting were approved on February 17, 2020.


Clerk


Mayor