

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

January 10, 2023

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, January 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall. Mayor Tom Poulson called the meeting to order. Members present at roll call were Larry Allen, Matt Haas, John Heitger, and Tricia Mullins, also serving as Clerk of Council. Solicitor Jason Groh, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, and visitor Patrick Finn was also present.

Mullins made a motion to approve Patrick Finn as the new council member, replacing Scott Thorn. Haas seconded the motion. Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Heitger, yes, Mullins, yes.

Allen motioned to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2022 Council Meeting as corrected. Heitger seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes. Haas, abstain, Heitger, yes, Mullins, yes, and Finn, abstain. The minutes of the December 30, 2022 will not be approved until a quorum of 5 members are present.

Police Report:

Sgt. Hartman reported that SPD has passed LEADS and OHLEG audits, the new car has been lettered, AED batteries have arrived, new guns have been ordered, vehicle maintenance has been done including oil changes, battery replacement in SRO vehicle, and a new axel for car 02. Service calls were reported.

Allen made a motion to enter executive session including members of Council, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Solicitor Jason Groh, Sgt. Hartman, and Mayor Poulson at 7:25 p.m. pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, or compensation of a public employee. Haas seconded, and Council unanimously approved.

Heitger motioned to come out of executive session and enter into regular session at 7:31 p.m. Allen seconded, and council unanimously approved.

Haas motioned to accept the resignation of Officer Christian Wertz as of 1/21/23. Allen seconded, and council unanimously approved.

Mullins motioned to move Officer Chad Souder from part-time officer to full-time offer per the recommendation of Sgt. Hartman. Heitger seconded the motion, and council unanimously approved.

Heitger made the motion to hire James Dunnivan as a part-time officer with a 1-year probationary period per the recommendation of Sgt. Hartman. Allen seconded the motion, and council unanimously approved.

Sgt. Hartman also gave comparisons between keeping our K-9 and retraining with a new handler (approx. \$ 6000) as opposed to selling the current K-9 and purchasing new equipment for cruiser, new K9, training and labor costs . (approx. \$30,000.00)

Liaison Reports:

Heitger reported that Jason Riggerbach sent him an e-mail wanting to know where he should be getting a sewer back flow valve. Heitger responded that he will be checking into this matter and will get back to Jason.

Allen-no report, Finn- no report (Finn will be liaison for equipment, replacing Scott Thorn.)

Haas reported there will be a park meeting next Monday, January 16, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Mullins reported that we will be continuing the process of hiring an Asst. Office Admin. and a Police Chief as soon as possible. There is testing and more interviews coming up within the next few weeks.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Poulson advised Council that the sewer plant pump in the EQ basin has a cracked motor. It will be replaced for \$8500.

Allen made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$65,416.12. Mullins seconded, and council unanimously approved.

Haas made a motion to enter executive session including members of Council, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Solicitor Jason Groh, and Mayor Poulson at 7:49 p.m. pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, or compensation of a public employee. Allen seconded, and Council unanimously approved.

Haas motioned to come out of executive session and enter into regular session at 8:04 p.m. Allen seconded, and council unanimously approved.

Allen motioned to adjourn the business meeting, Mullins seconded the motion and Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm.

Scheduled meetings:

Council Meeting January 24, 2023 @ 7pm


Clerk


Mayor