

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

### February 4, 2019

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Monday, February 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm in Village Hall. Mayor Tom Poulson called the meeting to order. Members present at roll call were Larry Allen, Jim Carter, Tricia Fetzer, John Heitger, Robert Kerr, and Ken McCune. Solicitor Matt Simpson, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Police Chief Funk, and Clerk of Council Beverly Hatten were also present. In the audience were police officer candidates, Kevin Garofalo and Darian Short; and Daily Record reporter Dan Starcher.

Fetzer motioned to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2019 regular meeting. Carter seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Police Chief Funk presented 2 candidates for part-time patrol officer positions. Kevin Garofalo and Darian Short have each completed the pre-employment process which includes a background investigation, truth verification assessment and psychological evaluation. Chief Funk recommended that they be hired, appointment will be Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

Fetzer motioned to hire Kevin J Garofalo as a part-time patrol officer with one (1) year probation at the wage rate set in the salary ordinance. Allen seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to hire Garofalo as a part-time officer.

Fetzer motioned to hire Darian M Short as a part-time patrol officer with one (1) year probation at the wage rate set in the salary ordinance. McCune seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to hire Short as a part-time officer.

Chief recommended changing the status of Ptl Andrew Pettry from part-time patrol officer to full-time patrol officer effective February 17, 2019, due to the resignation of Ptl Keith Yost. Ptl Pettry started with the department in August and has proven to be a reliable employee who has earned the respect of his fellow officers. It is requested that his probationary status expire on his one year anniversary date (August 21, 2019).

McCune motioned to reassign Patrol Officer Andrew Pettry from part-time patrol officer to full-time patrol officer with the probation completed August 21, 2019. Carter seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved reassignment of Patrol Officer Andrew Pettry to full-time officer February 17, 2019 with probation completed August 21, 2019.

Chief Funk presented the January 2019 police report. Fetzer motioned to file the January 2019 police report. Carter seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted to file the January 2019 police report. Chief Funk advised he was able to make a deal on the new cruiser with Pallotta Ford. In working with the Mayor and Pallotta Ford the new cruiser was purchased for \$250 over budget, but the car is immediately available with more options than the Village normally selects. The vehicle is here and ready to be outfitted with lights and siren. McCune motioned to approve the purchase of the cruiser for \$30,954.50. Allen seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the purchase of the cruiser.

Mayor advised he received the annual inspection report by ODOT of the bridges. He will share the findings with Mike Turner. There was mention in the report of debris which will need cleared. Mayor received a letter from Dana Keirstead regarding the Memorial Day Parade. He has been asked to be in charge of the parade this year and is asking for a representative from the Village. Mayor inquired

if Kerr would be interested in representing the Village. Kerr accepted the assignment. Mayor advised he will also be asking the Police Chief to attend meetings regarding traffic issues.

Dollar General Update. Another speed study had been done and submitted to the state. We are waiting the results to know if the speed limit can be lowered and not require a left turn lane. The water main will be extended, usually it is extended the full length of the property and an easement has been obtained for the first property, but not the second. Since this was not discussed from the beginning of negotiations, extension of water main, Mayor suggested the Village share in the cost, pay half. Fetzer motioned to approve to pay half (1/2) the cost of the extension of the water main and have Dollar General pay the second half (1/2). Kerr seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to pay up to half the cost of the water main extension.

County 201 Plan update. Mayor advised he received a counter proposal from Wooster. Mayor shared a map with Council which areas were marked whereas Wooster would increase their boundaries in the Geyers Chapel area and decrease their area along Thompson Rd and give that area to Smithville. After discussion council determined they are not willing to agree to the counter proposal from Wooster. McCune motioned not to accept the counter proposal from Wooster. Carter seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed not to accept the counter proposal from Wooster.

Mayor presented the results of the meeting with natural gas/electric broker, Sandy Carpenter. It is recommended to select Constellation as the supplier of electricity. Allen motioned to accept and contract with Constellation for 25 months at the rate of \$.04626 per Kwh per month. Carter seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to contract with Constellation for 25 months beginning in May 2019.

Also presented by the Mayor is the natural gas offers. Santanna has the best rate at this time, \$3.29 total rate per Mcf per month. Fetzer motioned to contract with Santanna as a natural gas supplier. McCune seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to contract with Santanna as a natural gas supplier.

Allen advised he received a complaint from a resident about the house on S Summit that had sustained damage from a fire. They had been working on the house, but nothing has been done for a long time. Mayor will ask Jon Parker, zoning, to follow up to make sure there are no zoning issues.

Heigter advised the street repair bid packet has been completed and is ready to be put out to bid. We are looking at doing a repair and resurface of Fairlawn and S Milton Streets. Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts thereof. Bids will be received at Village Hall until 4pm on March 4, 2019 and be opened and read at the Village Hall at 7:00pm on March 4, 2019. Fetzer motioned to put to bid the contract for the repair and resurface of Fairlawn and Milton Streets. Carter seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to put the repair and resurface of Fairlawn and Milton Streets to bid.

The January 2019 Financial Report was presented to council. Fetzer motioned to file the January 2019 Financial Report. Carter seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to file the January 2019 Financial Report.

A report of the Income Tax Revenue was shared with Council. The report shows the actual amount of income tax collected relative to the expected income and amounts from last year at this time.

McCune advised the DuraPatcher is here if anyone wants to see it. Fetzer inquired if anything is going to be done with the current pot holes or just wait. McCune stated if they fill the holes with cold patch it will just be plowed out with the next snowfall so we will just wait until better weather.

Kerr advised he attended the Four Chaplain's play. It was well attended with 125-150 people. They did a real good job with the presentation.

Carter advised the bleachers have been installed on the home side and look good.

Heitger advised may be working on a separate bid for chip and seal on some smaller streets. This is being done as not all companies do the chip and seal and we can get more bids for the street repair. Also the Durapatcher may be able to deal with the chip and seal areas.

Mayor advised at the BPA meeting they discussed the engineer needs develop bid specs on the second phase. The BPA recommended we contract with CT Consultants, the total amount would be \$54,000 which \$10,000 would be for the engineering, bid specifications and the balance of \$44,000 would be for the construction and inspection. McCune motioned to approve CT Consultants for the engineering work as the BPA recommended. Fetzer seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to contract with CT Consultants as BPA recommended at the cost of \$54,000.

Mayor regarding the tertiary treatment upgrade at the sewer plant. We have encountered issues, the engineer is working on finding a modification which would solve the problem long term and will not be charging for engineering costs, this should have been something which was anticipated.


McCune motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$105,975.31. Kerr seconded the motion. Council agreed unanimously to pay the bills.

Allen motioned to adjourn the business meeting. Carter seconded the motion. The business meeting was adjourned at 7:57.

The next council meeting will be February 18, 2019 at 7pm in Village Hall.

Minutes approved on February 18, 2019

  
Clerk

  
Mayor