

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
September 6, 2022

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, September 6, 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, John Heitger, Larry Allen and Scott Thorn. Solicitor Jason Groh, Clerk of Council Belinda Taylor and were also present. Also in attendance was Chief Kevin English.

Heitger made the motion to accept the August 16, 2022 minutes as corrected, Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes; Haas, yes; Heitger, yes; Mullins, yes; Reed, yes and Thorn abstained.

At 7:05 pm, Reed made the motion to enter into executive session pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G) (1) for conferences with an attorney for the public body to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, or compensation of a public employee, Mullins seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved. Invited into executive session were Mayor Poulson, Solicitor Groh, Clerk of Council Belinda Taylor, and Chief English

Reed made the motion to exit executive session at 7:13 pm, Haas seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

Allen made the motion to accept Jacob's resignation, Mullins seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

Mullins made the motion to approve the 600.00 fall uniform allowance for Chief English, Haas seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

Police Report: Chief English reported 137 calls for the month, 31 traffic stops a few mental health and domestic calls. They are standing by as the schools do drug searches. Chief's conversation with the schools was that they run the school and the police department is there as the back up to help. The bumps with the Liberty Street contract are getting better. They are in contact with the school several times a week. Haas stated that he has received good reports from 2 people that they are very happy with the new SRO Officer.

Chief English also stated that the new (donated) car is now equipped and ready to use.

At 7:27 Haas made the motion to enter into executive session pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G) (1) for conferences with an attorney for the public body to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, or compensation of a public employee, Reed seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved. Invited into executive session were Mayor Poulson, Solicitor Groh, Clerk of Council Belinda Taylor, and Nicolette Benford.

Thorn made the motion to exit executive session at 7:31 pm, Heitger seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

Heitger made the motion to hire Nicolette Bendford, Thorn seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

New Business:

Ordinance #2022-20 Salary Ordinance Appendix A Amendment: Mullins made the motion to suspend rules, Heitger seconded the motion, Council unanimously approved.

Ordinance #2022-22 Salary Ordinance Appendix A Amendment: Reed made the motion to approve the 2022 Salary Ordinance Appendix A Amendment, Heitger seconded, and Council unanimously approved.

Mullins made the motion to approve the signed Resolution for the application of the OPWC loan, Allen seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

June 2022 Income Tax Revenue Report is in the positive by \$21640.54.

Liaison Reports: Heitger 2022 Street Construction has been completed. Northeast is going to be completed also. E Center Street has also been stripped. Allen stated nothing to report for Fire. Reed stated that Dana will not stay on the committee past December 2022. They are searching for a replacement. Mayor Poulson stated that he thinks we should write a letter of Thanks to Dana for serving. Haas reported that the upper pavilion has had the lights replaced and a new breaker box has been installed. They are currently talking about projects for next year and 5 years out. Nothing for Mullins and the Finance/Personnel.

Mayor's Report:

523 N Summit Street paperwork has been uploaded to the prosecutor. Two neighbors and the school have voiced concerns about the house. Chief English has been in contact with the prosecutor's office and will stay in contact with them until completed

Mayor Poulson stated that everything is moving forward with N Milton and N Mill and N Milton will be completed first then they will move on to N Mill Street

Al Snyder did make a statement of wanting to retire from the Cemetery Board and needs to locate a replacement. They are also looking for a few others to volunteer to help with the cemetery.

Allen made the motion to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$9895.53, Heitger seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved paying the bills.

At 7:58 pm, Reed made the motion to enter into executive session pursuant to O.R.C. 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. Mullins seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved. Invited into executive session were Mayor Poulson, Solicitor Groh and Clerk of Council Belinda Taylor.

Allen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm, Reed seconded, and Council unanimously approved.

Scheduled meetings:

Council Meeting September 21 2022 @7pm

BPA Meeting, October 17, 2022 @6pm

Council Meeting, October 4, 2022 @7pm

Belinda Taylor

Clerk

Thomas R. Fabian

Mayor