

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
MAY 19, 2020

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, May 19, 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. Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Solicitor Jason Groh, Police Chief Funk and Clerk of Council Beverly Hatten were also present.

Mullins motioned to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2020 meeting as written. Allen seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

Mayor advised Chief Funk was present to discuss matters with personnel.

Mullins motioned to go into executive session. Allen seconded the motion. Council moved into executive session.

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

Large item trash pick-up has been scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2020. It is posted on the website and will be on the water bill.

Yard sales are still postponed, they do not have a date yet.

Haas reported that the youth softball and baseball programs will be starting. There will be no T-Ball this year. The concession stand will not be operating. The youth ball program is planning on 8-10 games with half of the games held at other parks. They have drafted a new waiver to include the state requirements for parents to sign. The waiver was approved by Jason Groh, Village Solicitor, after the statement specifically listing the Village as being released for liability was included. They shared their plan to open with the Wayne County Health Department. Nate Butcher and Phil Bumgardner intend to follow the state guidelines.

Haas spoke to Mike Turner regarding the restrooms and water fountain. The restrooms have been closed and a portable toilet has been available to the public. Haas recommended keeping the water fountain turned off. The state guidelines are clear that each team provides their own drinking water, but no mention of restrooms. Council agreed that the water fountain should remain turned off. Restrooms will be on an as needed basis.

Question arose about the basketball court. Mayor advised the governor has not allowed contact sports to start. Basketball is not allowed at this time. Once the state allows it, Council will consider it. Playground equipment is not to be used at this time. Council determined to follow the state mandates and persons visiting the park will be requested to comply with the rules.

Mayor advised there are several reservations for the park pavilions. There is a reservation for a service group to hold a chicken BBQ. It is the feeling that as long as the meals are picked up and the purchaser takes the meal off site there should be no problem. The other pavilion rentals may involve a number of people over the maximum gathering of 10, which is the state limit at this time. The Mayor requests a document be written to inform the individuals renting the pavilion of the state mandated restrictions for gathering and social distancing and submit a draft to the solicitor to review.

Mayor advised currently Village employees are working alternate days. The Village is planning on returning to normal schedules on June 1, 2020. As long as it is not an impediment, the Village will delay the opening of Village Hall at this time. Council agreed to the Village employees returning to normal functioning, but to keep the Village Hall closed to the public at this time.

Liaison Reports

Allen advised the fire meeting was held May 7. It was a very short meeting.

Kerr advised there will be a short ceremony at the Veterans Memorial on May 25, 2020 at 10am. It has been posted on the website.

Haas advised the 2 trees on North Summit have been taken down. The stumps are scheduled to be ground out. Dirt for the infield at the park will be delivered later this week. There are two openings on the Park Board Committee.

Heitger advised Buchwalters placed the barrels and flowers in the downtown area.

Mayor advised the spraying service will be in to spray for mosquitos, weather permitting. The street cleaner will be in for the annual sweeping.

Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$56,651.49. Kerr seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to pay the bills.

Mayor advised Ohio Drilling tested the wells at the water plant. There were emails between the engineers and Ohio Drilling regarding the results of the testing. The Mayor will forward the email to Council Members. Also, Protech is working on the communication between the well field, water tower and water treatment plant. Ct Consultants is converting old documents to digital form so they are easier to search.

Allen motioned to adjourn the business meeting. Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

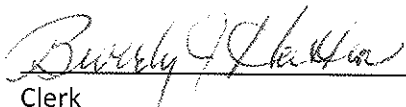
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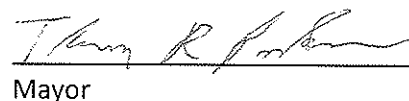
Council Meeting June 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday

BPA Meeting/Work Session June 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Monday

Council Meeting June 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday

Minutes of the May 19, 2020 meeting were approved on June 2, 2020.


Clerk


Mayor