

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

### JULY 7, 2020

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, June 16, 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, Tricia Mullins, and Scott Thorn. Solicitor Jason Groh, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener and Clerk of Council Beverly Hatten were also present.

Haas motioned to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2020 meeting as written. Allen seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

In reference to the mowing of vacant lots, Heitger advised he rode around town with Mike Turner and found 3 lots to be in violation of the Village Ordinances. Two lots, one on Moss Creek and one on Northeast, are vacant lots. The estimates for mowing Heitger has received are \$45.00 per hour and he advised each lot would take about an hour to mow. Mayor advised we are working at combining two ordinances to address the mowing situation. The Village Office will be sending out letters as notice to the owners of the properties to mow it by a specific date. If the owners do not mow the lots by the date of the letter, the Village will have the lots mowed.

Heitger advised a property on North Summit has an issue with not mowing among other problems. Some of the grass was cut recently. There are a lot of other problems other than mowing. Mayor advised this will be handled under the Nuisance Property Ordinance.

The 2021 Tax Budget was presented for approval. Mullins motioned to approve the 2021 Tax Budget. Kerr seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the 2021 Tax Budget.

Mayor reviewed the June 2020 Income Tax Revenue Report, Expense, Revenue, Cash Reports. Fiscal Officer Keener advised the summary of those reports will be ready for the next meeting.

Regarding the nuisance property on North Summit. The process was started earlier in the year. Registered letters were sent to the property owner and returned. The next step was halted due to the COVID-19. Complaints are being received from residents regarding health matters. Mayor advised he will email Solicitor Jason Groh, Zoning Administrator Jon Parker, and Police Chief Funk on the matter. It needs to be determined if the process may continue from where it was stopped, or if the process has to start from the beginning. This property may now fall under the new Nuisance Ordinance which was passed April 21, 2020. (Ordinance 2020-7).

#### Liaison Reports

Thorn would like to recognize Mike Turner for taking Heitger around town to look at properties and take the initiative about additional lighting to place on the large dump truck and putting lights on the rear, there were none there.

Allen advised squad runs are down 20%, national average is down 22%. People don't want to go to the hospital. It is recommended that if you are sick or injured, please go to the hospital and get the medical attention you need, it's safe.

Haas stated there will be a few more games for youth baseball to be done next week. Next Wednesday, July 15 at 7pm, will be the park committee meeting. A group of girls from Smithville middle school and high school soccer would like to use the park. It would not be an organized practice, but just open pick-up games for girls. They would follow state guidelines.

Heitger advised the paving on East Prospect and S Mill has been done. The striping will be done.

Mullins advised Council members to look at the 5-year plan. Keener advised a capital item which has use over five years would be included. Work will be done on appropriations soon. Also, the Infectious Disease Emergency Plan is done and under review. Basically, it is what is being done now, but in a written form.

Mayor advised the water tower project has been advertised. The bid opening will be July 30, at 3:00pm. CT Consultants are handling the bidding and will do the bid opening. They will review the bids before giving a recommendation. We have an application for the loan portion work on with deadlines.

Agri-Sludge, operator of the water and sewer plants, sent an email, an offer of a contract extension. Mayor advised he will bring it before the BPA next Monday. Agri-Sludge will not increase their rates for the extension. They also feel that the work here has progressed and been brought up to date as to where a full-time person may not be needed longer needed, a part-time person might be sufficient. If BPA approves the extension it will be brought before Council.

Sandy, Triple S Energy Management, manages the utility contracts, she put the electric out to collect bids. The contract ends in May 2021. She is looking for rates lower that we are currently paying. She put together a spreadsheet of offers. She is recommending extending, committing to the new amount.

Mayor advised he will be working with Keener and Dannemiller on things for OPWC, OWDA Loan, and the CARES Act.

Thorn advised he will not be present at the next meeting.

Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$43,512.62. Heitger 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 7:35 pm.

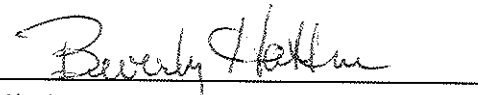
Scheduled meetings:

BPA Meeting July 13, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Monday, Village Hall

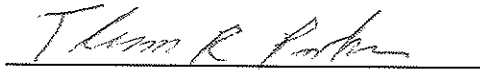
Council Meeting July 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday

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

Minutes of the July 7, 2020 meeting were approved on July 21, 2020.



Clerk



Mayor