

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
March 16, 2021

Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm Mayor Tom Poulson opened a public hearing in a live internet meeting regarding a new application for placement of farmland in an agricultural district submitted by DD Ramseyer Farms LLC, 4226 Akron Rd, Smithville, Ohio. The Mayor reviewed the application and opened the floor for comments. No comments were brought forward. The Mayor closed the public hearing.

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 directly following the public hearing 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, Tricia Mullins, Joseph Reed, and Scott Thorn. Solicitor Jason Groh, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Police Chief Jen Barnett, and Clerk of Council Beverly Hatten were also present.

Thorn motioned to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 regular meeting as amended. Allen seconded the motion. Council approved the minutes for February 16, 2021. Allen yes, Haas yes, Heitger abstain, Mullins yes, Reed yes, Thorn yes.

Police Chief Jen Barnett presented the February 2021 Police Report. Chief advised Sgt Wertz is in training, Officer Jacobs is now full-time and Officer Short is on the afternoon shift. The first department meeting was held yesterday and went well. Chief advised she submitted the ordinance authorizing traffic control for the yard sales beginning on Friday, April 23 and ending after the yard sales Saturday, April 24.

The Village was notified that the community yard sales have been scheduled for Saturday April 24, 2021. The Village does not schedule or run the yard sales, but does provide extra police patrol.

The spring large trash pick-up has been scheduled for April 26, the Monday following the yard sales.

GPD Group was selected for engineering work on the Fairlawn Street sidewalk project after interviewing three engineering firms. An ordinance will be ready for next council meeting to enter into a contract with GPD Group.

Mayor reviewed the application for placement of farmland in an agricultural district brought to the Village of Smithville by DD Ramseyer Farms LLC. This is the application from the public hearing held prior to the Council Meeting. The owner holds a number of parcels in the area. Their parcel 33-00885.001 lies within the Village Limits. This is a new application and needs to be approved every five (5) years. Allen motioned to approve the renewal application for DD Ramseyer Farms. Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to approve DD Ramseyer's application for placement of farmland in an agricultural district.

Ordinance 2021-3 Authorizing Traffic Control for Village Yard Sales and declaring an emergency. Thorn motioned to suspend the rules. Haas seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2021-3.

Ordinance 2021-3 Authorizing Traffic Control for Village Yard Sales and declaring an emergency. The Village adopts traffic control flow patterns for April 23, 2021 and April 24, 2021 in conjunction with Smithville Yard Sales. Haas motioned to approve Ordinance 2021-3. Heitger seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved Ordinance 2021-3.

Thorn inquired about the trees overhanging the bridge over Sugar Creek on South Milton, the west side. Thorn asked if this would be in the Village right of way. Mayor advised he will have Mike Turner check on it.

Thorn advised the new skid steer is coming next week. We will be placing the old one for sale on the auction website.

Allen advised the new tanker is at the station and will go into service next week.

Haas advised the park board met on March 9 and worked on the survey for the park. Next meeting will be April 13 to finalize the survey. It will be available on the website and we will have the survey back by the end of May. The park board will have the master plan to apply for grant money for major park projects down the line.

Mayor advised next week we begin the EPA license renewal process. We are in the process of gathering the information they will be requesting to make it available to them. The backflow prevention device policy is one thing they will ask for. It is not something we have in place. The BPA will have to work on it. The BPA has received a quote for replacing the main electrical panel at the sewer plant. Agrisludge is attempting to obtain more quotes, but companies are unwilling to bid. The online payment service for the utilities has been given a live date of May 11, 2021. People will be able to access for ebills and make payments. People will also be able to make tax payments online. The water tower work construction crew will begin to work with the steel on Monday, March 22. The crew will be working six days on and eight days off, they come from various states. We have given authorization for work on the weekends throughout the construction of the water tower.

The standard construction specifications manual has not been updated since 2001. It is very outdated and will need to be reviewed and brought up to date. Ryan Marthey was asked if he would be available to assist with the update. He will be meeting with the Mayor tomorrow at 4:00 pm at Village Hall to discuss it. When updated the Solicitor will review it and BPA will approve it to be brought to Council.

The new digital sign for Village Hall will be installed at the end of April.

Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$42,103.79. Heitger seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to pay the bills.

Allen motioned to adjourn the business meeting. Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm.

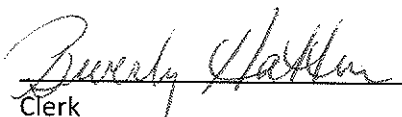
Scheduled meetings:

Council Meeting April 6, 2021 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday

BPA Meeting April 12, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Monday

Council Meeting April 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday

Minutes of the March 16, 2021 were approved on April 6, 2021.


Clerk


Mayor