

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
JULY 18, 2023**

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, July 18, 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, Adrienne Karlen, Joe Reed, and Patrick Finn. Solicitor Jason Groh, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Chief Hartman, and Clerk Belinda Taylor.

Allen made the motion to approve the minutes of July 5, 2023 Council Meeting as corrected. Karlen seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, and Finn, yes. Council approved.

**Police Report:**

Chief Hartman reported the camera's will be ordered this week. The ticket printers are currently being installed in the cruisers and will go live the first of August.

Officer Souder is in K-9 training and it is going well.

Chief stated that he now has time to try and complete the work program for those people not able to pay court fines and would like to do community service. One cruiser needed an oil change and has been completed.

Officer Stump has completed her 1-year probation and Chief Hartman is requesting regular full time status effective July 22, 2023.

Reed made the motion to remove Officer Stump from probation effective July 22, 2023 pay rate of \$24.75 with the .25 step increase. Finn seconded the motion and council approved.

Chief Hartman stated that 5 cases have been turned over to the prosecutor.

**Old Business:**

Mayor Poulson set up a meeting with Green Local and Solicitor Groh to try and resolve the issue with the lease agreement.

Karlen made the motion for to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Zoning Ordinance Modification 153.035. Reed seconded the motion and council approved.

Allen brought up the fact that Northeast Street now has a lot of truck traffic and is concerned with the bridge/culvert. The street is not marked for non-truck use.

**New Business:**

Solicitor Groh is still working on the Court cost and fines. Both will be handled by an ordinance.

**Liaison Reports:**

Heitger with Streets was not present at the meeting

Allen with Fire stated the had 71 calls in June which is down slightly from May and the new Squad should be in early.

Karlen with Veteran's Memorial has nothing to report

Haas with Parks had nothing

Finn with Equipment stated that dump truck has been inspected.

Reed with Finance/Personnel stated that evaluations will be coming up in the fall.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Poulson stated that the new water/sewer meters software would be presented at a future meeting that will be set up soon and that we will be able to go from a quarterly reading to month and keep it in real time.

We have received a call about a 6<sup>th</sup> property that is questioning the drive way and amount of frontage charged. We will be looking into this with GPD group.

Finn made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$48,825.94 Allen seconded the motion and council unanimously agreed.

Haas made the motion to enter into executive session including members of council, Solicitor Jason Groh, and Mayor Tom Poulson at 7:23 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 and Council unanimously agreed.

Reed motioned to come out of executive session and enter into regular session at 7:29 p.m. Karlen seconded, and Council unanimously agreed.

Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m., and Council unanimously agreed

Scheduled meetings:

Council Meeting August 1, 2023 @ 7pm

Council Meeting August 15, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

BPA Meeting

  
Clerk

  
Mayor