

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
JUNE 6, 2023

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, June 6, 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, Adrienne Karlen, Joe Reed, and Patrick Finn. Solicitor Jason Groh, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener and Clerk Belinda Taylor.

Finn made the motion to approve the minutes of May 16, 2023 Council Meeting. Reed seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Heitger, Abstain, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, and Finn, yes. Council unanimously approved.

Police Report:

Chief Hartman stated the Memorial Day parade was a success and the Lexipol is still ongoing. The department completed a range day and would like to add two more for the year for on going training. This will add an extra \$800.00 to \$900.00 in cost for the year. The department also completed the yearly CPR training,

Verizon phones have arrived and are in use by the police department and village employees. The Solve ticket program is fixed, each car must be taken up to have computers updated for VPN and then the ticket printers can be added.

The department assisted Medway Drug Task for team with multiple arrests throughout the county last month without incident.

Chief Hartman completed a review of the village fuel account and would like to open an account with RED ROVER for savings. Gas is usually 15 to 25 cents a gallon cheaper and diesel is around 30 to 40 cents a gallon saved by moving them. This will also guarantee service in a power outage or disaster. They have a generator that allows emergency personnel only to access gas.

Heitger made the motion to approve Chad Souder to the K-9 position effective July 15, 2023 at a pay rate of \$24.00 with a one-year probation. Haas seconded the motion and council unanimously approved.

Excel training will cost \$3,000.00 and will take 3-4 weeks to get Officer Souder trained.

Reed made the motion to approve payment of \$3,000.00 to Excel for K-9 training school. Finn seconded the motion and council unanimously approved.

Allen made the motion to hire Andrea Mast as a full-time officer at a pay rate of \$23.00 effective June 19, 2023 with a one-year probation. Karlen seconded the motion and council unanimously approved.

Haas made the motion to approve a \$500.00 uniform allowance for the current full-time officers. Heitger seconded the motion and council unanimously approved

Also, Chief would like to raise the court cost we are currently charging. We are currently charging \$61.00 for most and \$22.00 for seatbelts. Raising to \$85.00 for all tickets issued. Wayne County court cost for traffic is \$89.50.

Lastly Chief stated he putting together a "work program" for the individual's that state that they do not have an income. State law states we would have to go off \$10.00 dollars an hour toward their fines and cost.

Patrol vehicles are currently being maintenance.

Old Business:

Kidron Electric quoted \$3250.00 for 5 outlets for the camera install and we will need a booster for the internet for the outside install per Chief Hartman.

Reed made the motion to approve the security camera's and Kidron Electric to handle the wiring in the amount of \$3,250.00 along with the purchase of 2 solar panels. Heitger seconded the motion and council unanimously approved.

Reed made the motion to approve the 2023-5 Zoning Ordinance. Allen seconded the motion and council unanimously approved.

Haas made the motion to approve 2023-6 Texting and Driving Ordinance. Finn seconded the motion and council unanimously approved.

New Business:

The property at 523 Summit Street was reassessed by John Parker. He recommends more charges. He will be sending/serving a letter giving 30 days for clean up and reinspection. If not complete then will refer to the prosecutor's office.

RITA has asked if we would like them to take on the delinquency taxes going forward. They will send an initial letter and then the second letter is a subpoena letter.

Reed made the motion to approve RITA to handle tax delinquency process. Finn seconded the motion and council unanimously approved.

Green Local Schools submitted a lease agreement to the Village for review. The Solicitor wants the school to pay the watershed taxes on the property. Also, would like to add the dollar amount of future purchase cost. Lastly add a provision to terminate lease on 6- month notice if need to.

Allen made the motion to suspend rules, Reed seconded the motion and council unanimously approved.

Heitger made the motion to accept 2023-7 resolution for lowest 2023 Street Resurfacing and Repair bid. Allen seconded the motion and council unanimously approved.

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Heitger made the motion to accept the resolution 2023-8 awarding Melway Contract for the 2023 Street Resurfacing and Repair bid. Reed seconded the motion and council unanimously approved.

Reed made the motion to approve Mayor Poulson to MOU with RCAP for Lead Pipe Grant. Haas seconded the motion and council unanimously agreed.

Finn made the motion to suspend rules. Allen seconded the motion and council unanimously agreed.

Finn made the motion to approve resolution 2023-9 OPWC Sanitary Sewer Phase ii Authorization. Karlen seconded the motion and council unanimously agreed.

Liaison Reports:

Heitger with Street stated that Buchwalters has started the summer planters. Also, Jon Parker has been contacted on high grass on properties.

Allen with Fire nothing to report.

Karlen with Veteran's Memorial has nothing.

Haas with Parks stated that the High School Senior service day to place and helped in the park. Also, the middle school helped spread mulch.

Finn with Equipment nothing to report.

Finance/Personnel has nothing.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Poulson stated that the new water/sewer meters software would be phased in over time (3 years) and will have blue tooth technology. Core and Main will come out to a meeting and give information on the meters and software. We then build the money into the capital plan.

Fairlawn Street final assessment letters went out and residences are starting to receive them. We have several already filling out paperwork for tax assessments or paying in full.

Allen made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$37,565.85 Heitger seconded the motion and council unanimously agreed.

Finn motioned to enter into executive session at 8:28 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. Karlen seconded the Motion and Council unanimously approved. Invited into executive session were including members of council, Solicitor Jason Groh, and Mayor Poulson.

Reed motioned to return to regular session at 8:34 p.m., Haas seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.

Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting at, Reed seconded the motion and Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Scheduled meetings:

Council Meeting May16, 2023 @ 7pm

Council Meeting June 6, 2023 @ 7pm

BPA Meeting June 12, 2023


Clerk


Mayor