

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
MARCH 1, 2022

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, March 1, 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 and Clerk of Council Becky Dannemiller were also present.

Allen motioned to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2022 regular meeting with four (4) correction. Heitger seconded the motion council approved unanimously.

There was no police report submitted.

Mayor Poulson reported the Wayne County Board of Health meeting is next Wednesday and he will be attending. He also offered if anyone would like to go in his place, that would be fine.

Solicitor Groh offered the new section for the Codified Ordinance concerning RV parking in the village. After discussion about the "improved surface", and the length of time allowed in a time period, Heitger made a motion to put on first reading Section 155.023 to the Codified Ordinance. Mullins seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved. The solicitor will have the ordinance at the next meeting.

Discussion took place about an email complaint from a Charles Street resident not happy with the chip-seal used on Charles, when other streets are repaired with asphalt. Main streets with heavy traffic are asphalted and side, neighborhood streets are repaired with chip-seal.

Matt Haas of the Park Committee stated the committee recommends Phil Bumgardner as the replacement for Nate Butcher's vacant seat. Phil is the Smithville Youth Baseball Commissioner. Haas made the motion to appoint Phil Bumgardner to the Park Board, Thorn seconded, Council unanimously approved.

**Ordinance #2022-1 Fixing the Compensation of the Elected Officials, Appointed Officials, and Employees:** An ordinance making changes to the *Appendix A* for step increases. Mullins made the motion to suspend rules for Ordinance #2022-1; Haas seconded the motion, Council unanimously approved.

**Ordinance #2022-1 Fixing the Compensation of the Elected Officials, Appointed Officials, and Employees:** The Mayor discussed the change in the 2022 Salary Ordinance Appendix A, concerning the .25 cent step increase for 2021. The previous 2022 Ordinance was changed for qualifying officers to get the step increase on their anniversary date. This change then shorted employees of their step for the 2021 completed year. The change approves giving the step increase for 2021 on January 1, 2022, and the 2022 step increase given on each officer's anniversary date. Mullins made a motion to approve Ordinance #2022-1 Salary Ordinance, Allen seconded, and Council unanimously approved.

**Resolution #2022-2: Resolution of Necessity Fairlawn and Wilson Streets Sidewalks.** Mullins made the motion to suspend rules for Resolution #2022-2; Thorn seconded and Council unanimously approved to suspend rules.

**Resolution #2022-2: Resolution of Necessity to install Sidewalks on Fairlawn Avenue and Wilson Street.** A resolution to approve the installation of sidewalks on Fairlawn Avenue and Wilson Streets according to Title IX Chapter 94 of the Smithville Codified Ordinance and plans and specifications on file with the Village clerk's office. Heitger made the motion to accept Resolution #2022-2, Mullins seconded, Council unanimously approved the resolution.

The January 2022 Financial Report was reviewed. Mullins made the motion to approve the January Financial Report, Haas seconded, Council unanimously approved the report.

The February 2022 Income Tax Revenue Report was reviewed.

The Mayor reported two petitions to vacate alleys on N Milton Street were submitted to the village. These petitions were forwarded on to John Heitger and the Planning Commission to set a meeting and review.

In absence of the Chief, Mayor Poulson reported two police officers were recommended by the Police Chief to be removed from probation. Full time officer Jacobs' 1-year probation should have ended on February 8, 2022. Mullins made the motion to remove Officer Jacobs from probation, retroactive to February 8, 2022; Allen seconded, Council unanimously approved.

Mayor Poulson shared that Sgt. Wertz' 1-yr probation ended February 28, 2022. He was recommended to be removed from probation retroactive to 2/28/2022. Mullins made the motion to remove Sgt. Wertz from probation; Reed seconded and Council unanimously approved.

**In Liaison Reports:** Nothing in equipment; nothing in fire; nothing in police; nothing in Veteran's Memorial; Park/Trees, Haas reported two trees had been removed on W. Main Street by Maibach Tree Service. He also reported the GLS Leadership Class submitted a proposal for a project to honor the late Nate Butcher by renaming Field #1 after him, and also a plaque to be installed in the park. There will be a dedication ceremony for this honor. Also, the park committee is working on an idea to possibly install two (2) benches near the soccer field as Mike Turner had been a part of the girls' soccer league that used the field. In personnel, Mullins reported they had tested 5 of the 6 applicants and she and the Mayor had narrowed down 2 applicants to interview. The interviews are Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. In streets/sidewalks, Heitger reported Adam had done some pothole patching and had a salt delivery last week, Adam believes this will be the last salt purchase for the year. Heitger states he and Adam will drive the village streets to determine which need repair and repaving this year.

The Mayor has been in touch with Chris of C.T. to have ProSupply come in and complete the site cleanup and remove items left there. The park will be opening on April 1<sup>st</sup> and the nature of the items could be a safety hazard. Also, the water needs hooked back up for the park restrooms.

C.T Consultants is working on the bid documents for the N. Mill Street Waterline project.

Concerning the Sanitary Sewer Master Study Plan and results of the relining/CCTVing, a collapsed sewer line was found on Northeast Street. It is considered a major collapse and needs addressed as soon as possible. Adam is to get a quote before the BPA meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>, so the BPA can take action to repair.

Solicitor Groh stated he is having conversations with the prosecutor's office about the N Summit Street property. He will be in further discussion on this matter.

The Mayor reported the wrecked police cruiser was totaled by the insurance company. They offered a pay-out of \$22,018, minus the \$500 deductible. The \$500 tow bill does need to be included in the claim pay-out as well. The equipment is to be removed to possibly be used in a replacement cruiser.

The Mayor reported a developer had inquired about updating plans for a development on Dawn Drive in the future. He is working with Jon Parker and will determine if the development is possible.

Allen made the motion to approve paying bills in the amount of \$67,543.27, Mullins seconded, Council unanimously approved.

Allen made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Mullins seconded, Council unanimously approved.

Scheduled meetings:

BPA Meeting March 14 at 6pm

Council meeting March 15 at 7:00 pm at Village Hall

Public Hearing for Fairlawn Avenue Sidewalks w/ GPD Group March 30 @7pm

Council Meeting April 5 @ 7pm

  
Clerk

  
Mayor