

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

January 15, 2022

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 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, Joseph Reed, and Scott Thorn. Office Administrator Becky Dannemiller (acting as Clerk of Council), Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, and Solicitor Jason Groh were also present.

The minutes from the January 4, 2022 minutes were read for approval. Mullins made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Thorn seconded the motion, Council unanimously approved the minutes.

Mayor Poulson submitted and passed around the annual bridge inspection from ODOT.

The Mayor also shared with Council the email he received from Jeff Edwards on Fairlawn Avenue, thanking the village for the quick response on his request for a street light on their cul-de-sac.

There was no old business.

In new business, Mayor Poulson shared the PEP Insurance renewal for 2022. Eric McDowell, agent, stated in the email that the increase in the premium was due to the new tower, the change in police officers, and an increase in general liability. The 2022 premium is \$20,203. There was no discussion or questions about the premium. Mullins made the motion to approve the 2022 PEP Liability Insurance at \$20,203, Haas seconded the motion, Council unanimously approved the insurance renewal.

The December 2021 Financial Report was presented for approval. The Mayor stated the income tax revenue was more than estimated.

Mayor Poulson stated GPD Group is working on the estimated assessments and cost documents for the Fairlawn Avenue residents. He and Fiscal Officer Pam Keener will meet soon with GPD Group about these assessments. A public meeting will be set in the future (prior to a council meeting) for information about the sidewalks for the residents on Fairlawn Avenue.

Mayor Poulson shared a letter from Jon Parker, Zoning Inspector, questioning the ordinance about camper/RV parking on resident's property. Parker had written a letter to a resident who had a camper parked/occupied last summer. There had been complaints from neighbors about the camper being occupied. Parker stated that resident then came back to him to complain about campers/RV's parked at many residents in the village. Council did state that the ordinance needs to be consistent on how it reads. The questions/concern was the "occupation" of the camper, which is only allowed for 48 hours. The issue that needs defined is what is "occupied vs. stored" and should there be legislation for both. It was agreed a new ordinance is needed that is more common sense than the current ordinance, which is dated 1976. The consensus of Council is to write a new ordinance, which Solicitor Groh will do. He asked they submit their thoughts/ideas to him by the weekend. There was mention of a possible fee to be able to park the camper/RV for an extended period of time for storage. Also mentioned was only allowing occupation for 72 hours, possibly requiring a permit to do. This new ordinance, when written, will be done in three (3) readings for residents to have a say if they choose.

Liaison Reports: Thorn had nothing in equipment; Allen reported the fire runs in 2021 were up; Mayor had nothing in police; Reed had nothing for the veteran's memorial; Haas reported that now with the passing of Nate Butcher a memorial/commemoration should be made in his honor, possibly name one of the fields after him. Haas also suggested a bench be made in honor of Mike Turner's passing to be placed in the park with his name engraved. Haas states the park committee is open to suggestions for both of these memorials. He also stated he has some names of persons to succeed Nate Butcher's position on the park board. Hietger had nothing in streets/sidewalks. In Finance, Tricia stated Adam had called for help for the snow plowing for last weekend's heavy snow.

Mayor Poulson updated Council about a "low level water" alarm Adam had received. Protech stated all looked good in the communications. Adam found a pressure transmitter was frozen due the temperatures., then wrapped it in heat tape to fix the problem. Wood Electric has been contacted to address this issue. The Mayor also wants to address this issue with C.T. Consultants and why it wasn't determined the freezing temps would be a problem.

Adam had reviewed the N Mill Street Water Line Replacement Project and found one hookup on N Mill Street did not exist. He was reviewing the plans and found this issue. The Mayor will have C.T. Consultants put the bid documents together to get it ready for bidding early.

Mayor Poulson reported there is a pre-construction meeting on Thursday, Jan 18 for the Sanitary Sewer Master Study Plan Project. Also, the Ohio EPA is meeting today for approval of our loan for this study.

Allen made a motion to approve paying the bills, Mullins seconded, and Council unanimously approved.

Allen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm, Reed seconded, Council unanimously approved.

Scheduled meetings:

Council Meeting February 1, 2022 @ 7pm

BPA Meeting February 7, 2022 @ 6pm.

Council Meeting February 15, 2022 @ 7pm

Clerk

Mayor