

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
February 15, 2022

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 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, Joseph Reed, and Scott Thorn. Solicitor Jason Groh, Officer Jacobs, and Fiscal Officer Pam Keener were also present.

Mayor Poulson opened the public hearing for the placement of farmland in an ag district for the Wayne County Auditor's Office. There were no visitors for the hearing. Thorn motioned to close the hearing, Haas seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Allen motioned to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2022 regular meeting with one correction. Reed seconded the motion. Allen yes, Haas yes, Heitger abstain, Mullins yes, Reed yes, Thorn yes. The minutes for February 1, 2022 were approved.

Haas made the motion to accept the application from Pin Oak Acres LLC regarding placement of farmland in an Agricultural District. Reed seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Officer Jacobs presented the police report for June.

Under Correspondence, the Village received a letter from Frost, Brown and Todd Attorneys regarding the Ohio Municipal Coalition. The Village received \$19.61 refund for unexpended legal costs.

An e-mail was sent to the Mayor asking if there will be a roundabout put in this location. Inquiring about the house on the corner of Honeytown and Smithville Western Rd. Mayor Poulson will be referring this person to the Wayne County Engineers Office.

Ben Schrock Builders contacted the mayor in regards to zoning requirements for the possible development of land owned by Mark and Stephanie Livengood. Thorn asked if the Village has a response to questions when private builders develop within the Village. These questions are referred to the Zoning Administrator.

Under old business, the solicitor said that all properties, including rental properties, would be considered residential with regard to sidewalk installation. The Village will pay for the usual 40% of the cost, the same as owner occupied properties.

An Ordinance change regarding recreational vehicles and mobile homes will be put on 1st reading at the next Council meeting. Solicitor Groh will be sending a copy of the Ordinance to Jon Parker for his input.

An amended Salary Ordinance will be presented at the next Council meeting regarding the Village Police Department step increase for longevity. Changes will be made for accuracy. This will be retro-active to December 31, 2021.

Village resident Tom Paul wanted to express to Council how happy he is with the water and water pressure from the new water tower.

Under Liaison reports:

Thorn reported that the fields at the park are ready for Spring sports.

Haas reported that the park board received quotes for the two trees being removed across from Village Hall. The Park Board decided to use Rogue Tree Solutions for this project.

Allen reported that the Green Township Fire Department had record runs, calls are up, and they are in need of hiring two more people. They are hoping to put a new levy on the 2023 election ballot. Allen also reported that the new ambulance is being built. There is a 300-day time frame and the cost is approximately \$230,000.

Reed reported the Veteran's Memorial Committee met last Wednesday. Pavers are being replaced and new pavers are being added to the Memorial. The Committee is looking for new people to join before Memorial Day. They are also looking for a new Committee Chairperson if possible.

Heitger reported that the new salt storage bin is complete on the maintenance building property, but there will not be any salt stored there this year. Heitger also reported recent water main breaks on North Milton St. and Fairlawn St.

Mayor Poulson reported the following:

A time extension for the purpose of final reclamation of the old water tower sight was granted. The contractor will do the necessary work to provide water to the park by April 1, 2022 . The new water tower project is complete.

N. Mill Street will be reviewed for the water line project and put to bid.

The sanitary sewer master study will be this week. It will take approximately 2 ½ weeks to complete.

The North Summit property which has continued to be a nuisance property has been submitted to the prosecutor's office. Solicitor Groh and Jon Parker will take care of the details working with the Prosecutor's office to file charges.

Job applications for the Village Maintenance Assistant position have been received. Applicants will be sent to the WCSCC for testing. Interviews will follow for qualifying candidates.

Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$,45,215.08. Heitger seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved to pay the bills.

Reed motioned to go into executive session pursuant to the O. R. C. 121.22 (G) (1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, or compensation of a public employee at 8:05 pm. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Allen motioned to come out of executive session at 9:10 pm. Reed seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Allen motioned to adjourn the business meeting. Thorn seconded the motion. Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 pm.

Scheduled meetings:

Park Committee Meeting February 22, 2022.

Council meeting March 1 at 7:00 pm at Village Hall

Clerk

Mayor