

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

October 6, 2020

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, October 6, 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. Police Chief Howard Funk, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Solicitor Jason Groh, and Clerk of Council Beverly Hatten were also present.

Mullins motioned to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2020 meeting. Allen seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

Chief Funk stated Mayor Poulson swore in Rico Ontiveros September 17, 2020. Officer Ontiveros is currently in training with the department. Sgt Barnett will be returning October 26, 2020. Officer Wertz will be leaving, his last day is October 11, 2020. Keith Yost, former Smithville officer, contacted the Chief and advised he is interested in a part time position with the department and would be available one to two shifts per week. Mullins motioned to hire Keith Yost as a part time officer, no probationary period, as of October 7, 2020. Allen seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to hire Keith Yost as part time officer, beginning October 7, 2020, with no probationary period. Chief Funk advised the officer evaluations were completed and the September 2020 report was distributed to Council Members.

Correspondence is listed below; all items are on the sign in the Village Hall front yard and have been posted to the Village website

- Large Trash pick-up has been scheduled for October 26, 2020. If residents have any questions about an item, they may call Kimbles for more information.
- First leaf pick up will be October 26, 2020 with others to follow.
- Trick or Treat is scheduled for October 31, 2020 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

The Board of Commissioners, Wayne County, Ohio and Baughman Township Trustees and Chippewa Township Trustees will hold a joint public hearing on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 following the 9:00 am Commissioners' session at the Wayne County Administration Building. This hearing is regarding the application for an agricultural security area in Green and Wayne Townships, this is located between Smithville and Wooster. Mayor is planning on attending in support of the landowners.

Mayor read the proposed ordinance to repeal and replace section 155.013(G) of the Smithville Code of Ordinances. Section 155.013(G) pertains to the height of vegetation on Village lots. Council wishes to adopt a new section relative to the height of vegetation. Jon Parker, Zoning Administrator, was asked to review and he emailed his response to Council Members. Solicitor Groh will complete the ordinance and submit it for publication on the website to allow public access. Heitger motioned to place on the second reading. Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to place the resolution to repeal and replace section 155.013(G) on the second reading.

Mayor advised the contract with Paradise Lawn Care regarding leaf pick up has expired. They have offered a new contract for 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 at the same rate. Mullins motioned to approve a contract with Paradise Lawn Care for leaf pick up for the years 2020-2023. Haas seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to renew the contract with Paradise Lawn Care for leaf pick up.

Mayor reviewed the income tax report. Solicitor Groh advised he is working with Becky Dannemiller to contact individuals which have not filed and/or paid income taxes.

Financial Reports were reviewed, including the Monthly Financial Report for September, as well as the September Revenue and Expense Reports. Mullins motioned to approve the September 2020 Financial Report. Allen seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the September 2020 Financial Report.

Liaison Reports

Thorn advised no report on equipment, but he would like to thank Mike Turner and the Village Staff as well as the Park Board for the care and use of the soccer fields. They have about 60 kids that have used the fields about five days a week. It has been very well maintained.

Allen advised fire meeting is Thursday.

Reed advised they had a meeting September 29, 2020. They are looking into adding something to the memorial specifically to recognize canines in the military and to add more pavers to recognize individuals.

Haas advised there are trees in the park and a tree in a back alley of a property on Main Street which needs taken down. A couple quotes were received are just over \$5,000. The tree on Main Street would be a priority.

Haas received a quote from Nate Butcher, park committee, regarding a brick dust treatment for Field 1. It is part of capital expenses. The first quote is around \$11,000. This is the field just below the water tower. The water runs down the embankment onto the field. In checking on the field tonight, the baseline is still wet after last week's rain. There are still drainage issues. It is recommended to lay the brick dust in the fall to settle over the winter and be ready to play in the spring. Haas along with Wayne Morgret and Mark Lightfoot, both on the park board, tilled an area on the embankment by Field 1 in preparation for planting sunflowers in a beautification effort. Mullins inquired if the youth baseball had considered fund raising to help with the cost of the brick dust. Haas had not discussed fund raising recently but will bring it up again. Currently it is being considered a capital fund expense. Heitger inquired if there was a plan to get the drainage properly fixed. Haas advised the line was obstructed and a catch basin was added to give access to help keep it clear. With the embankment there will be an ongoing problem. When there is a hard rain, they have been unable to use the field for a week or two until it dries.

Heitger advised he has spoken to Mike Turner and they are in the process of planning street projects for next spring.

Allen advised he was questioned about the intersection at Mill Street and Rt 585 where the gas company did repairs. They replaced a portion of gas line. They would be responsible for the repair of the road.

Mullins advised the insurance response plan has been undergoing fine tuning. Every time we think we are done something else comes up. In working with Brian, Fike Consulting IT Technician, we have reset the router and worked with the cable company to improve internet connection for Village Hall. A usage agreement is being written for anyone using computers belonging to the Village, either at the office or at home with a VPN. Mullins advised she has received evaluations from the supervisors.

A preconstruction meeting for the new water tower was held Thursday, October 1, 2020. Chris Brubaker, CT Consultants, will provide oversight of the project. Brubaker led the meeting. Specifics were covered including timelines. Completion dates were agreed upon with a penalty of \$1000 per day if not met. If there are any items or expenses not in the contract the Village must receive a notice of change in writing and approve it before any changes can be made. The Barn Restaurant was invited to come to the meeting due to the impact the project will have on their business. The main water line will cut across their main driveway. With permission of The Barn Restaurant the job site trailer will be placed on The Barn's property. We will see work beginning soon, they are to start in November.

BPA will meet next Monday, October 12. They will be discussing the I&I situation and the role CT Consultants will take in the master plan to address the issues at the sewer plant.

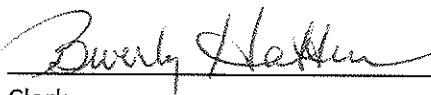
Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$34,319.69. Haas seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to pay the bills.


Allen motioned to adjourn the business meeting. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Scheduled meetings:

BPA Meeting October 12, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Monday
Council Meeting October 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday
Council Meeting November 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday

Minutes of the October 6, 2020 meeting were approved on October 20, 2020.


Clerk


Mayor