

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

November 3, 2020

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, November 3, 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, Tricia Mullins, Joseph Reed, and Scott Thorn. Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Solicitor Jason Groh, Police Chief Funk, Christian Wertz, and Clerk of Council Beverly Hatten were also present.

Mullins motioned to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2020 regular meeting. Reed seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the minutes for October 20, 2020.

Chief Funk presented the October 2020 Police Report.

Allen motioned to go into executive session regarding personnel. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to go into executive session.

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

Mullins motioned to rehire Christian Wertz as of November 4, 2020, as stated in the Memorandum of Understanding. Allen seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to rehire Christian Wertz as police officer according to the Memorandum of Understanding.

Leaf pickup has begun, the next pick up begins November 9 and will continue each day until a street by street round of the Village has been completed. The final leaf pick up is scheduled for the week of November 23.

Ordinance 2020-27 An Ordinance repealing section 93.40 of the Smithville Code of Ordinances. Council wishes to remove contradictory language existing between sections 93.40 and 155.013 of the Smithville Code of Ordinances. Heitger motioned to approve Ordinance 2020-27. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved Ordinance 2020-27.

Mayor advised Heitger secured quotes for a company to do mowing as necessary under the revised codes.

Mayor reviewed the October Income Tax, Statement of Cash Position, Revenue and Expense Reports.

Mayor reminded Council we are working to try to resolve the issues with property maintenance on North Summit Street. Recently the Mayor spoke to the prosecutor's office regarding filing charges in relation to the code violations of this property. It was determined, due to suspending the case because of the coronavirus, it would be best to begin the process again. Jon Parker, Zoning Administrator, has initiated the process for the second time.

The Capital Improvement Plan was emailed out to Council Members today for review. The plan covers 2021 through 2025. Council members requested time to review the plan and will wait until the next meeting to approve. Council may email questions in the group email.

Liaison Reports

Reed advised there will be a Veterans Day event at the Veterans Memorial November 8.

Haas advised the tree in the alley behind W Main was taken down today.

Mullins advised the finance committee met to discuss the salary ordinance. It is waiting on review from the Mayor and Fiscal Officer then will be sent out for Council to review. We will be able to put it on the next meeting's agenda. The infectious disease emergency response plan is under a final review.

Today the Village received a check from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation in the amount of \$14,757.46. The dividend is intended to ease the financial pressures which may be experienced amid the coronavirus pandemic. It equals approximately 100% of the premium for 2019 policy year.

Mayor sent out an email regarding the NEFCO (Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning and Development Organization) Draft Clean Water Plan (208 Plan). NEFCO's intention was to pass the regional plan with no changes. Wooster asked for the decision to be tabled and reached out to us. Mayor advised he is willing to have a conversation with Wooster if Wooster will address the concerns Smithville has regarding the impact on the Village. If not, there is no reason to meet. Previously they had taken the position they could not agree to address the concerns of the Village.

There is a meeting tomorrow morning for the commissioners to consider and approve the request of the farmers in that same general area to create an Agricultural Security area.

Haas advised he agrees with the plan and thanked the Mayor for the work he has done this far and taking a stand. Reed advised he also agrees with the plan. Thorn advised he supports the plan and inquired if the approval of the plan would be enough to hold Wooster off. Mayor advised Wooster won't allow us to have the assurance that they will not make another request in the future or assure us to keep a buffer between municipalities. The county's master plan places a high emphasis on maintaining and preserving farmland and agricultural industry in our county. Mayor has also spoken to some of the Wayne County Commissioners and will keep Council updated.

The site crew has begun working on the water tower site.

Mayor advised the sewer project (lining the sanitary sewer lines in the areas of Parkview Dr and along Sugarcreek off Northeast Street in Moss Creek) was presented to the OPWC Committee with CT Consultants attending on Zoom. We have not heard back yet. Once we have received our ranking Mayor will bring it back for Council's consideration of where the proposal stands and if we need to make changes to increase chances at funding.

BPA is continuing their discussions on the overall plan for I&I (Inflow and Infiltration). They are looking at doing a study which will help determine a long-range plan.

Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$4,253.59. Heitger seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to pay the bills.

Allen motioned to adjourn the business meeting. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm.

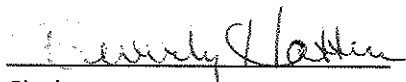
Scheduled meetings:

BPA Meeting November 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Monday

Council Meeting November 17, 2020 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday

Council Meeting December 1, 2020 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday

Minutes of the November 3, 2020 meeting were approved on November 17, 2020.



Clerk



Mayor