

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
January 22, 2018

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Monday, January 22, at 7:00 p.m. in Village Hall. The Council Members present at roll call were Allen, Fetzer, Garn, Heitger, McCune & Poulson. Council President, Tom Poulson presided. Also present was Chief Funk, Solicitor Kirkbride, and Clerk-Treasurer Shipper. Also present was resident Tom Paull.

Poulson informed council that Mayor Alexander's father passed away this morning and is out of town handling personal affairs. Therefore, Poulson conducted the meeting.

Tom Paull approached council about moving the sidewalk closer to the road around the pine trees on his property. Paull explained that he would like the sidewalk moved closer to the road and does not feel that any extra engineering would be involved, leaving the sidewalk 5 to 6 feet away from the road. Paull presented photos of different portions of the village where the sidewalk is closer to the road than he is requesting. Paull explained that his trees provide his property privacy. Garn expressed concern about going against the recommendations of the engineers regarding the David St. drainage project. Garn mentioned that Mr. Paull was offered to have the trees in question moved at the village's cost. Mr. Paull said he denied this offer because he was told by Davey Tree Service there was no guarantee the trees would survive. McCune mentioned the ordinance stating that trees need to be planted a certain number of feet from the right of way. Paull admitted that the trees may be in violation of the ordinance, but cannot undo planting the trees 15 years ago. Fetzer told Paull that council has spent hours reviewing his requests in response to Paull asking council to view his requests from the position of a resident who lives on David St. Fetzer asked Paull to write down his specific questions to present to the engineers.

Fetzer motioned to approve the minutes as corrected from the January 8th council meeting. Allen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

McCune motioned to accept Sgt. Kyle Watson's resignation as a full time officer as Sergeant and move him into a part-time position effective January 27, 2018.

Fetzer motioned to approve moving Officer Cole Wilson to a full time police officer effective January 21, 2018. McCune seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Funk reported that an officer recruit is passing all exams so far and is likely to be presented to council at the next meeting. Chief Funk said that he does not have any current plans to replace the sergeant's position.

Chief Funk also reported that the owner of the S. Summit St. house that caught fire has been cited, but the owner reported that repairs have been made to the house. The homeowner reported that the insurance company delayed repairing the house.

There was nothing under Correspondence.

Under Old Business, Garn motioned to appoint Wayne Fannon to the Income Tax Appeals Review Board. Fetzer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Garn motioned to approve spending \$1,535 for Burkey Excavating to replace the culvert pipe under the drive to the well field. McCune seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Garn asked if curbs are going to be included in the downtown sidewalk project. Allen remembered discussing omitting curbs, but was not positive of the current plan. Poulson will check with B&K Concrete about their plans for the sidewalks.

Bill Moss needs removed as the bank signatory and Joyce Garn had not been added yet as the new secondary signatory should the mayor be absent. McCune motioned to remove Moss as the secondary signatory with the Farmers National Bank. Fetzer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Allen motioned to appoint Joyne Garn as the new secondary signatory for Farmers National Bank. Fetzer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously while Garn abstained.

Under New Business, the PEP liability insurance renewal increased 3% due to removing 2 older vehicles and adding 2 new 2017 vehicles. The Hummel Group did not perform any onsite risk assessments, but council discussed making a request for an onsite assessment. Garn motioned to accept the renewal rates as noted for the Public Entities Pool of Ohio effective February 11, 2018. Fetzer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Garn motioned to approve the application for placement of farmland in an agricultural district (O.R.C. Section 929.02) for Myrtle Farms Inc. Allen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

McCune motioned to accept Ryan Marthey's resignation as BPA president effective January 9, 2018. Allen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

McCune motioned to approve Ryan Imhoff as a BPA member effective January 9, 2018. Allen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Marthey will be included in the salary ordinance making him an employee, therefore, he will be covered by the village's insurance and will be covered by worker's compensation.

Garn motioned to suspend rules regarding Ordinance 2018-1. Fetzer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Fetzer motioned to adopt Ordinance 2018-1, an amended ordinance fixing the compensation of the elected officials of the village of Smithville, Ohio establishing the salaries and allowances of the appointed officials and employees, rescinding Ordinance 2017-37 and declaring an emergency. Allen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Allen motioned to send a letter of support for the proposed changes in regards to the Wayne County Airport 201 facilities planning area update. McCune seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Council agreed to postpone discussion of the Ohio Municipal League agreement until Solicitor Kirkbride can fully review the documents.

Poulson reported that a business entity is looking into annexing property into the village limits on the east side of the village on State Rt. 585. The business has many steps to take before constructing the business facility.

Poulson also reported that the sewer plant upgrade is moving forward in pursuing the necessary loan.

Under Liaison Reports, Allen reported that a hydrant on N. Milton St. will need replaced. Poulson further explained that the plumbing to the hydrant needs replaced and the hydrant is currently unhooked from the water lines. Turner suggested replacing the old hydrant now to save on labor costs later. Poulson suggested the village look into grants to replace multiple hydrants. Each hydrant replacement is approximately \$5,000, however, Fire Chief Burns suggested focusing repair money on the water tower.

Council also discussed the history of making an insurance claim regarding the paint falling off the water tower as it is happening again.

Fetzer reported street department supervisor Turner reported that he and Baker are getting more comfortable with excavating with the goal of repairing water line breaks. Turner and Baker currently observe Berkey Excavating each time a water main break is repaired.

Garn reported that 3 trees near the concession stand need removed. Garn presented 2 quotes with Rogue Tree Solutions entering the lowest bid. Garn motioned to spend \$4,750 for Rogue Tree Solutions to completely remove the 3 trees near the concession stand. Fetzer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Garn reported that she received 2 estimates for steel roofing for the maintenance building in the park. Garn motioned to spend \$4,250 for Troyer Roofing replace the roof of the maintenance building in the park with steel roof. Fetzer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Garn reported that she received 2 estimates for steel roofing for the street department building on Northeast St. Garn motioned to spend \$4,680 for Troyer Roofing replace the roof of the street department building on Northeast St. with steel roof. McCune seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

T. ... will gather further clarification on the bids for the park pavilions. Council noted that a purchase order should not be made on either roofing project until a decision has been made as to which company will replace the park pavilion roofs.

The Friends of the Veterans' Memorial Committee will be meeting Wednesday, January 24th at 10:00 AM at the Church of God.

A public hearing will be held at the next council meeting on February 12, 2018 for the David St. sidewalk project.

Council discussed Paull's request and stated that sidewalks add property value, improve safety, and council does not want to set a precedent for individuals to be able to choose the placement of the sidewalks.


Garn motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$28,542.54. Allen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

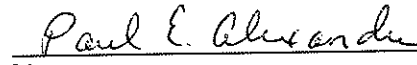
A motion to adjourn was made by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM.

Next regular meeting for Village Council is Monday, February 12, 2017 at Village Hall at 7 p.m.

Minutes approved on February 12, 2017


Clerk-Treasurer


Mayor