

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
MARCH 16, 2020

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Village Hall. Mayor Tom Poulson called the meeting to order. Members present at roll call were Larry Allen, John Heitger, Robert Kerr, Tricia Mullins, and Scott Thorn. Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Solicitor Jason Groh, and Clerk of Council Beverly Hatten were also present.

Allen motioned to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2020 meeting as written. Mullins seconded the motion. Council approved the minutes as written. Allen yes, Heitger abstain, Kerr yes, Mullins yes, Thorn yes.

Correspondence:

Large trash pick up will be Monday, April 27, 2020, which follows the Village-wide yard sales Saturday, April 25, 2020.

Mayor passed around a thank you note from Becky Dannemiller regarding flowers sent to her mother-in-law's funeral.

Thorn motioned to place the ordinance for a nuisance property on first reading. Kerr seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to place the Nuisance Property Ordinance on first reading. Mayor advised regarding the property on North Summit for which Council has received complaints, Jon Parker, Zoning Administrator, based on current ordinances had sent them a letter. The post office attempted to deliver the letter several times, but was unable to deliver the letter so it has been returned. This will be taken to the next step.

Ordinance 2020-4 Prohibiting Parking on the east side of Gable Lane and declaring an emergency. Allen motioned to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2020-4. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2020-4.

Ordinance 2020-4 Prohibiting Parking on the east side of Gable Lane and declaring an emergency. Parking is prohibited on the west side of Gable Lane extending 30 feet south. Mullins motioned to approve Ordinance 2020-4. Kerr seconded the motion. Solicitor read the ordinance Council passed Ordinance 2020-4, Allen abstain, Heitger yes, Kerr yes, Mullins yes, Thorn yes.

The Financial Report for February 2020 was reviewed. Mullins motioned to approve the February 2020 Financial Report. Kerr seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the February 2020 Financial Report.

Solicitor Groh inquired if due to COVID-19 Mayors Court will be in session. Mayor advised the upcoming session on March 25, 2020 has been continued until the following session on April 8, 2020. The Police Chief called the defendants and letters were sent to notify them of the date change.

Thorn inquired if the Village will still be having the yard sales. Mayor reminded Council the Village does not run the garage sales, the residents do. The Village will need to assess the situation and consider public safety.

Council discussed closing the Village Office to the public. This will allow the employees to continue to work. Alternatives to public meetings were also suggested. It was suggested that essential personnel only should work and non-essential personnel be compensated when they are not working.

Mayor advised he attended a Wayne County Health Department meeting Friday morning. The Health Commissioner was matter of fact and not alarming. They had medical personnel attend the meeting to answer questions community leaders may have. Wayne County Health Department has a website with updated information and a link to CBC.

Loan rates are being lowered. The loan rate for the water tower project may drop.

Mullins motioned to suspend turning off water due to nonpayment taking into consideration the hardship that some families in the Village may be facing. Kerr seconded the motion. Due to the COVID-19 virus some people are not working. The Village should suspend water turn off and late fees. Council unanimously agreed to suspend water turn off and late fees for 30 days.

The Village is aware with businesses closing or working under low staffing that income tax revenue may drop. The situation will be monitored.

Heitger inquired about the availability of funds for the street resurfacing. Mayor advised the funds have been allocated for the street repair and resurfacing and may not be used elsewhere.

Liaison Reports

Allen passed around Fire Department preparedness information.

Heitger advised the fire hydrant was replaced on North Milton. The annual traffic light inspection is going to be scheduled. The durapatcher is being used to fill some pot holes from the winter weather.

Resolution 2020-5 Authorizing Mayor or advertise and receive bids for repair and resurfacing Village streets. Allen motioned to suspend the rules for Resolution 2020-5. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to suspend the rules for Resolution 2020-5.

Resolution 2020-5 Authorizing Mayor or advertise and receive bids for repair and resurfacing Village streets according to specifications on file. Heitger motioned to authorize the Mayor to advertise and receive bids Resolution 2020-5. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously passed Resolution 2020-5.

Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$27,561.75. Kerr seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously to pay the bills.

Allen motioned to adjourn the business meeting. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm.

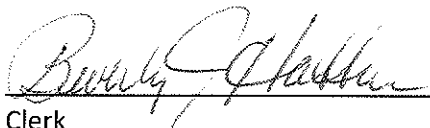
Scheduled meetings:

Council Meeting April 6, 2020 at 7:00

BPA Meeting April 13, 2020 at 6:00 pm

Council Meeting April 21, 2020 at 7:00, note meetings change to Tuesdays

Minutes of the March 16, 2020 meeting were approved on April 6, 2020.


Clerk


Mayor