

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
January 19, 2021

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, January 19, 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, Police Chief Howard Funk and Clerk of Council Beverly Hatten were also present.

Mullins motioned to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2021 regular meeting with corrections. Reed seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the minutes for January 5, 2021.

Police Chief Funk advised there is an applicant for police officer and they are working on the background checks. Chief Funk reviewed the December 2020 Police Report and the 2020 Annual Police Report. He advised all statistics were down considerably in 2020 due to the COVID19 virus. Numbers dropped drastically in March and April with people staying at home, but as things opened the numbers have steady climbed back towards normal. Mullins motioned to approve the 2020 Annual Police Report. Allen seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the 2020 Annual Police Report.

Mayor reviewed the annual renewal for the PEP Liability Insurance for 2021. Mullins motioned to approve and pay the PEP Liability Insurance. Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to pay the PEP Liability Insurance.

Thorn advised he spoke to Mike Turner, looking toward the future for some equipment replacements, but will wait until after the salt season.

Allen advised the calls for the fire department were down this year, in 2019 there were 882 calls and in 2020 there were 687 calls. Accidents average for the last 20 years were 70-85 per year, this year there were 43 accidents. It is due to the COVID19. The tanker truck was delayed about a week, should be here soon.

Haas advised he met with Park Board Member Wayne Morgret on how to move forward with the information they received during the meeting with Jen of CT Consultants. The park board members were provided information and will develop a survey for the community about the park to help revise the master plan and create a formal written master plan. There will be a park board meeting in March where they hope to finalize the survey. One item on the 5-year plan of capital improvements at the park is the brick dust treatment for ballfield 1, they would like to get that done this year. Haas spoke to Nate Butcher and they were hoping to get it done before the season starts this year. There is one quote for \$11,500 and Nate is trying to get another quote. They are committing the Smithville Youth Baseball for 2500.00 fund raising effort toward the cost of the brick dust treatment. Mullins inquired how the survey will be distributed to the community. Haas advised multiple ways, possibly a mailing, placed on the Village's website, the Facebook site and as many ways as possible.

Heitger advised he will meet with the Mayor Monday to discuss questions to be asked to engineering firms interested in the Fairlawn Street sidewalk project.

Mayor advised there was a Wayne County Planning Commission meeting and Wooster had placed an amendment to the 201 Plan on the agenda, Wooster requested the item be tabled. Nothing will happen

with that amendment until Wooster takes it off the table. Mayor has spoken to Reed and he is willing to be involved in this area. He will be included in these discussions in the future.

Regarding the sewer plant, Sunday power was lost at the plant. They were able to turn on the breaker. Mayor did a walk-through last fall with Tom Abraham of AgriSludge. The original electrical panel is still in use, it is antiquated and old original wiring is still in use, much of the original covering is worn away. This is an issue. Monday morning, they lost power again and were unable to get the breaker back on. They contacted an electrician to handle the immediate situation. Tom, AgriSludge, was requested to get quotes and he will look for funding options as well. We will need a long-term solution instead of continually calling in an electrician.

Smithville is moving forward with the online options for utility bills and payments. Options are needed as residents are not receiving their bills and payments are being delayed. Mayor, Keener and Dannemiller will participate in a Zoom meeting this week and will receive information about the ability to access utility bills online as well as options to make payments.

Mike Turner has been taking pictures of the water tower construction and they are being posted on the website. Since you cannot see anything from the road this gives everyone a view of what is happening.

Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$35,814,38. 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 7:30 pm.

The Director of Economic Development has offered to have a meeting with the Mayor, they will meet next week.

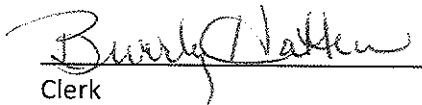
Scheduled meetings:

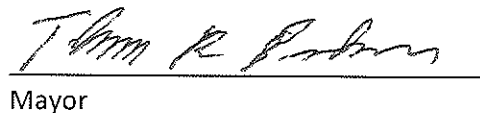
Council Meeting February 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday

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

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

Minutes of the January 19, 2021 were approved on February 2, 2021.

  
Clerk

  
Mayor