

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL JULY 21, 2020

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 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, Robert Kerr, and Tricia Mullins. Solicitor Jason Groh, and Clerk of Council Beverly Hatten were also present.

Mullins motioned to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2020 meeting as written. Allen seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

Mayor advised Council Members of a public hearing to be held regarding a request to make an area west of Smithville a Wayne County Agricultural Security Area.

Vacant Lot Mowing: Heitger advised it is difficult to find the correct ordinance in a search. He recommends combining ordinances to make it more user friendly. Council is in agreement to make the two ordinances into one to address the mowing of vacant lots under the property maintenance codes. It is believed that most property owners will comply when a letter is received regarding mowing of the property. Discussion continued on the ordinance for mowing. Solicitor Jason Groh will write an ordinance and bring to the next Council Meeting August 4, 2020 for first reading. Mayor requests a draft of the new ordinance be sent to Zoning Administrator Jon Parker.

Allen raised the issue of the foliage on some properties growing out over the sidewalks as to make it impossible to walk on the sidewalks. Mayor advised Parker sent letters to property owners, one on North Summit, one on South Milton, and two on South Summit. The letters requested owners to trim or remove existing vegetation so as not to obstruct the normal use of the sidewalk within 14 days from receipt of notice. Mayor will follow up.

Mayor reviewed the electric rate offers obtained by Triple S Energy Management. Sandy Carpenter of Triple S received quotes for terms of 12 months, 24 months and 36 months. Constellation New Energy had the best price. The current contract runs to May 2021, but it may be best to lock in a new lower rate now. Allen motioned to accept the price for Constellation New Energy for 36 months at \$0.4113/KWH. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to accept the price for Constellation New Energy.

Mayor advised we will continue on the current path in dealing with the nuisance property on North Summit Street. He held a meeting with Zoning Administrator Jon Parker and Chief of Police Funk and they believe there may be quicker results. The letters Parker had mailed out were returned. The next step is to serve a notice. Parker went back out and the property has deteriorated.

The contract with Agri-Sludge is up for renewal. BPA reviewed the contract and recommended approval. Solicitor Groh and Fiscal Officer Keener reviewed the contract, and each signed off. Contract items which had changed were reviewed with Council. There will be no rate change for the next contract. Haas motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2-year contract with Agri-Sludge which would begin October 2020. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Agri-Sludge.

Resolution 2020-16 Authorizing Mayor to apply, accept and enter into a cooperative agreement for construction of the water tower with the Ohio Water Development Authority. Allen motioned to

suspend the rules for Resolution 2020-16. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to suspend the rules for Resolution 2020-16.

Resolution 2020-16 Authorizing Mayor to apply, accept and enter into a cooperative agreement for construction of the water tower with the Ohio Water Development Authority. The Village desires to obtain a loan to finance costs of construction of the water tower. Interest rates are very favorable at this time, and with the savings on interest the Village will aim to secure a loan for a shorter period (20 years rather than 30 years). Mullins motioned to approve Resolution 2020-16. Heitger seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved Resolution 2020-16.

The June 2020 Financial Report will be available at the next meeting.

Ordinance 2020-17 Establishing Fund 260 (Local Coronavirus Relief Fund). Mullins motioned to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2020-17. Allen seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2020-17.

Ordinance 2020-17 Establishing Fund 260 (Local Coronavirus Relief Fund). The Village will establish a special revenue fund to separately account for revenues and expenses related to the CARES Act grant proceeds and related expenses. Allen motioned to approve the creation of a special fund, Fund 260 according to Ordinance 2020-17. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to establish Fund 260 Local Coronavirus Relief Fund according to Ordinance 2020-17.

Liaison Reports

Kerr advised the Veteran's Committee does not plan to meet at this time.

Haas advised the Park Committee held their first meeting last Wednesday. They brainstormed ideas for 2020 and into 2021. They generated a list of Park capital improvement projects for 2021 to submit to the Village Finance Committee.

Heitger advised the paving has been done and now the striping is done.

Mullins advised Council members capital plans need to be turned in as soon as possible. Work on appropriations will begin soon.

Mayor advised the water tower project is coming along. Bid opening will be July 30, 2020 at 3:00 pm. CT Consultants are handling the bidding and facilitate the bid opening. They will review the bids before giving a recommendation. The project was broken into 3 parts. There were questions about the tear down and removal of the old water tower. They may need a larger area to work and stage equipment to take it down. This may require a temporary easement.

Solicitor Jason Groh advised he will not be present at the next meeting.

Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$18,867.04. Haas seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to pay the bills.

Allen motioned to adjourn the business meeting. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm.

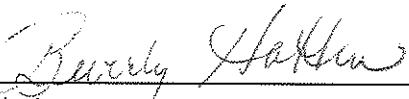
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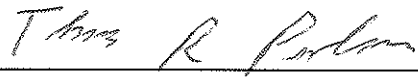
Water Tower Project Bid Opening July 30, 2020 at 3:00 pm

Council Meeting August 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday

BPA Meeting August 10, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Tuesday

Minutes of the July 21, 2020 meeting were approved on August 4, 2020.


Clerk


Mayor