

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
JUNE 7, 2022

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, June 7, 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, Joseph Reed, 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 Warren Caskey. Guests in attendance were Kevin English and Sgt. Christian Wertz.

Mullins made the motion to accept the May 17, 2022 minutes, Haas seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, abstain; Haas, yes; Heitger, abstain; Mullins, yes; Reed, yes; Thorn, yes.

The bids submitted for the 2022 Street Repairs were opened. Only one (1) bid was submitted by Most Paving. The bid is as follows: Patch area \$1316; East Center Street \$88,067.90; Anna Drive \$36,469.75. Total bid with labor \$125,853.65. The bid will be reviewed and approved at the next scheduled meeting.

Sgt. Wertz reviewed the May 2022 Police Report/Stats with Council.

At 7:07pm, Mullins 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. Thorn 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, Interim Chief Warren Caskey and Kevin English.

At 8:05pm, Heitger made the motion to exit executive session and enter back into regular session. Mullins seconded the motion, Council unanimously approved.

The Mayor read the resignation from Officer Darian Short, effective 6/10/2022. Haas made the motion to approve Darian Short's resignation, Mullins seconded the motion, Council unanimously approved.

The Mayor read the resignation from Interim Chief Warren Caskey effective 6/8/2022 at 12:00am. Heitger made the motion to accept Warren Caskey's resignation, Mullins seconded, Council unanimously approved.

**Ordinance #2022-12 Salary Ordinance Appendix A Amendment:** Thorn made the motion to suspend rules, Mullins seconded the motion, Council unanimously approved.

**Ordinance #2022-12 Salary Ordinance Appendix A Amendment:** Mullins made the motion to approve the 2022 Salary Ordinance Appendix A Amendment, Allen seconded, and Council unanimously approved.

Warren Caskey made the recommendation to Council, based on his background investigation and finding nothing that would disqualify him from the position of Chief of Police, to hire Kevin English as Police Chief.

Mullins made the motion to hire Kevin English as the Chief of Police under the following terms: six (6) days of paid vacation upon hire, earn four (4) weeks' vacation at one (1) year, the Village will accept his sick hours from Medina County Parks Police Department, and an initial clothing allowance of \$1,200.00. Thorn seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

At this time Chief English's family entered the meeting to watch the swearing in and badge pinning by Mayor Poulson and pictures were taken. Chief English's family left the meeting at this time.

Mullins made the motion to hire Warren Caskey under a *Memorandum of Understanding* as a Police Consultant to help with this transition in the Police Department, Reed seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

Reed made the motion to authorize Mayor Poulson to sign and enter into the *Memorandum of Understanding* with Warren Caskey as a Police Consultant.

The Mayor shared an outstanding invoice from Akron Uniform for Jen Barnett. While Chief and receiving a clothing allowance, Barnett charged uniform items and failed to pay the invoice. After significant time and no payment, Akron Uniforms sent the village the invoice to pay. In order to keep on good terms with Akron Uniforms, Council agreed to pay the invoice. Haas made the motion to pay the Akron Uniform invoice at \$115.98, Mullins seconded, and Council unanimously approved.

Old business:

**Water and Sewer Rate Increase Ordinance:** Mullins made the motion to place on second reading the new Water/Sewer rate ordinance, Reed seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

**Fairlawn Avenue Sidewalks Project:** Mullins made the motion to suspend rules, Reed seconded the motion, Council unanimously approved.

**Fairlawn Avenue Sidewalks Project:** Heitger made the motion to enter into a contract with T.R. Snyder Construction as the lowest and best bidder for the Fairlawn Avenue Sidewalk Project, in the amount of \$168,636.25. Allen seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

New business.

**Resolution to Amend 2022 Appropriations:** Mullins made the motion to suspend rules, Haas seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

**Resolution #2022-14 to Amend 2022 Appropriations:** Haas made the motion to approve the 2022 Appropriations Amendment, Mullins seconded, and Council unanimously approved.

**Resolution to Transfer Funds:** Allen made the motion to suspend rules, Reed seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

**Resolution #2022-15 to Transfer Funds:** Reed made the motion to allow Fiscal Officer to Transfer Funds, Mullins seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

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

**Authorize Mayor to Appoint Jason Groh as Legal Counsel:** Mullins made the motion to authorize Mayor Poulson to appoint Jason Groh as Legal Counsel, retroactive to January 1, 2022, Allen seconded the motion. Haas, yes; Heitger, yes; Mullins, yes; Reed, abstain; Thorn, yes; Allen, yes. Authorization was passed.

**Liaison Reports:** Thorn stated there have been equipment repairs done, and Adam would be researching for a Grant for a line locator; Allen reported the Run Report from CFD was about equal to the April 2022 report; he stated some firemen are being actively recruited by outside fire agencies, he also stated a resident had contacted him to praise the Memorial Day Services who said it was the best they've seen before. Reed stated he had nothing to report but requested a motion be made to appoint Rob Kerr to the Veteran's Memorial Committee. Haas stated the lights on Field #1 needed repairs, he thanked the Mayor for speaking at the Nate

Butcher Memorial Service and Dedication and also stated the SHS Leadership Class, who planned the dedication service, thanked the Village for allowing this to happen. The Park Committee is still working on ideas for a dedication for Mike Turner. To that, Thorn also stated a parent's group from the Soccer Program was also working on ideas for a dedication for Mike Turner; Heitger stated the guys have been patching streets with the Durapatcher and the street sweepers were in last week; Mullins thanked Solicitor Groh for all the help he has provided during this trying time, with last minute calls/issues, and handling all the things going on recently.

Reed made the motion to appoint Rob Kerr to the Veteran's Memorial Committee, Mullins seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

In the Mayor's reports, he stated the CCTV'ing project for the sewer lines has been completed. The contractor finished at \$44,666.00 less than the original contract. He also states the old tower site demo has been completed with the reclamation of the seeding of grass. The parking lot issue brought to our attention by Mr. Dunn needs addressed by the engineers, the inspector, and Mr. Dunn. There are change orders for non-performed items and this will put us on the positive side of this contract. Chris Brubaker is still working on this with ProSupply, Inc. to finalize things. G. E. Baker has still not reimbursed the village for work done by Downing that should have been Baker's to do. The Mayor states the paperwork to file charges against the property owner at 523 N Summit Street has been done and needs served by us, which will give the owner 30 days to remedy. This will go back to the prosecutor if not done in the 30 days allowed.


Warren reported he had contacted McClintock Electric to get quotes for cameras to be installed in the park area and village hall.

Allen made the motion to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$66,146.65, Haas seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved paying the bills.

Allen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53pm, Haas seconded, and Council unanimously approved.

Scheduled meetings:

N. Mill Street Waterline Bid Opening, June 17, 2022 @11am  
BPA Meeting, June 13, 2022 @6pm  
Council Meeting, June 21, 2022 @7pm

  
Clerk

  
Mayor