

MINUTEST OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

FEBRURY 6, 2024

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, February 6, 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, Nate Duenke, and Adrienne Karlen. Additionally, Chief Harman, Solicitor Jason Groh, and Fiscal Officer Pam Keener.

Allen made the motion to approve the amended minutes of January 24, 2023. Haas seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, Haas, Duenke, and Karlen, yes. Council approved as amended.

Tom Ballinger candidate for Wayne County Sheriff in attendance to announce his candidacy for sheriff.

Correspondence: Mayor passed around the ODOT bridge report for council to review.

Police Report: Chief Hartman read his monthly police report. Report submitted for the record. Chief Hartman reported that the court found the people located at 523 North Summit guilty.

Old Business:

- Green Local: No new movement on Green Local Schools lease.
- Traffic Visibility Study: Jason is still working on traffic visibility.
- OPWC: OPWC wanted a formal resolution. With the absence of two council meetings. Moved to next meeting in order to suspend rules.

New Business:

PEP annual insurance renewal. Allen made the motion to have the mayor sign the PEP annual renewal. Dunke seconded the motion and all agreed.

Haas reported that Jamie Leach, a realtor, would like to donate a certain amount of home sales to a park fund. Suggestion was made that establishing a fund would need to run through the Wayne County community foundation. Solicitor indicated that to start a fund with the foundation that \$10K is needed. Discussed creating an internal trust fund on the village's books until the fund reached \$10K. Hass made a motion was to appoint Jamie Leach to the Park Committee. Karlen seconded the motion and all agreed.

Liaison Report:

- Street – Adam getting quotes on chip and seal. Prospect tree not being paved until we determine if water mains need replaced.
- Fire – Fire Dept. had 2 new guys.
- Vet. Mem. – Nothing to report

- Parks – Adam in progress of getting quotes for batting cage. Haas reported that a piece of playground equipment was coned off. Due to insurance risk, determined that the equipment should be removed permanently.
- Equipment – Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report:

- CRA – New map provide. Legislation will provide Marybeth Burns legislation. Reason is to have a tool for downtown investment. Parameters to be developed in the future.
- Center/Eldorado - GPD to come and discuss the drainage project for Center/Eldorado.
- Emails – Mayor requested that all village employees get on the same e-mail domain.


Executive Session:

Duenke made a motion to go into executive session at 7:41 p.m. pursuant to ORC 121.22 (A) (1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official. Karlen seconded and all agreed. Included in executive session was Mayor, Solicitor and Fiscal Officer.

Allen made the motion to return to regular session at 8:26. Duenke seconded the motion and all agreed.

Allen made a motion to adjourn at 8:27. Duenke seconded the motion and all agreed.

Approved: March 5, 2024


Clerk


Mayor