

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**December 20, 2022**

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 in the Village Hall. Mayor Tom Poulson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Members present at roll call were Larry Allen, Matt Haas, John Heitger, Tricia Mullins, Joe Reed, and Scott Thorn. Clerk of Council Belinda Taylor, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, and Solicitor Jason Groh. Guest visitors Mark Hatten, Julie Sharpe, Sylvia Sanderson, Jazmine Sanderson, Austin Sanderson, Mitchell Hatten, Dave Dunn, and Taygen Nelson.

Mullins made the motion to accept the December 6 ,2022 minutes. Thorn seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes; Haas, yes; Heigter, yes; Mullins, yes; Reed yes and Thorn yes.

At 7:09 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 Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Clerk of Council Belinda Taylor, and Solicitor Jason Groh. Mayor Poulson left the session until 7:15 pm, then returned to executive session.

Reed made the motion to exit executive session at 7:29 pm, Thorn seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

Police report: Mullins reported for Sgt. Hartman:

- New hires have completed their FTO hours and are on the schedule. Two potential new hires are in the background check process
- All of the LEADS information has been transferred into Sgt. Hartman's name. Sgt Hartman is now the TAC officer for the dept.
- The new, lower cost for the weapons from Glock International is \$3250. A \$550 savings.
- New digital cameras were purchased for each officer at \$41 each.
- The new cruiser has arrived and the MARCS radio has been installed. The new equipment for the cruiser was ordered with a 15% discount coupon, saving the Village approx. \$200. The hope is to have the new cruiser ready by the beginning of January 2023
- Both cruiser 1 and 2 are scheduled for oil changes

**New Business:**

Allen made a motion to suspend rules, Mullins seconded, Council unanimously approved.

Mullins made a motion to approve the 2023 Salary Ordinance # 2022-27. Haas seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

Mullins made a motion to suspend rules, Allen seconded, Council unanimously approved.

Allen made a motion to approve the Appropriation Amendment Resolution 2022-28. Mullins seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved.

Mullins made a motion to enter into a contractual agreement with Jon Parker as the Village Zoning Inspector at the rate of \$22.00/hour. Reed seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to suspend was made by Mullins and seconded by Heitger. The motion carried unanimously.

Mullins made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-29 for the advancements and transferring of funds from the general fund. The motion was seconded by Heitger. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to suspend rules was made by Mullins and seconded by Allen. The motion carried unanimously.

Allen made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-30 authorizing the Fiscal Officer to transfer, decrease and/or increase appropriations as needed. Motion was seconded by Mullins. The motion carried unanimously.

Mullins made a motion to suspend and it was seconded by Reed. The motion carried unanimously.

Reed made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-31 entering into a contract with the Regional Council of Governments for the administration of Income Tax Laws and collection (RITA). Mullins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. RITA will begin February 1, 2023. A letter to the village residents will be sent out in the first week of January, along with postings on the village website, the utility bills, and the electronic Village Hall Sign. Fiscal Officer Pam Keener will be the Village Representative and Mayor Poulson will be the Backup Representative.

Heitger motioned to allow the mayor to sign an agreement with CT Consultants for the first phase of the sanitary sewer project. Haas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mullins made the motion to terminate the contract with Liberty Prep. Reed seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Liaison Reports:**

Heitger with Streets/Sidewalks had nothing to report.

Allen reported for Fire/EMS that there were 100 calls last month. They are putting an additional .5 mill levy on the May ballot due to staff shortages and gas price increases.

Reed reported that the Veterans Memorial meeting was Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. They have two new members on the committee; Rob Kerr and Dave Schantz. The Wreaths Across America was on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Haas with Park/Trees stated that a \$25,000 donation from the Greater Wayne County Foundation was given to the village to go toward the park walking path.

Thorn with Equipment had nothing to report.

Mullins with Finance/Personnel reminded village employees to send her the requested e-mail information regarding a new village e-mail address. She also reported that all of the PEP Insurance paperwork has been turned in. There will be several changes in the next year with regards to the PEP Insurance requests.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Poulson reported that with regard to the open Police Chief Position, signed release forms will be collected over the next week and public record files will be obtained from the chosen applicants. These records could be looked at prior to deciding who to interview.

The procedure for hiring a part-time Office Administrative Assistant will continue with interviews in early January, 2023.

At 8:12 pm, Reed motioned 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. Haas seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. Invited into executive session were Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Clerk of Council Belinda Taylor, Solicitor Jason Groh, and Mayor Poulson

Reed motioned to exit executive session at 8:18 pm. Haas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Allen motioned to adjourn at 8:21 pm. Reed seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled meetings:

Council Meeting, December 30, 2022 @6pm

  
Clerk

  
Mayor