

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
JANUARY 21, 2019

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Monday, January 21, 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, Robert Kerr, and Ken McCune. Solicitor Matt Simpson, Police Chief Funk, and Clerk of Council Beverly Hatten were also present.

Allen motioned to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2019 regular meeting as corrected. Carter seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Police Chief Funk stated regarding the present cruiser situation, he spoke to Pallotta Ford and they presently have a police car which Wooster ordered, but did not take. The car has options Smithville does not normally get which adds \$6000 to the price of the car. Chief spoke to Hall reference outfitting the car and will look at the total cost with speaking to Pallotta about the trade in of a cruiser and advise the results. Chief advised he has two applicants which look promising. If the background checks come back ok, he may offer them both part time positions. Chief presented the 2018 Annual Police Report with a slide presentation. Some highlights were:

- Christian Wertz and Andrew Pettry were hired as part-time officers.
- SRO position which was modified into a full-time position with Green Local and Liberty Prep, Officer Wertz has taken that position.
- The DARE program with Green Local Schools and Liberty Prep is currently being done by Sgt Barnett, Officer Wertz will be trained and take it over.
- Participated in Shop with a Cop Program
- Officer Wilson was trained and BAC certified
- Officer Barnett was promoted to Sergeant, the first female to hold that rank in Smithville
- There were 651 calls for service

Resolution 2019-1 Accepting the annexation of the property located outside the Village limits, on Akron Rd, State Route 585. The resolution was passed at the last meeting, the paperwork was produced and signed. Dollar General had another speed study done as requested. The results are in the process of being submitted to the state. The Board of Zoning Appeals meets tomorrow and will approve the conditional use. The Planning Commission is working on the number of spaces, setback, and percentage of lot coverage. The end of the 30-day waiting period, after Council approved the annexation, is toward the end of February. CT Consultants requested some changes, we requested stone be added to the building instead of just the metal siding, and asked for additional landscaping and they agreed to these changes.

County 201 Plan update. Mayor advised Wayne County supports Smithville's position, which is opposed to the change Wooster has proposed. Wooster has indicated they will go to the next level. We will wait to see if that happens.

Christian Wertz was appointed to the full time school resource officer position on 1/16/19. The concern is the rate of pay. Christian completes his first year probation February 6. The suggestion is to have

Wertz complete this first year part-time and full time/school resource officer probationary period at the probationary rate of \$14.52/hr and after February 6 his wage would increase to \$15.04/hr. Fetzer motioned for Wertz to complete his probation as part-time and full-time SRO officer at \$14.52/hr and after February 6 his probation will be completed and will receive an increase in pay to \$15.04. McCune seconded the motion. Council unanimously passed the probationary status for Christian Wertz as stated.

Fetzer motioned for John Heitger to chair the Planning Commission, which will be a re-appointment for a 6 year term. Carter seconded the motion. Council agreed unanimously for John Heitger to chair the Planning Commission for a 6 year term.

Allen motioned to re-appoint Bob Amstutz to chair the Zoning Board, a 5 year term. Carter seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed for Bob Amstutz to chair the Zoning Board for a 5 year term.

Carter motioned to re-appoint Chris Saris, Nate Butcher and Rebecca Shipper to the Park Board, each person will serve a 3 year term. Fetzer seconded the motion. Council agreed unanimously to re-appoint for a 3 year term each Chris Saris, Nate Butcher and Rebecca Shipper to the Park Board.

Residential Rental Property Registration. The Village Administrative Office has requested to send a registration form to owners of rental properties to have their updated contact information on file. This information would be used to contact owners when issues arise with the property. Past issues have been zoning violations and water usage on supposedly "vacant" apartments where the apartment was rented, but no one signed up for utility billing. This information could also be used in the event of an emergency. After discussion council requested that the form be sent out. If there is little or no response, they will look at possible legislation making it a requirement.

Mayor advised he had a meeting with natural gas/electric broker, Sandy Carpenter. She was able to show the most savings for electric on a 2 year contract. The Village does not use enough gas in volume to affect rates much. She will look at demand cycle on the contract. Changes to the sewer plant, new equipment and the usage may affect the rates. The contract for electric comes up for renewal in May.

The purchase order for the Durapatcher was completed and sent. Mike Turner is in the process of setting up an account with the materials supplier.

Allen advised calls for the fire department were up 100 calls in 2018. The department now has 2 EMT's on duty 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

Kerr advised he attended the Veteran's meeting. They discussed the radio drama they have planned for February 3 to honor the chaplains in service. They are planning a Memorial Day Parade.

Carter advised the bleachers for the park have been ordered.

Mayor advised there may be a grant available to help pay for the bleachers. Becky and Mike have applied for it, could be up to \$1000. Fetzer advised she told Nate Butcher to look into grants to help fund projects in the park.

Mayor advised Mike is going to do prepare the street bid this year. John and Mike will be working together. They may separate out the chip & seal projects to open the bid to more contractors since many do not do the chip & seal.

McCune mentioned the area on Northeast Street which needs attention. The road is falling away at the side. A car slid off the roadway, there is sizable dip there.

Fetzer advised she found out the water tower was built in 1955. The property on which it stands was not owned by the Village at that time. The property was leased and purchased at a later date.

Mayor advised about the issues of freezing with the new equipment at the sewer plant. The two units froze up and were not working. They did get the one working, but the other is still not functional. This is not unusual weather for us. Kyle, BPA, sent an email asking about a warranty on the design. There is a request for them to step up and resolve the issue. This temperature issue was raised by Kyle much earlier. Also, the issues with the water alarm system, the BPA is reluctant to pay the large amount to fix it when they are looking at replacing the water tower in the near future.

McCune motioned to approve the bills in the amount of \$61,908.99 which includes the Board of Workers Compensation which will be paid online for a small savings. Fetzer seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to pay the bills.

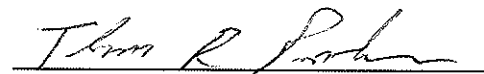
Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting, Kerr seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7pm.

The next council meeting will be February 4, 2019 at 7pm.

Minutes approved on February 4, 2018


Clerk


Mayor