

MINUTES OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

May 7, 2024

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday May 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mayor Tom Poulson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members present at roll call were Larry Allen, Matt Haas, Nathaniel Duenke, Adrienne Karlen, Joseph Reed, and Patrick Finn. Additionally Solicitor Jason Groh and Kate Hammond were in attendance.

Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2024 meeting. Reed seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Haas, abstain, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes. The minutes were approved.

The Mayor introduced Kate Hammond to Council. The Mayor recommended Kate Hammond to be hired for the part time Office Administrator Assistant position.

Reed made a motion to go into executive session at 7:05 p.m. pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official. Finn seconded the motion. Roll call: Haas, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes. Invited into the executive session were Mayor Poulson, Solicitor Groh, and Kate Hammond.

At 7:12 PM, Reed made a motion to return to regular session. Duenke seconded the motion. Roll call: Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes.

Karlen made a motion to Hire Kate Hammond to the Office Administrator's Assistant position, effective May 9, 2024. Haas seconded the Motion. Roll call: Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Duenke, yes.

The Mayor introduced Ordinance 2024-10, which is a revision to the salary ordinance to provide for the agreed upon compensation with Kate Hammond, to be effective May 7, 2024. Reed motioned to suspend the rules requiring three separate readings for Ordinance 2024-10. Duenke seconded the motion. Roll Call: Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes.

Haas made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-10, a revised salary ordinance. Finn seconded the motion. Roll call: Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes.

Old Business: The Mayor advised there had been some movement from Green Local on a proposed lease agreement. He has instructed Solicitor Groh what the changes should be and he will draft a new proposal to send to the district. Council discussed opportunities for a ODNR Grant to raise funds for a proposed future purchase of the grounds.

New Business:

The Mayor introduced Ordinance 2024-11, the Community Reinvestment Area Ordinance that was up for 3rd Reading. The Mayor advised that there was one change to prior versions of the Ordinance. The "Housing Officer" position will be filled by the Mayor instead of the Fiscal Officer as previously presented. There are no other changes to the proposed ordinance.

Finn motioned to adopt Ordinance 2024-11, an Ordinance creating a Community Reinvestment Area within the Village of Smithville. Duenke seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes.

The Mayor advised Council that it was time to renew the electric rates contract. The rates vary on a daily basis but the Mayor always works to ensure the best rates are available. Allen motioned to authorize the Mayor to enter into a new contract for electric rates. Duenke seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes.

The Mayor introduced Resolution 2024-12, a Resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to finalize 2023 revisions. Allen motioned to suspend the rules requiring three separate readings for Resolution 2024-12. Karlen seconded the motion. Roll call: Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes.

Karlen motioned to adopt Resolution 2024-12. Reed seconded the motion. Roll call: Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Duenke, yes.

The Mayor introduced Resolution 2024-13, a Resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to transfer funds. Allen motioned to suspend the rules requiring three separate readings for Resolution 2024-13. Haas second the motion. Roll call: Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes.

Haas motioned to adopt Resolution 2024-13. Reed seconded the motion. Roll call: Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes.

Liaison reports:

Streets/Sidewalks: Finn advised the Adam received quotes for repairs around South Mill St., Northeast St., Center St., and Eldorado St. and will be selecting the lowest quote. Street sweeping will be occurring on May 8 and Mosquito spraying will take place on May 20.

Fire: Allen reported there were 78 runs in April.

Police: No report

Veteran's Memorial: Karlen advised that the group has an upcoming meeting on Friday to plan for the Memorial Day parade.

Park/Trees: Haas advised that there is a leak in the water fountain that will be repaired.

Equipment: Duenke advised there were issues with a mower and it was being repaired. Additionally, the F-250 was having a tire repaired.

Finance/Personnel: No report.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor advised council of additional issues related to utility billing and discussed the efforts to correct them.

Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$22,829.54. Duenke seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes. The motion carried.

There being no further business of council, Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Reed Seconded. Roll call: Haas, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Approved: 5-21-24


Clerk


Mayor

