

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
March 2, 2021

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm Mayor Tom Poulson opened a public hearing in a live internet meeting regarding a renewal application for placement of farmland in an agricultural district submitted by Rodney Morrison of 8094 Eby 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 2, 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, Tricia Mullins, Joseph Reed, and Scott Thorn. Solicitor Jason Groh, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Clerk of Council Beverly Hatten, Interim Police Chief Jen Barnett, and Officer Christian Wertz were also in attendance.

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

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.

Mullins motioned to enter executive session for purposed of employment. Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to enter executive session. Mayor, Solicitor Groh, Solicitor Keener, Interim Chief Barnett, Officer Wertz and Clerk of Council Hatten were present during the executive session.

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

**Ordinance 2021-1 Amend Ordinance 2020-28 (Salary Ordinance)** Mullins motioned to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2021-1. Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed suspend the rules for Ordinance 2021-1.

**Ordinance 2021-1 Amend Ordinance 2020-28 (Salary Ordinance)** Haas motioned to approve Ordinance 2021-1 which includes a probationary period for the position of Chief of Police and Police Sergeant and salary for the probation period. Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved Ordinance 2021-1.

Mayor Poulson recommended Interim Chief Jen Barnett for the position of Chief of Police. Mullins motioned to appoint Interim Police Chief Jen Barnett to Chief of Police as of February 28, 2021 with a six (6) month probationary period. Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the appointment of Jen Barnett to the position of Chief of Police with a six (6) month probationary period retro to February 28, 2021.

Chief Barnett recommended Officer Christian Wertz be promoted to Sergeant. Mullins motioned to promote Officer Wertz to Sergeant with a six (6) month probationary period as of February 28, 2021.

Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the promotion of Christian Wertz to the position of Police Sergeant with a six (6) month probationary period retro to February 28, 2021.

Mayor reviewed the application for placement of farmland in an agricultural district brought to the Village of Smithville by Rodney Morrison of 8094 Eby Rd, Smithville. This is the application from the public hearing held prior to the Council Meeting. The owner holds a number of parcels in the area and two (2) parcels are located within the Smithville Village limits. This is a renewal application and needs to be approved every five (5) years. Allen motioned to approve the renewal application for Rodney Morrison, Morrison Farms. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to approve Rodney Morrison's renewal application for placement of farmland in an agricultural district

**Ordinance 2021-2 Codified Ordinance Supplement** Mullins motioned to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2021-2. Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2021-2.

**Ordinance 2021-2 Codified Ordinance Supplement** Mullins motioned to approve the 2020 Codified Ordinance Supplement. Thorn seconded the motion. American Legal Publishing Corp organizes and integrates the ordinances passed by Council the previous year into the Village of Smithville Code of Ordinances book. Council unanimously approved the Codified Ordinance Supplement.

Mayor reviewed the financial reports with Council including the January Financial Report, the February Financial Report, and February cash position, revenue, expense and income tax revenue reports.

Mullins motioned to approve the January 2021 Financial Report. Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the January 2021 Financial Report.

Mullins motioned to approve the February 2021 Financial Report. Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the February 2021 Financial Report.

Mayor advised Council had received the Infectious Disease Policy from Mullins this week by email. Mullins advised it is completed and has undergone reviews by Solicitor Groh, Fiscal Officer Keener, former Chief Funk. Mullins inquired if there were questions. Discussion held reference adding place of travel as "out of the state". Mullins to make the change. Council determined they did not need more time for review. Mullins motioned to approve the Infectious Disease Policy with the noted change. Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the Infectious Disease Policy.

Mayor advised Chief Barnett recommended promote Part-time Officer Justin Jacobs to full-time officer. Mullins motioned to promote Justin Jacobs to full-time officer as of February 28, 2021 with the probationary period of one year to start from the original hire date of February 8, 2021. Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to promote Officer Justin Jacobs to full-time as of February 28, 2021 with the probationary period retro to his hire date of February 8, 2021.

Thorn regarding the email from Mike Turner about the purchase of the skid steer machine, no further approval needed as it is in the capital plan for this year.

Allen mentioned the house fire outside of town this week.

Haas advised there will be a Park Board Meeting on March 9 at 7:00 pm at Village Hall.

Mayor advised he and Heitger did meet with an engineering firm regarding the sidewalk project for Fairlawn Street. GPD was firm selected. They did a walk through on site with Adam and John. They also spent some time in the office for clarification purposes. They will prepare the documents for the bid, hold the bid opening, review the bids, provide oversight of the project and do the documents for the cost to the Village and the assessment to the residents.

Mayor advised Zoning Administrator Jon Parker submitted a new inspection report for the residence on North Summit. The police department did personally serve the owner of the property with paperwork regarding the condition of the property. The papers were served on a Saturday and the following Monday the Chief received a phone call from the owner. The owner advised they agreed the condition of the property was unacceptable. It will be reinspected in thirty (30) days.

Mayor advised he signed the contract with SSI according to Council approval for the online account services and payment options. A project manager has been assigned and we should be hearing something soon.

Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$65,860.80. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to pay the bills.

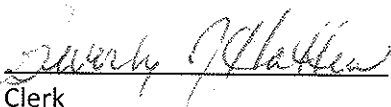
Allen motioned to adjourn the business meeting. Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm.

Scheduled meetings:

BPA Meeting March 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm, Monday

Council Meeting March 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday

Minutes of the March 2, 2021 were approved on March 16, 2021.



Clerk



Mayor