

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
July 20, 2021

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 in the Village Hall. 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, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Police Chief Jen Barnett, Sgt Christian Wertz, and Clerk of Council Beverly Hatten were also present. Attending the meeting were officer candidates Chad Souder and Joel Edwards.

Heitger motioned to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021 regular meeting. Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the minutes for July 6, 2021 meeting.

Haas motioned to enter into executive session for discussion of personnel. Reed seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed and entered into executive session.

Thorn motioned to exit executive session. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed and exited executive session.

Mullins motioned to hire Chad Souder as a parttime police officer, subject to the standard probationary period, beginning Wednesday July 21, 2021. Heitger seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to hire Chad Souder as a parttime police officer.

Thorn motioned to hire Joel Edwards as a parttime police officer, subject to the standard probationary period, beginning Wednesday July 21, 2021. Heitger seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to hire Joel Edwards as a parttime police officer.

Backflow Prevention Policy was reviewed and it was determined that 60 days may not be enough time for commercial properties to comply. An increase of 30 days for a total of 90 days was included. Allen motioned to place the Backflow Prevention Policy on 2nd reading. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to place the Backflow Prevention Policy on 2nd reading.

Chief Barnett and Sgt Wertz answered questions from Council Members on adding a K9 officer to the department. Funding would be through a grant for reimbursement for the dog, training for the dog and officer and all equipment. Sgt Wertz will be the handler. The annual costs would be figured into the department budget and consist of veterinary care and food.

Mullins motioned to approve and authorize Chief Barnett to sign a contract with Excel K-9 Services, Inc for the purchase and training of the K9. Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved for Chief Barnett to sign the contract regarding the K9 with Excel K-9 Services, Inc.

Mullins motioned to authorize the purchase of equipment from Hall Public Safety for the K9. Heitger seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the purchase of equipment.

Mullins motioned to authorize Chief Barnett to submit a grant application for reimbursement of the costs of the K9, training, and equipment. Haas seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved Chief Barnett to submit a grant application to be reimbursed for the costs associated with the K9.

Heiter motioned to approve the K9 policy. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the K9 policy.

Mayor advised the stimulus funds the Village is to receive will cover the full amount for the new breaker panel.

There was a water tower meeting this morning, start working with the contractor with a time line for when the old tower will come down. Solicitor has the easements; we can contact the property owners and get them signed. The water tower is ahead by about one month, we are waiting on paint at this time. We will be meeting regarding the transition from the old tower to the new tower to discuss what to anticipate. We will try to communicate with the residents any issues which arise. At this time, we are planning on beginning to fill the new water tower in August.

Allen inquired about the zoning meeting regarding the bus garage, Mayor advised the school is buying the property. They feel they can use some additional space. Some of their buses are parked in Marshallville due to space issues.

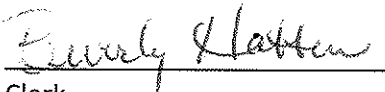
Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$50,903.39. Reed seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to pay the bills.


Allen motioned to adjourn the business meeting. Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Scheduled meetings:

Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing July 29, 2021 at 7:00, Village Hall
Council Meeting August 3, 2021 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday at Village Hall
BPA Meeting August 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Monday at Village Hall
Park Board Meeting Aug 10, 01 at 7:00 pm Tuesday at Park Pavilion
Council Meeting August 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday at Village Hall

Minutes of the July 20, 2021 meeting were approved on July 6, 2021.


Clerk


Mayor