

## MINUTES OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

January 9, 2023

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mayor Tom Poulson called the meeting to order. Members present at roll call were, Larry Allen, Matt Haas, Adrienne Karlen, and Nate Duenke. Additionally, Chief Hartman, Solicitor Jason Groh, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, and Council Clerk Belinda Taylor.

Allen made the motion to approve the minutes of December 27, 2023. Duenke seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Karlen, and Duenke, yes. Council approved.

Chief Hartman stated that he is still waiting on the new car and hopes it will be here in a couple weeks. Also, noted that calls and traffic stops are up. Two new hires for part time officers are requested. E. Malena and J. Bruner. They both have worked at other agencies and Malena is a certified SRO so she will be a backup for the schools.

Karlen made the motion to enter executive session at 7:08 p.m. pursuant to RC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, or compensation of a public employee. Haas seconded the motion and council agreed.

Haas made the motion to return to regular session at 7:18 p.m. Duenke seconded the motion and all agreed.

Duenke made the motion to hire Malena as a part time officer at \$24.00 an hour and 6-month probation. Karlen seconded the motion with unanimous vote.

Haas made the motion to approve Bruner as a part time officer at \$24.00 an hour and 6-month probation. Allen seconded the motion and all agreed.

### **Old Business:**

Mayor Poulson has no new information of the Green Local Schools Lease currently.

Gov Deals ordinance is tabled to next meeting.

Solicitor Groh is still working on Traffic Visibility currently.

### **New Business:**

Currently there is no new business.

### **Liaison Report:**

Finn with Streets/Sidewalks is meeting with Adam to get an overview of the town and projects.

Allen with Fire stated that 2 new men have been hired and there is a meeting on Thursday.

Karlen with Veterans Memorial has nothing new.

Haas stated that Adam did receive a quote for the batting cage concrete.

**Mayors Report:**

Mayor Poulson stated he has a meeting scheduled with Marybeth from Wayne to go over the Ohio Community Reinvestment Area Program.

GPD group is looking at a grant from the State Emergency Funds for us.

The OPWC project contractor is talking with Burkey Excavating to handle the point repairs for the project.

Scott Wigham with the State Capital project is working on a grant project for the park.

Adam stated that the meter reader is no longer working and received quotes for replacement which BPA approved. Replacement would be \$13,500.00 or we could purchase an auto gun and 2 phones at \$4,000.00 plus the cost of 2 phones. Android works best with the software.

What is the process and regulations of condemning a house? Would it be better than continuing with the courts for the Summit Street house. Currently there is a furnace on the front porch.

Allen made the motion to enter Executive session at 7:38 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. Haas seconded the motion and all agreed. Included in the session is the Mayor, Solicitor Groh, Council, Chief Hartman, and Clerk of Council.

Allen made the motion to return to regular session at 7:48 p.m. Karlen seconded the motion and council agreed.

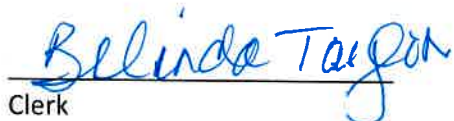
Allen made the motion to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Duenke seconded the motion and all agreed.

Scheduled meetings:

Council Meeting January 9, 2024 @ 7pm

Council Meeting January 24, 2024 @ 7 pm

BPA Meeting January 8, 2024

  
Clerk

  
Mayor