

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
APRIL 5, 2022

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 in the Village Hall. Mayor Tom Poulson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Members present at roll call were Larry Allen, Matt Haas, John Heitger, Tricia Mullins, Joseph Reed, and Scott Thorn. Solicitor Jason Groh, Clerk of Council Becky Dannemiller, and Fiscal Officer Pam Keener were also present. Also in attendance were Chief Warren Caskey and Sgt. Wertz.

Heitger made the motion to accept the March 15, 2022 minutes, Haas seconded, and Council unanimously approved.

Thorn made the motion to approve the March 30, 2022 minutes, Mullins seconded, and Council unanimously approved.

The ordinance to add Section 155.023 regarding recreational vehicles to the Codified Ordinances was discussed. Solicitor Groh inquired to whether Council wanted to require permits for tracking and record-keeping. Groh stated to Council if Jon Parker desired permits for record-keeping, is Council ok with them? If the ordinance does require permits, how would we let residents know they are required (website?). Would the permits need renewed each time? John Heitger stated this whole issue has come about because of one party but we shouldn't make every RV owner register in the village. Reed stated if Jon wants permits, then Joe approves of permit requirement. Allen stated it didn't matter to him either way. Thorn stated if Parker does want permits, he would like to know for what reason. Haas stated agreed with Thorn. Mullins agreed with permits. The solicitor asked Council if Jon does want permits required, can Council live with it? Reed stated it may seem like overkill now, until we need to enforce it in the future, they'll be helpful. The solicitor will speak to Jon Parker about permits. Mullins made the motion to put the RV ordinance on second reading, Heitger seconded the motion. Roll call: Heitger No, Mullins yes, Reed yes, Thorn yes, Allen yes, Haas yes.

Sgt. Wertz presented the February and March police reports.

**Ordinance #2022-4:** Ordinance for Traffic Control for Yard Sales, April 29 & 30, 2022. Allen made the motion to suspend rules, Reed seconded, all approved.

**Ordinance #2022-4:** Ordinance for Traffic Control for Yard sales, April 29 & 30, 2022. Haas made the motion to approve Ordinance #22-4, Mullins seconded, and Council unanimously approved.

Mayor Poulson reported Howard Funk had turned in his resignation effective. After resigning as Chief, Funk had stayed on part time to help with the transition to Chief Barnett. Heitger made a motion to accept Howard Funk's resignation, Reed seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

Discussion took place about purchasing a new police cruiser to replace the 2017 which was wrecked and totaled in February. We currently have quotes for the new cruiser from Pallotta Ford, Wolf Creek graphics to letter (\$550), and Hall Public Safety to install equipment in the cruiser (approx..\$5000). Heitger made the motion to authorize purchasing a new cruiser for the police department, Allen seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

Mayor Poulson shared with council about the need to replace the WWTP Grinder at a cost of \$24,449.47 from JWC Environmental. The purchase has been approved by the BPA and recommended to Council for approval.

Thorn made the motion to approved the purchase of a new grinder for the WWTP, Mullins seconded, and Council unanimously approved.

Haas made a recommendation to appoint Rebekkah Shipper to the Park Board to fill a vacant spot. Haas made the motion to appoint Rebekkah Shipper to the park board, Mullins seconded, and Council unanimously approved.

Fiscal Officer Pam Keener left the meeting at this time.

Mullins made a motion at 8:00pm to go into executive session pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, or compensation of a public employee, Heitger seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved. Invited to this executive session were Chief Warren Caskey and Clerk of Council Becky Dannemiller.

Mullins made a motion to exit the executive session at 8:55pm, Heitger seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

Liaison Reports: Thorn, nothing; Allen, nothing; Reed, the Veteran's Memorial board met to discuss the Memorial Parade. They are waiting to hear back from the SHS band director. Haas states the park board is working on the park rules and regulations and how to post them in the park. He stated the port-a-john will be moved to field #2 and soccer fields in the near future. Heitger reported a water break on N Milton Street to which the Mayor reported the BPA had approved getting an engineering quote from C.T. Consultants for a new waterline on N Milton Street. An application to OPWC will be submitted this fall. Mullins reported Matthew Turner's driving record came back good.

Mayor Poulson updated on the following: The old tower site will need some further soil testing for lead levels. The company will remove 12" of soil and haul away and bring in new fill. It was reported another collapsed sewer line was found while doing the sewer line cleaning. C.T. suggested the village hold off on any repairs until the study is done and we find the areas that need the attention most.

Mayor Poulson reported to Council the BPA had approved new water and sewer rates. He and Becky will work on the water/sewer breakdowns and present to Council for approval in three (3) readings. Pam had suggested 5%, 4%, 3%, 2% for the next 4 years and 2% annually thereafter.

Solicitor Groh stated the prosecutor is willing to file charges on the property owner of 523 N Summit Street but we need to do some backtracking and re-write some reports. A meeting will be set for the Mayor, Solicitor, Jon Parker, and Sgt. Wertz.

Allen made the motion to approve paying bills in the amount of \$34,586.12, Heitger seconded, Council unanimously approved.

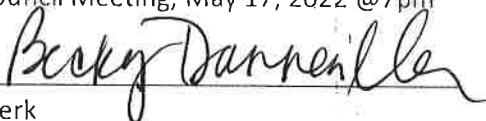
Allen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm, Thorn seconded, and Council unanimously approved.

Scheduled meetings:

Council Meeting, May 3, 2022 @7pm

BPA Meeting, May 9, 2022 @6pm

Council Meeting, May 17, 2022 @7pm

  
Clerk

  
Mayor