

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
November 15, 2022

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, October 15, 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, Larry Allen, John Heitger, and Scott Thorn. Clerk of Council Belinda Taylor, Solicitor Groh, Pam Keener, and Chief English.

Haas made the motion to accept the October 1, 2022 minutes, Mullins seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes; Haas, yes; Mullins, yes; Reed, yes and Heitger yes; Thorn yes.

**Police Report:** Chief English reported that he would like to change the uniform allowance to an open Purchase Order or at least increase the amount of the allowance, due to the amount of taxes coming out of it. He also stated that the side arms need to be replaced and would like to do that soon. Pam stated that it would need to be completed in 2023 with a purchase order. Chief English received a quote for new 9 mm's instead of the 40 caliber and a single 45 caliber for himself. The quote gives a \$250.00 credit for each one turned in. He also would like to replace the Taser's and upgrade them to the new Taser 7's that have a dual cartridge verses a single. Tom with Statewide contact Chief English with an update on the new cruiser and it should be in within the week, and he would need to keep it for 3 weeks to complete it.

**Old Business:** Allen attended a zoom meeting on the Wayne County Hazard Plan update and will be attending two more, one in January and one in February. They have a total of 20 participants and should have everything completed after those meetings.

**New Business:** Mayor Poulson stated we have received a new operations contract with Advanced Water and Wastewater Operations LLC. The rate has not increased over the last 4 years; however, the cost of testing has gone up in the last year. Our rate will stay the same going forward if we agree to directly pay the testing fees and we will receive Advanced Water and Wastewater rate. BPA approved the contract with corrections. Mullins made the motion to approve the new operations contract with Advanced Water and Wastewater Operations LLC with corrections, Reed seconded the motion, Council unanimously approved.

Mayor Poulson stated that CT Consultant shared with him information on grant money for generators. A portable generator could be used in the well fields as backup. The grant would cover both the generator and the cost of installation. Reed made the motion for Mayor Poulson to submit the grant application for the generator for the well field, Thorn seconded the motion, Council unanimously approved.

**Liaison Reports:** Heitger with Streets/Sidewalks stated that the Fairlawn sidewalks are moving forward after email complaints and responses. Also, the Christmas decoration are up and will be turned on after Thanksgiving., Allen state that the Fire department call runs are down for the month, Reed has nothing for Veteran Memorial, Haas with Park/Trees stated that the water is off in the park and the porta john has been moved to the restroom area. Adam has received the quote for next year's paving project of the walking path. Thorn with Equipment stated that Adam and Matt are snow ready and Mullins with Finance/Personnel stated that Beaver Meats has the list for Thanksgiving and Christmas is also taken care of. She received a complaint concerning police coverage in the village and Chief stated that

Christian was covering the 7pm to 3am shift going forward and if needed to call 911 and the sheriff department would respond.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Poulson stated that N Milton was completed last Thursday. The final walk through was completed by RA Bores, CT Consultants, Mayor Poulson, and Adam. This is a private pay, so all information was double checked.

He also stated that N Mill is finishing up with the removal of the utility staking and removal of the old shut offs and installation of new ones. The project will be submitted to OPWC for payment.

The Water Tower inspection will take place the end of November or first of December. Adam is concerned with draining and refilling the tower due to previous problems filling it. Adam asked if the inspection could be completed with a camera and Chris with CT Consultants stated that it could be and the water tower would need to be taken to overflow status to so. Adam will check to make sure the additional pressure isn't a problem.

CT Consultants stated that the Residual Chlorine levels at the other end of town were higher than normal, and emails have been sent back and forth addressing the issue. Adam will be flushing hydrants to satisfy EPA.

One last round of leaf pickup will take place due to the delay of Fairlawn Street construction.

Allen made the motion to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$161,224.45, Reed seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved paying the bills.

At 7:52 pm, Mullins made the motion to enter 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, Reed seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved. Invited into executive session were Mayor Poulson and Solicitor Groh.

Reed made the motion to exit executive session at 8:03 pm, Mullins seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

At 8:04 pm, Reed motioned for 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, seconded by Mullins, and Council unanimously approved. Invited into executive session were Mayor Poulson and Solicitor Groh

At 10:19 pm, Allen motioned to exit executive session, seconded by Heitger, and Council unanimously approved.

Allen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 pm, Haas seconded, and Council unanimously approved.

Scheduled meetings:

Council Meeting December 6, 2022 @7pm

BPA Meeting, December 12, 2022 @6pm

Council Meeting, December, 2022 @7pm

  
Clerk

  
Mayor