

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

November 1, 2022

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 in the Village Hall. Mayor Tom Poulson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members present at roll call were Matt Haas, Tricia Mullins, Joseph Reed, Larry Allen, John Heitger and Scott Thorn. Clerk of Council Belinda Taylor, Jason Groh, and Pam Keener. In addition, visitor J. Koss.

Heitger made the motion to accept the October 18, 2022 minutes, Reed seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes; Haas, yes; Mullins, yes; Reed, yes; Heitger: yes, and Thorn Abstained.

Joe Koss, a village residence, spoke to council about the concern of the sidewalks that will be put in on Fairlawn Street. He asked for the information on the project and only received a couple page document that did not answer his questions. He received a quote for \$10,000.00 which he stated that he could have completed for much less by another contractor. The sidewalk is going through his backyard and now he has to put up a fence for his dogs to be outside. Koss stated that no one on the street asked for the sidewalks to put in. He also is going to have trouble parking his trucks because they are too long and will hang over the sidewalk. He is concerned about being ticketed for this. Mayor Poulson explained that he has a couple of options for payment. One is that he can have the amount added to his property taxes and make payments for 5 years with no interest or he can spread it over 10 years with interest. Mayor Poulson also explained that the sidewalk and engineering cost are split with 60 percent covered by the residence and 40 covered by the Village. The village picked up 100 percent of the drainage and other improvements.

**Police Report:** Chief English is attending a conference this week.

**New Business:** Mullins made the motion to appoint Belinda Taylor as the Clerk of Council as of June 1, 2022, Thorn seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

**Liaison Reports:** Heitger stated that the Fairlawn Street project has been started and that Buckwalter's started switching from flowers to winter scape, Allen has nothing for Fire, Reed has nothing for Veteran Memorial, Haas with Park/Trees stated that he has nothing from Adam and that the 5 -year capital plan is currently being worked on. Thorn has nothing for Equipment and Mullins with Finance/Personnel stated she has received evaluations from department heads.

### **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Poulson stated that N Milton trench will be repaired

He also stated N Mill lost water during the boring process due to the construction company hitting the original line. No way to read the water usage so Mayor will have BPA approve waiving the water usage those days. Adam felt as though construction should be complete next week.

Mayor feels as though now that N Milton and N Mill are complete, we can reschedule the water tower inspection.

The mayor received an update stating that the OPWC scoring was good. Funding will happen and that it is not small business.

The Sanitary Sewer Phase I plans have been completed by the engineers, next step will be the bid process and that will take place in July of 2023.

Mayor Poulson shared that he had a meeting with RITA about the possibility of them handling the Village taxes going forward. The sales representative is forwarding more information to him. They have access to the Federal Government websites, US Postal Service and W-2 information that we currently do not have. This allows them to find people not currently filing taxes and that will increase revenue in the village.

Allen made the motion to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$8,883.77, Reed seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved paying the bills.

At 7:50 pm, Heitger 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, Allen seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved. Invited into executive session were Mayor Poulson, Solicitor Groh and Clerk of Council Belinda Taylor.

Thorn made the motion to exit executive session at 7:56 pm, Haas seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

At 7:56 pm, Mullins made the motion to enter executive session pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G) (1) 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, and Solicitor Groh.

Allen made the motion to exit executive session at 9:14 pm, Reed seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

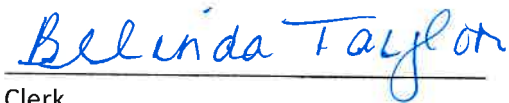
No further business of council. Allen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 pm, Haas seconded, and Council unanimously approved.

Scheduled meetings:

Council Meeting November 15, 2022 @7pm

BPA Meeting, November 14, 2022 @6pm

Council Meeting, December 6, 2022 @7pm

  
Clerk

  
Mayor