

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
JUNE 21, 2022

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 in the Village Hall. Mayor Tom Poulson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Members present at roll call were Matt Haas, Tricia Mullins, Scott Thorn, John Heitger, and Larry Allen. Solicitor Jason Groh, Clerk of Council Becky Dannemiller, Assistant Office Manager Belinda Taylor and Fiscal Officer Pam Keener were also present. Also in attendance was Chief English and guests Robert Hartman and Kyle Allen.

Mullins made the motion to accept the June 7, 2022 minutes, Thorn seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes; Haas, yes; Heitger, yes; Mullins, yes; Thorn, yes.

At 7:03pm, Haas made the motion to enter 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. Mullins seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved. Invited into the executive session were Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Council Clerk Becky Dannemiller, Assistant Office Manager Belinda Taylor, Solicitor Jason Groh, Chief Kevin English, Robert Hartman and Kyle Allen.

Councilman Joe Reed entered the meeting at this time, 7:23pm

At 7:25pm, Mullins made the motion to exit executive session and enter back into regular session. Thorn seconded the motion, Council unanimously approved.

Chief English made the recommendation, after a previous discussion with Sgt. Christian Wertz, to re-classify the duties of Sgt. Wertz to full-time officer and K-9 handler. This change will be effective June 21, 2022 at 24:00 hours. Mullins made the motion to accept Chief English's recommendation to re-classify the duties for Officer Wertz, Haas seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mullins, yes; Reed, abstain; Thorn, yes; Allen, yes; Haas, yes; Heitger, yes.

Chief English made a recommendation to Council to hire Robert Hartman as a full-time officer and to be placed in the Sergeant's position. The hire date is effective June 22, 2022. Mullins made the motion to hire Robert Hartman as a full time officer and placed into the Sergeant's position, Allen seconded the motion. Roll Call: Reed, abstain; Thorn, yes; Allen, yes; Haas, yes; Heitger, yes; Mullins, yes.

Chief English made a recommendation to hire Kyle Allen as a full-time officer and to be placed in the SRO position. His hire date will be July 11, 2022. Mullins made the motion to hire Kyle Allen as a full time officer and placed in the SRO position, Thorn seconded the motion. Roll Call: Thorn, yes; Allen, yes; Haas, yes; Heitger, yes; Mullins, yes; Reed, abstain.

At this time Robert Hartman was sworn in as Sergeant, and Kyle Allen was sworn in as a full-time officer. Family members were invited into the meeting to observe.

Chief English submitted to Council for consideration information about Lexipol, a company that offers on-line policy and procedures information for all police department members to train on and be kept up-to-date on new and quick-changing policies. The Chief stated there were many benefits to this program that outweigh the cost. This is a format to keep officers trained on policies. The database records when an officer has read and acknowledges with dates. Having this training format also prevents any changes being made to the Department Policies and Procedures manual. The Chief states the guidelines will be tailored to our needs. The cost is approximately \$4,873.50 annually. Thorn asked FO Pam Keener if the funds were available and she stated yes,

they were. Mullins made the motion to enroll in Lexipol, Heitger seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

He Chief also inquired if he is able to make rules for the department, specifically facial hair and earrings. Council stated those rules were up to him for the department.

Chief English requested an additional \$600 for clothing allowance and asked that the Village cover the Cobra payment for health insurance for the lapse in coverage in July. Reed made the motion to approve additional clothing allowance of \$600 for Chief English and also covering the COBRA payment for July coverage. Mullins seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

Rob Hartman's insurance was discussed, and Becky thought the health insurance coverage would switch immediately from Creston to Smithville, as they are in the same insurance pool. Becky will contact the County to inquire about this.

Kyle Allen's health insurance was discussed as well, and because his start date is July 11, 2022, his waiting period for coverage would be until September 1st. Council decided to offer COBRA coverage to Kyle Allen if it was needed when he begins employment. Reed made the motion to provide COBRA insurance coverage to Kyle Allen, Haas seconded, and Council unanimously approved.

Old business:

Ordinance #2020-16 Water and Sewer Rate Increase Ordinance: Mullins made the motion to place on third reading and adopt the new Water/Sewer rate ordinance, Reed seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved. The effective date is July 1, 2022.

New business.

Chef English presented Council with a letter of a donation of a police cruiser. The 2015 Ford Interceptor was offered by Lafayette Township as a donation. The Village costs would be outfitting the cruiser with a computer, radio and graphics.

Resolution #2022-17 Donation of a Police Cruiser: Mullins made the motion to suspend rules, Thorn seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

Resolution #2022-17 Donation of a Police Cruiser: Haas made the motion to approve the donation of a police cruiser from Lafayette Twp., Reed seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

May 2022 Financial Report: Mullins made the motion to accept the May 2022 Financial Report, Heitger seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

Mayor Poulson reported the engineer cost estimate for the North Milton Water Line Project came in at approximately \$100,000.00 and after a conversation with FO Pam Keener, feels the Village can pay this out-of-pocket and not apply for OPWC funding. The Mayor asked Council for approval to have C.T. Consultants to complete engineering and bid documents for the N. Milton Street waterline project.

North Milton Street Water Line Project: Heitger made the motion authorizing the Mayor to give C.T. Consultants to complete the engineering design and bidding documents for this project, Thorn seconded, and Council unanimously approved.

Resolution #2022-18 to Approve the Most Paving Company Bid for Street Repairs: Mullins made the motion to suspend rules, Reed seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved the motion.

Resolution #2022-18 to Approve the Most Paving Bid for Street Repairs: Reed made the motion to approve the bid of \$125,853.65 submitted from Most Paving Company for the 2022 Street Repairs Project, Heitger seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

Resolution #2022-19 R.A. Bores Bid for North Mill Street Water Line Project: Mullins made the motion to suspend rules, Thorn seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

Resolution #2022-19 R. A. Bores Bid for North Mill Street Water Line Project: Heitger made the motion to accept the lowest and best bid of \$239,305.00 from R.A. Bores Excavating for the North Mill Street Water Line Project, Reed seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

Liaison Reports: Thorn had nothing in equipment, Allen had nothing in Fire , Reed had nothing for Veteran's Memorial, Haas nothing in Park, Heitger had nothing in Streets and Sidewalks, and Mullins had nothing in Finance/Personnel.

Mayor Poulson reported C.T.'s inspector and ProSupply were exchanging emails about the final change order. Chris of C.T. had completed the final change order after not hearing any work from ProSupply, to which ProSupply replied they were not happy with the numbers and wanted a meeting with Bob McNutt to discuss.

Allen made the motion to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$25,883.98, Heitger seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved paying the bills.

Reed made the motion at 8:42pm to enter into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3) for conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action, Heitger seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved. Invited into executive session were Solicitor Groh, Clerk of Council Becky Dannemiller, and Assistant Office Administrator Belinda Taylor.

Thorn made the motion to exit executive session at 8:54pm, Haas seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

Allen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm, Reed seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

Scheduled meetings:

Council Meeting, July 5, 2022 @7pm
BPA Meeting, July 11, 2022 @6pm
Council Meeting, July 19, 2022 at 7pm.


Clerk


Mayor