

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

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, December 6, 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, and Sergeant Rob Hartman. Guest visitors Josh Summers, Chad Souder, Bryan Taylor and Patrick Finn

Thorn made the motion to accept the October 15,2022 minutes, Haas seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes; Haas, yes; Heigter, yes; Mullins, yes; Reed yes and Thorn yes.

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

At 7:04 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, Allen seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved. Invited into executive session were Mayor Poulson, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener Clerk of Council Belinda Taylor, Sergeant Hartman, Josh Summers, and Chad Souder.

Reed made the motion to exit executive session at 7:41 pm, Heitger seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

Mullins made a motion to hire Josh Summers effective December 6, 2022, as a full-time police officer with a one-year probation and probation wage of \$22.50 per hour per Salary Ordinance 2022-22, Thorn seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

Mullins made a motion to hire Chad Souder effective December 6, 2022, as a part-time police officer with a one-year probation and a probation wage \$19.00 per Salary Ordinance 2022-22, Haas seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

Old Business: Allen stated a survey for Hazard Mitigation plan is taking place.

New Business: Reed made a motion to accept Nicolette Benford's resignation as part time office assistant and Mullins seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

Mullins stated that we have a quote from Crossbridge for the new Village email platform. Everyone will be on the same secure domain and will receive an email with a link for set it up.

Mullins also stated that she has been working on the PEP insurance renewal. We are now required to complete cyber training, which she is working on. We will also be required to use cell phones that are for business purposes only. The last item includes changes to our passwords.

Liaison Reports: Heitger with Streets/Sidewalks stated that the two properties with high grass have been mowed and Fairlawn sidewalks are basically complete except for deciding when to plant grass seed., Allen had nothing for Fire, Reed Veteran Memorial rescheduled meeting from the 5th to the 8th of December, Haas with Park/Trees stated that the quote for the walking path came in high and they are

working on grants to help pay for it. Thorn with Equipment had nothing, and Mullins with Finance/Personnel had nothing.

Police: Sergeant Hartman stated that overtime is up a little due to the lack of officers for coverage. The current crew are rotating Sundays for more coverage. He received new quote of \$2,500.00 for guns instead of the original \$6,500.00. The new car will be delivered Friday and the graphics should be in next week. Time sheets have been changed back to a weekly basis and Sergeant stated he has also been in contact with Dean Franks and he is very happy with Whitney's performance in the SRO position.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Poulson stated that the Water Tower inspection with Dixon Engineering went well. Dixon sent 2 employees. One went up and dropped a drone in the tank to take pictures that were sent to a computer so the second employee was able to control and watch what was happening inside the tower. The paint looked good, water was crystal clear, and we are now just waiting on the written report. BPA approved contract for maintenance with them.

Mayor Poulson decided to have several applicants for the Chief position sign releases so that their records could be looked at prior to deciding who to interview. Polygraphs and psychological testing will also be completed.

Mayor Poulson and Pam Keener had a meeting with a representative with RITA. The representative stated that we would have a potential income of 100,000.00 per year. They are able to use the federal government sites and other information on employed residence that may not be filing or not filing the correct amounts. They have a 95% recovery rate on income.

The part-time position will be reposted. We will be looking for a specific skill set and will conduct testing also.

Allen made the motion to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$18,356.61, Reed seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved paying the bills.

At 8:28 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, Belinda Taylor and Sergeant Hartman.

Mullins made the motion to exit executive session at 9:02 pm, Allen seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

Allen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 pm, Mullins seconded, and Council unanimously approved.

Scheduled meetings:

Council Meeting December 6, 2022 @7pm

BPA Meeting, December 12, 2022 @6pm

Council Meeting, December 20, 2022 @7pm


Clerk


Mayor