

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
JUNE 16, 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.

Mullins motioned to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2020 meeting with a correction. Allen seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

Reminder, the large item trash pick-up has been scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2020. It is posted on the website, a notice was placed on the water bill, and it is on the sign in the Village Hall yard.

Heitger inquired if Council Members had an opportunity to read the email regarding the ordinance about mowing. The new ordinance was discussed. Mayor brought to Council's attention that the current mowing ordinance pertains to vacant lots. There is a separate ordinance under the Property Maintenance Code which specifies lots with buildings. Zoning Administrator John Parker investigates and enforces the Property Maintenance Code. Council determined they would like to have the mowing all in one ordinance under the Property Maintenance Code. Mayor requested Solicitor review the ordinance and prepare a new document for the next meeting.

Council agreed that if the ordinance were to be enforced by the Village, the property would be mowed by Village employees only if they would be available and have equipment to handle the job. If it would be burdensome on the Village employees a third party would be contacted to complete the job. The property owner would be billed for the expenses and if not paid the property taxes would be assessed. Heitger advised he has checked with some lawn care businesses and is getting feedback on interest and availability.

Financial Reports for April 2020 and May 2020 were presented to Council. Mullins motioned to approve both April 2020 and May 2020 Financial Reports. Kerr seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the April 2020 and May 2020 Financial Reports.

**Resolution 2020-12** Authorizing the Village of Smithville to request funds from the County Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund and declaring an emergency. Allen motioned to suspend the rules for Resolution 2020-11. Haas seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to suspend the rules for Resolution 2020-12.

**Resolution 2020-12** Authorizing the Village of Smithville to request funds from the County Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund and declaring an emergency. The funds are only to cover expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Mullins motioned to approve Resolution 2020-12. Allen seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved Resolution 2020-12.

Haas advised two seats are open on the Park Committee. Haas proposed an ordinance amending Ordinance 2014-24 Establishing a Citizen's Park Committee. The new ordinance would allow up to two members who are area residents, but do not live in the Village of Smithville. Discussion by Council determined future committee members would be recruited from within the Green Local School District if they did not live in the Village.

**Ordinance 2020-13** Amending Ordinance 2014-24 Allen motioned to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2020-13. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2020-13.

**Ordinance 2020-13** Amending Ordinance 2014-24 to allow for membership of six individuals – at least two of whom are residents of the Village of Smithville, up to two of whom may be non-residents, who have demonstrated a commitment and strong interest in the Smithville Park, one appointee from Village Council and the Smithville Mayor. Thorn motioned to approve Ordinance 2020-13 allowing for up to two non-residents to hold seats on the Park Committee. Heitger seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved Ordinance 2020-13.

Haas motioned to appoint Mark Lightfoot and Wayne Morgret to the Park Committee. Heitger seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved appoint Mark Lightfoot and Wayne Morgret to the Park Committee. Haas advised he is planning the first meeting in July.

**Ordinance 2020-14** Establishing a payment plan for delinquent accounts occurring during the COVID-19 emergency and declaring an emergency. Mullins motioned to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2020-14. Kerr seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2020-14.

**Ordinance 2020-14** Establishing a payment plan for delinquent accounts occurring during the COVID-19 emergency and declaring an emergency. Mullins motioned to approve Ordinance 2020-14. Allen seconded the motion. The Village temporarily suspended water and sewer shut offs due to non-payment and all penalties associated with non-payment or late payments. The Village of Smithville wishes to rescind the temporary suspension and will establish a payment plan policy for delinquent accounts that accrued between March 31, 2020 and July 10, 2020. As of July 10, 2020, The Village will begin issuing notices for shutoff and resume enforcement of late penalties for water and sewer bills. Any customer that developed a delinquency during the period of March 31, 2020 to July 10, 2020 will be able to pay one-sixth of their outstanding balance in addition to their regular monthly billing. Failure to pay will result in the customer reverting to the customary non-payment and/or delinquent water shut off policy. Council unanimously approved Ordinance 2020-14.

**Ordinance 2020-15** Authorizing traffic control for the Village yard sales and declaring an emergency. Allen motioned to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2020-15. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2020-15.

**Ordinance 2020-15** Authorizing traffic control for the Village yard sales and declaring an emergency. Allen motioned to approve the ordinance for traffic control patterns during the Village yard sales July 17 and 18, 2020. Haas seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved Ordinance 2020-15.

#### Liaison Reports

Allen advised there were 13 fire calls and 36 squad calls.

Haas advised the park field/pavilion rental agreement has been revised. The park playground equipment and basketball court opened for use by visitors last Wednesday, in conjunction with the State's guidelines. The mound cover for ballfield #2, was received and put in place by Smithville Youth Baseball.

Heitger advised the traffic light was replaced today by Shook Electric.

Mayor advised the State of Ohio has passed the capital appropriations bill; it's just waiting on the Governor's signature. The funding for the water tower project was listed in the bill. We can move forward with advertising and establish a bid opening date. CT Consultants will review the bids and make a recommendation. We are unable to apply for a loan until the bid numbers are in place. We will begin the process as soon as possible.

Mullins advised Council to start thinking about appropriations. Their "wish list" needs to be done by October. Also, the 5-year capital plan will need reviewed. Fiscal Officer advised she is working on the tax budget which needs to be done in July. After that the appropriations can be done.

Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$44,257,75. Haas seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to pay the bills.

Allen motioned to adjourn the business meeting. Kerr seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

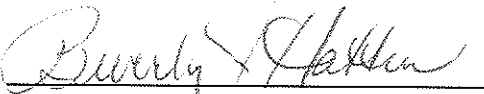
Scheduled meetings:

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

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

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

Minutes of the June 16, 2020 meeting were approved on July 7, 2020.

  
Clerk

  
Mayor