

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
MARCH 2, 2020

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Village Hall. Mayor Tom Poulson called the meeting to order. Members present at roll call were Larry Allen, Michael Johns, Robert Kerr, Tricia Mullins, and Scott Thorn. Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Solicitor Jason Groh, Police Chief Funk and Clerk of Council Beverly Hatten were also present. In the audience were Kayla Atchison, Ruth Meredith, Gwendolyn Miller and Daniel Yarnell.

Mullins motioned to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2020 meeting as written. Kerr seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the minutes as written.

Police Chief Funk passed out the 2019 Statistical Police Report. He reviewed the report with Council. Chief Funk introduced part-time officer candidate Daniel Yarnell.

Mullins motioned to enter executive session. Kerr seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to enter into executive session.

Allen motioned to exit executive session. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to exit executive session.

Mullins motioned to hire Daniel Yarnell as a part time officer for the Smithville Police Department. Kerr seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the hiring of Daniel Yarnell.

Mayor Poulson swore in Daniel Yarnell as part-time police officer. Council took a brief break to welcome Daniel Yarnell.

Mayor Poulson introduced Kayla Atchison. Ms. Atchison is the community liaison and constituent services representative for Anthony Gonzalez, US House of Representatives, the 16th District of Ohio. She was present to meet council members.

Correspondence:

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

Old Business:

Solicitor Groh passed out an ordinance for council to review about handling a nuisance property. When tenants create a nuisance or participate in illegal activities the owner of the property will be notified and if the behavior continues can be cited into court and fined. Council members are requested to review the ordinance and email comments or questions to Solicitor Groh in a group email so everyone is included. The Ordinance is to be placed on a first reading at the March 16 meeting.

Solicitor Groh asked if a decision was made about the parking issue on Gable Lane. He has prepared an ordinance, but specifics are required regarding whether parking will be allowed on one side and if so, which side? Allen advised he did speak to the owner of the property on Center St about the tenant parking on Gable Lane and creating the problem. He seemed receptive to finding a solution. The owner was then in contact with the Mayor and is receptive to working on the parking issue. The owner had spoken to the tenant and the tenant is also willing to work with the Village. Council discussed merits of restricting parking. For parking on Gable Lane, it was determined to ban parking on the east side and

allow parking on the west side with a restriction of a no parking area 30 feet from the intersection for vehicles turning off and on to Center Street. Solicitor Groh will complete the ordinance.

Mayor advised Stephanie and Mark Livengood would like to sell property adjoining their property to a developer for residential housing. They would like to see single residential dwellings built, not apartments. It is a quiet area off Center Street, behind Dawn. Some of the property falls in the F1 Flood District zone and could not be used for building, but could be put to another purpose, possibly for drainage. This is approximately 12 acres.

Mayor also advised of a property on S Summit which was sold recently and depending on the buyer it could be considered for residential development. This property is on the edge of the Village, not in the Village limits. They would need to be annexed into the Village for water and sewer services to be available.

Controlled residential growth is good for the Village and the schools.

An updated water tower plan was received. The Village has requested Ryan Marthey, an engineer with the county and former Smithville resident and BPA member, review the plans. Changes had been requested. One item was to have the water line moved more into the right of way. Another change was to have less thickness of cement and more reinforcement as the original plans called for no reinforcement and thicker cement. BPA is planning on opening bids in April. Contractors will be awarded and documents will be signed in July when the OPWC funds will be determined.

Thorn questioned about the 208 plan lines. Mayor reviewed the issues with the 208 plan. The paperwork is now in front of NEFCO. Once they have released their decision there will be another public comment period of 30 days.

Liaison Reports

Thorn advised the Village took delivery of the new mower.

Allen advised he attended the Wayne County Health Department annual meeting. He advised they are working on a hazardous waste disposal. He brought and made available to council the 2019 Wayne County Health Department Annual Report.

Mayor reviewed the expense and revenue reports for February 2020. Included with the Income Tax report was the over payment (\$22,000) from the State which was received months ago, has now been returned. The Financial Report for February will be presented at the next council meeting.

Mullins advised the new website has been created and we have been given a link to review it before it goes live. Hatten has been updating and making changes to the new site. The link will be forwarded to council members for their review and comments.

The Village office had new computers installed. There were a few slight glitches which were worked through.

Mayor advised Sarah Hubacher, Carpenter's Cup, met with him. Hubacher would like to put together a merchant group in Smithville to work for the benefit of the downtown area. There are some concerns about empty buildings and other items they could address.

Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$44,211.98. Mullins 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 8:00 pm.

Scheduled meetings:

BPA Meeting March 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm

Council Meeting March 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Council Meeting April 6, 2020 at 7:00

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

Minutes of the March 2, 2020 meeting were approved on March 16, 2020.


Clerk


Mayor