

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

March 7, 2023

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, March 7, 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, Joe Reed, and Patrick Finn. Solicitor Jason Groh, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Clerk of Council Belinda Taylor, and Sergeant Rob Hartman was also present. Tom Ballinger was present as a visitor.

Haas made the motion to approve the minutes of February 21, 2023 Council Meeting. Finn seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Heitger, yes, Reed, Abstained, Finn, yes. Council unanimously approved.

Mr. Ballinger is currently running for Sheriff of Wayne County and wanted to share his mission and platform for election.

Police Report:

Sgt. Hartman reported that Central Square is still on track to start on the March 21st. He also shared that he has signed himself and SRO Whitney Stump up for The DARE Conference in June. Officers are also being signed up for CIT Training and Hartman and Summers will be attending the CIT Advanced class.

Sgt Hartman had a gentleman come into the office that needed mental assistance. He called in the crisis center to assist and help the gentleman get the help he needed.

New tires have been put on the K-9 unit and Diesel was taken to the vet to update his shots.

Sgt Hartman also stated that the New Car is in service. The police department took/assisted in 17 calls, 1 of which was a CIT and 2 cases were sent for charges.

New Business:

Larry Allen shared that he has a few compliments for residences. Very happy with the infrastructure, roads, sidewalks, and water systems. Also, Terry Baumgardner has hired a Real-estate Agent of the old Hardware

Reed made the motion to accept James Dunnivan's resignation as of February 24, 2023. Finn seconded the motion and council unanimously approved.

Allen made the motion to accept Trisha Mullins resignation from Smithville Village Council. Heitger, no, Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes and the motion was passed.

Liaison Reports:

Heitger with Streets/Sidewalks Cold patch has been used on W. Prospect and the alley to make repairs for now.

Allen with Fire stated that the Fire Department had 103 calls last month. Also, new levy approved for the May ballot and a new Squad should be in in August.

Reed with Veterans Memorial stated they have a meeting scheduled for Thursday.

Haas with Park/Trees reported Douglas Landscaping price is increasing and Grace Church will be holding the Easter Egg Hunt again this year on April 1st. Adam and Matt installed Storm Line in park to help with standing water. Smithville High School Seniors reached out to ask if they could do a Senior project of A Day in the Park. The seniors will be painting picnic tables and mulching Veterans Memorial area.

Finn with equipment reported that the chipper is repaired and back in use.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Poulson reported that Wooster's request to annex boundaries was denied by NEFCO. Also, Pro-supply finally provided some of the paper work for payment. Chris with CT Consultants called and stated that Pro-Supply didn't want to pay the \$5,000.00 in liquidated damages and offered \$2,500.00. Decided to split the difference and accept \$3,750.00. We will now be able to close the OPWC loan. We will receive a new amortization and payment schedule.

The talks continue with Superintendent Franks with Smithville Schools about leasing the land behind Village Hall for \$1.00 per year and purchase down the road.

Mayor Poulson had a meeting with the Wayne County Health Department concerning the Smithville Inn property and possibly helping with legislature to help with funding for a new owner.

GPD group final assessment numbers and letters going out to the residence on Fairlawn Street for the new sidewalks.

Allen made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$21,304.82, Reed seconded the motion and council unanimously agreed.

Reed made a motion to enter executive session at 7:40 p.m. pursuant to ORC 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, Allen seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved. Invited into executive session were including members of Council, Solicitor Jason Groh, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, and Mayor Poulson.

Reed motioned to come out of executive session and enter regular session at 7:53 p.m. Finn seconded, and council unanimously approved.so

Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting, Reed seconded the motion and Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm.

Scheduled meetings:

Council Meeting February 24, 2023 @ 7pm

Council Meeting March 7, 2023 @ 7pm

BPA Meeting March 13, 2023


Clerk


Mayor