

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
January 8, 2018

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Monday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m. in Village Hall. The Council Members present at roll call were Allen, Fetzer, Garn, Heitger, McCune & Poulson. Mayor Alexander presided. Also present were Chief Funk, Solicitor Kirkbride, and Clerk-Treasurer Shipper.

Mayor Alexander swore in Joyce Garn for her term as village councilwoman.

Mayor Alexander swore in John Heitger for his term as village councilman.

Mayor Alexander swore in Tom Poulson for his term as village councilman.

Mayor Alexander swore in Larry Allen for his term as village councilman.

Garn motion to appoint Tom Poulson as council president. Fetzer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

RCAP will arrive at the March 12th council meeting. BPA will also attend the meeting.

Chief Funk presented the December Police Report. McCune motioned to approve the December Police Report. Allen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Funk reported that the new police cruiser was damaged in a minor accident. The other driver was at fault and the cost of the repair was approximately \$200.

Poulson motioned to accept Joseph Routh's resignation with regret. Fetzer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Shop With A Cop Program was expanded and more students were able to participate. Students are selected by school personnel based on need.

Poulson motioned to approve the December 27th council meeting minutes. Allen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously while McCune abstained.

There was nothing under Correspondence.

Under Old Business, council discussed moving the sidewalk closer to the street on David St. Garn stated that she is okay with making accommodations, but she is concerned that this will open the door for others to make special requests. Fetzer stated she is okay with property owners making the decision on the sidewalk location as long as the engineers okay the layout. Mayor Alexander stated that each engineering action happens at the cost of the village. Poulson stated that some David St. residents are concerned that moving the sidewalk closer to the street could inhibit the water flow remedied by the recent drainage project. Garn restated what other council members said with regards to more engineering costs. Council does expect various residents to be upset about the sidewalk location, but stated that they have accommodated greatly in the recent drainage project and have made offers in the past to deal with trees in violation of the right of way. Heitger stated that the sidewalk will outlast the trees and it is senseless to dictate a sidewalk layout around trees. Poulson will communicate to Allen Snyder to proceed with the sidewalk design as is. Garn motioned to approve the David St. sidewalk design as engineered. McCune seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Poulson reviewed the estimated sidewalk assessment amount. Each assessment will be personalized to the property owner. Residents can make payments for up to 10 years with the first 5 years interest free. The payment amounts will be detailed for each resident in their assessment letter. A public hearing will be held on February 12th for the sidewalk project. Poulson motion to approve the estimated sidewalk assessment with corrections as notated. Garn seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Alexander stated that the income tax appeals board is nearly filled. Mayor appointed Wilma Hartzler to the board for an indefinite term. Poulson motioned to appoint Janet Snyder to the income tax appeals review board with a term expiring December 31, 2019. Garn seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The downtown sidewalk project will hopefully begin as soon as the weather permits.

There was nothing to report with regards to AMP.

The S. Summit street house that sustained substantial fire damage still needs cleaned up. Council will pursue and estimate to tear down the house. The lot is unbuildable as it does not meet current frontage requirements. The property owner has been issued a letter informing them that the property needs cleaned up. Council is considering next steps to assure the property is cleaned up. The chief will pursue citing the property owner under the ordinances referenced in the initial letter sent in August.

Seifert released the passwords and Fike Consulting can now begin IT work on the village's computer technology.

Under New Business, Garn will continue to be the liaison to the park. Heitger will review his decision about being the liaison to streets and sidewalks. McCune will be the liaison for village equipment. Allen will be the liaison to the Central Fire District. Poulson will be liaison to finance. Fetzer will be the liaison to the street department. Poulson motioned to replace Bill Moss with Joyce Garn as the back up signature to sign village checks when necessary. McCune seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The village was approximately \$64,000 short on income tax revenue, however, 2018 numbers should be more stable and predictable.

Council reviewed the December Cash Report.

Poulson motioned to approve the December Financial Report. Garn seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Under Liaison Reports, Allen reported that the new squad will arrive in May.

Garn reported that a replacement drinking fountain is in need at the park. Garn motioned to spend \$2,711 for Miller Plumbing and Heating to install a replacement drinking fountain in the park. Fetzer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Garn motioned spend \$3,235 for Kidron Electric to add new lighting at the concession stand and repair the flag light at the park. Fetzer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Garn motioned to spend \$1,205 for Kidron Electric to repair the electric heater in the water plant. Fetzer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Garn motioned to spend an amount not exceed \$500 for Kidron Electric to repair the maintenance building lights. Poulson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Garn also reported that the Boy Scouts have numerous flags to retire along with the Wreaths Across America. The wreaths and flags will be properly retired in February at the barbeque pit.

Garn also reported that a variety of officers did not pick up their free hams and turkeys donated by Beaver Meats. Garn expressed her disappointment that some were not picked up. Kirkbride stated that many of the officers live out of town and are unable to pick items up during business hours. Garn asked council to possibly reconsider the gift for the next Christmas.

Garn motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$19,586.56. Poulson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

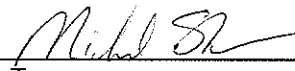
Poulson suggested adding Ryan Marthey to the salary ordinance as a paid employee as a consultant. A proposal will be made at the next council meeting.

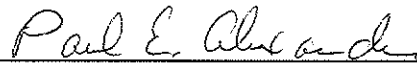
A motion to adjourn was made by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Next regular meeting for Village Council is Monday, January 22, 2017 at Village Hall at 7 p.m.

Minutes approved on 1/22/18


C -Treasurer


Mayor