

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
July 6, 2021

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, July 6, 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, Police Chief Jen Barnett, Sgt Christian Wertz were also present.

Thorn motioned to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2021 regular meeting. Reed seconded the motion. Allen yes, Haas yes, Heitger yes, Mullins yes, Reed yes, Thorn yes. The minutes for June 15, 2021 were approved.

Chief Barnett presented the police report for June. She also informed council that she recently graduated from Police Executive Leadership College. (PELC)

The Smithville Police Department will be holding a children's advocacy event at Jump-and-Shout.

Chief Barnett and Sgt Wertz did a presentation to council regarding the need for the K9. The K9 would be used as public relations, tracking and trained as passive alert for traffic stops. The cost of the K9, equipment, training for K9 and handler would all be reimbursed with the grant. Sgt Wertz is preparing to be the handler and will go through training. This is planned for 2022 budget. Information was obtained from insurance and council will prepare to vote at the next meeting as long as all questions and concerns have been addressed.

Haas motioned to put the Ordinance adding Chapter 52 regarding water backflow prevention on first reading. Allen seconded the motion. Council will have the opportunity for any changes before final passage. Council unanimously approved to put the Ordinance on first reading.

Resolution 2021-9 Authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC. Allen motioned to suspend rules for Ordinance 2021-9. Reed seconded the motion. Council agreed unanimously to suspend rules.

Resolution 2021-9 Authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC as the lowest bidder to complete the Park Drive and Sugar Creek Sanitary Sewer Relining Project. Heitger motioned to approve Resolution 2021-9. Reed seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to approve Resolution 2021-9.

Mayor advised council that Mayor's Court will resume on July 14, 2021.

The North Summit property which has continued to be a nuisance property has been submitted to the prosecutor's office for review concerning violations under the Property Maintenance ordinance. Currently there are 5 tents and multiple people living in these tents. There is a "per day" fine that can be imposed if the court decides in favor of the Village. Mayor informed council the village is waiting on the prosecutor regarding his decision to file charges.

June 2021 income tax revenue report was reviewed by council.

Motion was made by Thorn to re-appoint Tami Krownapple, Steve Buchwalter, and Jay Winans to the Village Zoning Board of Appeals. The motion was seconded by Heitger. Council voted unanimously to the re-appointments. The term will be through January 2025.

The water tower project is moving forward nicely. The painting is almost finished on the outside, yet there is still work to be done with the inside mechanisms and the surrounding site. They plan on starting to fill the tower in August. By mid-September the water tower would be online. The fire department will be contacted to decide if there is use for the water in the old water tower. The easements need to be secured for the demolition of the old water tower. There will be a meeting with the contractor who will be removing the old tower on July 20th at 9:00am.

Haas reported that the park board met on June 29, 2021 and discussed the results of the park survey. The results will be provided to CT Consultants for review and feedback on how to compile the data for communication to the community and inclusion in potential grant applications.

Haas reported that Mike Turner will obtain a final quote from Burkey for the brick dust treatment of field #1 planned for fall 2021, and quotes for potential repair of the field # 1 fencing. Quotes will also be obtained for future asphaltting of the remainder of the walking path within the main portion of the park.

Haas also reported that the new paint on the main park pavilion completed by a volunteer 4-H group looks good!

Heitger reported that we are waiting on Melway to be in our area to complete the street repair project. Waiting for them to arrive in our area will save the village money, as opposed to having them make a special trip.

Mayor reported Mary Beth Burns has been appointed to be President of The Wayne County Development Council , she has asked to meet with the Mayor to talk about ways that they may assist Smithville regarding areas of common interest.

Allen inquired about a possible service agreement with Green Township and the Smithville Police Department.

The Mayor reported that there has been some discussions, that Council might consider a work session for initial discussions and possible consideration regarding a process to answer questions and look at the idea.

Mullins made a special thank you to the members of council for doing an outstanding job and for their dedication to the welfare of our village and its residents.

Thorn motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$25,616.26. Allen seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to pay the bills.

Haas motioned to adjourn the business meeting. Allen seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

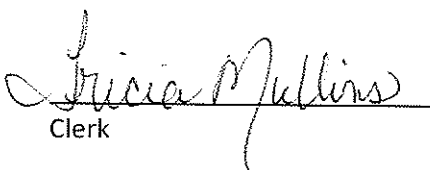
Scheduled meetings:

Council meeting July 20, 2021 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Council Meeting Aug 3, 2021 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday at Village Hall

BPA Meeting Aug 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Monday at Village Hall

Council Meeting Aug 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday at Village Hall


Clerk


Mayor