

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL May 02, 2023

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, May 02, 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, John Heitger, Joe Reed, Patrick Finn and Adrienne Karlen. Solicitor Jason Groh, Clerk of Council Belinda Taylor, Part-time office administrative assistant Lisa Crawford and Chief Rob Hartman.

Allen made the motion to approve the minutes of April 18, 2023 Council Meeting. Reed seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Heitger, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes and Karlen, yes. Council unanimously approved.

Heitger made the motion to enter into executive session at 7:03 p.m. pursuant to ORC 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, including members of council, Solicitor Jason Groh, Mayor Poulson, Clerk of Council Belinda Taylor, Part-time office administrative assistant Lisa Crawford and Chief Rob Hartman.

Reed made the motion to return to regular session at 7:07 p.m., Finn seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

Heitger made the motion to hire Andrea Mast as a part-time police officer with a one-year probation and a start wage of \$19.50 an hour, Reed seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

Police Report:

Chief Hartman stated the they had 165 calls with 103 of them being security checks. Three charges were sent to the prosecutor, 1 arrested and 11 citations from traffic stops. Ohio Collaborative certification has been completed. They have a grant for police vest that will pay 75% and we would pay 25%. Orders on vests are taking 4 to 6 months to receive. The representative for Lexipol is back and will now start working on completing the documents. May 13,2023 has been scheduled for the range and CPR training is scheduled for this Saturday.

Hartman provided 2 quotes for cameras for Village Hall. Nest Cameras and Cove. He also asked Brian Fike about the WIFI in the building and he stated it would be fine for the cameras. If we are placing any outside them, we may need a booster to help the range. Nest is more upfront and less over a 4-year period.

Chief Hartman also stated that he looked into getting Digital citation software for the cruisers. This allows the officer to print a citation during the traffic stop and not handwriting it. The cost is \$1800.00 total and is a web-based program.

Sergeant Summers is settling into his new role and is being sent to evidence school and taking a report writing class.

We have 2 officers in the hiring process and several applicants for the K-9 position that have experience.

Allen made the motion to approve the purchase of the Digital Citation software, Karlen seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Reed made the motion to approve the second reading of the Texting and Driving Ordinance, Heitger seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

New Business:

Finn made the motion to approve the quoted for Fike Consulting in the amount of \$8549.65. Reed seconded the motion and council unanimously approved.

Heitger made the motion to approve Pam Keener as the delegate and Tom Poulson as the alternate delegate for the Regional Council of Governments, Reed seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

Allen made the motion to approve 2023-1 Task Order with CT Consultants in the amount of \$12,000.00 for general engineering services, Finn seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

Heitger made the motion to approve the first reading amending the zoning fee's, Allen seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

Finn made the motion to approve the quote from Verizon for 9 employee cell phones, Karlen seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

Heitger made the motion to approve the financial reports for January, February and March 2023, Finn seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

Liaison Reports:

Heitger with Streets/Sidewalks stated that there was a water main break on High Street.

Allen with Fire said that the meeting was pushed to Friday will have update after that.

Karlen with Veteran's Memorial next meeting is May 7th.

Haas with Parks was absent from meeting

Finn with Equipment stated the new truck was in and ready to pick up and listing the old truck on Gov Deals

Finance/Personnel has nothing.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Poulson stated that we are still waiting on the final paperwork from Pro-Supply. Final cost came in at \$71,053.36. They need to resubmit the as-builts before payment is made.

Allen made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$87,043.93 Finn seconded the motion and council unanimously agreed.

Finn motioned to enter into executive session at 8:37 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, seconded by Reed and council unanimously approved. Invited into executive session were including members of council, Solicitor Jason Groh, and Mayor Poulson.

Heitger motioned to return to regular session at 9:12 p.m., Allen seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.

Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting, Reed seconded the motion and Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Scheduled meetings:

Council Meeting May 2, 2023 @ 7pm

Council Meeting May 16, 2023 @ 7pm

BPA Meeting May 8, 2023


Belinda Taylor

Clerk


Thomas R. Pinkney

Mayor