

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL September 7, 2021

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall. Mayor Tom Poulson called the meeting to order. Members present at roll call were Larry Allen, Matt Haas, John Heitger, Tricia Mullins, and Joseph Reed. Solicitor Jason Groh was also present. Fiscal Officer Pam Keener joined per ZOOM. Clerk of Council Bev Hatten was absent.

Allen motioned to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2021 meeting. Haas seconded the motion. Council approved the minutes for the August 17, 2021 meeting, Allen, yes; Haas, yes; Heitger, abstain; Mullins, yes; Reed, yes.

Electronic Sign Policy: the submitted policy was reviewed. Discussion of who would be permitted to submit messages to post on the sign, other than for Village purposes, was held. Solicitor Groh will write a final version for Council to review.

A motion to suspend rules was made by Heitger and seconded by Reed. The motion to suspend was approved unanimously.

Mullins motioned to approve Resolution 2021-15 for the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into a loan agreement with WPCLF for the sanitary sewer study. Allen seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

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Haas motioned to approve Resolution 2021-16 authorizing the Mayor to apply to OPWC for the N. Mill St. water line replacement. Heitger seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Police Chief Jen Barnett presented the council with the August police report.

The Mayor reviewed the August 2021 Financial Reports with Council. Mullins motioned to approve the August 2021 Financial Reports. Reed seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the August 2021 Financial Reports.

The map showing the Ellen Keith property, as proposed to replat and renumber her property on S. Summit St., was presented for council's consideration. This is being done to allow the Green Local Schools to purchase a newly formed lot that contains the current bus garage. Reed made the motion authorizing Mayor Poulson and council President Mullins to sign the documents that the Keith family will submit to the County. The motion was seconded by Allen. The motion passed unanimously.

Liaison reports:

Reed reported that the Veterans Memorial Committee will be replacing pavers at the memorial site. Reed motioned for \$280 to be transferred from the Wayne County Community Foundation to the Veterans Memorial Fund. Heitger Seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Haas mentioned that the park committee is planning on having the park garage repainted in 2022. The quote was around \$3500.

Heitger reported that the 2021 street project has been completed. The streets included were Charles, Dan, Dawn, Weller, Parkview Drive and Parkview Circle. The durapatcher has only had to be used 3 times this year so the streets are improving. Future plans for paving E. Center St., S. Summit St. from Wilson to the village limits, and the village hall parking lot are in the works for 2022.

Heitger suggested that the park committee and the street dept. should consider trying to combine their asphalt projects for next year with hopes of getting a better price.

Mullins would like to remind Council Members to be ready with their planned expenditures over \$5,000 for the Capital Plan, they will be due September 21, the second Council Meeting of the month. Work on appropriations will begin in October.

Mayor advised, in reference to the water tower, a meeting was held with the operators regarding the transition from the old tower to the new tower. Communications will be sent to village residents about the procedure for this transition. A team of individuals from AgriSludge, CT Consultants, and the Village will be present in town when the transition occurs. They will monitor the process to minimize any water issues. The water pressure will be increased gradually to monitor the effects on any older water mains. The new tower will be tested for the required water quality before it is brought online.

Mullins motioned to enter Executive Session pursuant to ORC section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee. Haas seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to enter into executive session.

Reed motioned to exit the Executive Session. Heitger seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to exit the executive session.

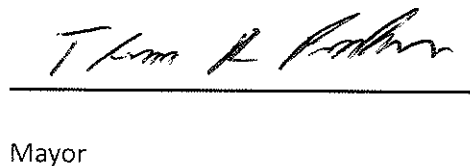
Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$72,794.81. Heitger seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to pay the bills.

Allen motioned to adjourn the business meeting. Haas seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

Scheduled meetings:

Council Meeting September 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday at Village Hall

  
Clerk

  
Mayor