

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

June 15, 2021

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, June 15, 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 (online), 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.

Haas motioned to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2021 regular meeting. Reed seconded the motion. Allen yes, Haas yes, Heitger yes, Mullins abstain, Reed yes, Thorn yes. The minutes for June 1, 2021 were approved.

Chief Barnett and Sgt Wertz spoke as a follow up to emails regarding the Smithville Police Department obtaining a K9. Funding would be through a grant. The K9 would be used as public relations, tracking, and trained on 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. Mullins requested until next meeting to get questions answered regarding funding and insurance. Mayor will email insurance for information.

Ordinance 2021-8 An Ordinance establishing Fund 261 (Local Fiscal Recovery Fund). Allen motioned to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2021-8. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to suspend the rules.

Ordinance 2021-8 An Ordinance establishing Fund 261 (Local Fiscal Recovery Fund). Auditor of the State of Ohio issued Bulletin 2021-004 stating each local government create a special revenue fund named the "Local Fiscal Recovery Fund" for funds received by the Village as a part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Allen motioned to establish Fund 261. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to establish Fund 261.

Allen inquired what color the new water tower would be painted. Mayor advised the water tower will be painted white, lettering in green with a black band above and below the lettering.

The question was raised about poultry, is it allowed in the Village. Residents are allowed to have poultry, up to 5 birds, as long as they do not create a nuisance.

May 2021 Financial Reports were reviewed. Mullins motioned to approve the May 2021 Financial Reports. Reed seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the May Financial report.

Mayor proposed a proclamation to commend the Smithville Ruritan Club on the occasion of its 55th anniversary of service to the Smithville Community. The Club was chartered in June 17, 1966 and has been dedicated to improving the Smithville Community through service, fellowship, and goodwill. The 17th day of June 2021 is declared to be Smithville Ruritan Day. Mullins motioned to approve the proclamation. Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the proclamation for Smithville Ruritan Day on June 17, 2021.

RG Fire Protection submitted a proposal for the backflow survey. This is one of the items the EPA requires. There will be an ordinance, there will be annual inspections and only certified plumbers will be able to do the work and inspections. Thorn motioned to allow the Mayor to enter into a contract with RG Fire Protection to complete a backflow survey. Haas seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved RG Fire Protection to complete a backflow survey.

Allen advised the fire department had 96 calls last month.

Haas advised the Smithville High School Girls' Soccer Camp will be held June 21-23 and July 20-22. Wayne Morgret will be leading a 4-H group to paint the pavilion on June 28. The Park Survey has been completed and the park committee will review the results at the meeting on June 29 at 7:00 at the park.

Heitger advised GPD is working on the Fairlawn sidewalk project.

Mullins advised the card for Lori Evans has been signed and they will get it to her. A reminder for council members intending to run in the election for their seats, deadline for registration is August 4. Please advise if you don't plan on running in the election.

Reed advised there will be a group riding through Smithville on June 29, they are riding to different Veterans Memorials.

Mayor advised of the water tower schedule. They will begin painting the water tower in July. They plan on starting to fill the tower in August. By mid-September the water tower would be online. The easements need to be secured for the demolition of the old water tower.

Online bill pay is going well. We will continue to promote it. Mayor passed around a report of statistics for Council's review.

BPA has approved the submission of North Mill Street, one of the oldest lines, for replacement and adding a hydrant. BPA has authorized CT Consultants to put together a proposal for OPWC. The backflow policy will be presented for the first reading at the next council meeting. A sump pump amnesty program will be created. Areas identified as problem areas can be addressed. The village will determine how much to appropriate and how many homes to include. The bid opening for the sewer relining will be Friday, June 18, 2021 at noon. The BPA has answered to the EPA on all violations.

The North Summit property which has continued to be a nuisance property has been submitted to the prosecutor's office for review. Currently there are 5 tents and multiple people living in these tents. There is a "per day" fine if the court decides in favor of the Village.

Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$48,930.77. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to pay the bills.

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

Scheduled meetings:

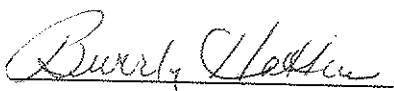
Bid opening June 18, 2021 at noon at Village Hall

Council Meeting July 6, 2021 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday at Village Hall

BPA Meeting July 12, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Monday at Village Hall

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

Minutes of the June 15, 2021 meeting were approved on July 6, 2021.


Clerk


Mayor