

MINUTEST OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

FEBRURY 20, 2024

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, February 20, 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, Joseph Reed, and Patrick Finn. Additionally, Solicitor Jason Groh was in attendance.

Allen made the motion to approve the amended minutes from the February 6, 2024 meeting. Haas seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, Abstain, Finn, Abstain. As there was not a majority, the minutes were not approved and will be reviewed at the next council meeting.

The Mayor recognized a visitor, Meredith Craig, candidate for Ohio House of Representatives. Mrs. Craig shared information about herself and her candidacy.

Old Business: the Mayor advised that a lease agreement with Greene Local Schools is still on hold and that Solicitor Groh is still reviewing traffic visibility on North Milton street for possible new ordinance.

The Mayor presented Resolution 2024-4, a resolution accepting the lowest and best bid and authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer, acting for an don behalf of Smithville, Ohio to enter into an agreement with Insituform Technologies, LLC, as the lowest and best bidder to provide the necessary labor and materials for completion of the 2023 OPWC sanitary sewer rehabilitation, and declaring an emergency.

Reed motioned to suspend the rules requiring three separate readings for Resolution 2024-4, Finn seconded the motion. Roll call: Haas, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes. The motion carried.

Reed motioned to approve Resolution 2024-4, Karlen seconded. Roll call: Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes. Motion carried.

New Business: the Mayor advised that Jon Parker received a voicemail from a citizen questioning Smithville's ordinances regarding marijuana businesses after the passage of Issue 2 last year. Council discussed the state's timeline for setting guidelines.

Council also learned that the Duke station has 2 ballot issues on the March primary to allow for alcohol sales.

Liaison reports:

Streets/Sidewalks: Finn advised that some pot holes had been patched around town and that Most Paving would be giving a quote regarding paving the parking lot in Village Hall.

Fire: No report

Police: The Mayor advised that the new police cruiser has been received and is currently being outfitted.

Veteran's Memorial: Karlen advised the next meeting would be at 5:15 PM on February 29 at the Brethren Church.

Park/Trees: Haas reported that Adam and Matt removed the bouncy toy that was broken. Grace Church has requested to reserve the pavilion for an egg hunt on March 23 from 9AM-1PM. Smithville Youth Soccer provided the schedule for their use of the fields. The Village has received 3 quotes for paving the concrete path near the batting cage. Adam is reviewing them and the best quote will be selected. The next park meeting will occur the week of March 11 at a date and time to be determined later.

Equipment: No report.

Finance/Personnel: No report

Mayor's Report: Kevin Hare from WEDC reached back out regarding the CRA. The Mayor advised council on the anticipated next steps for that development. The Mayor advised on the status of the El Dorado drainage study. No formal meeting has been scheduled with GDP Group. The Mayor anticipates a meeting in late March for GDP Group to share their study results and funding opportunities with Council. The Mayor reported the Office software has been converted and we are now live in the new software. Renovations at Village Hall are ongoing. The mayor also advised it was discovered there is an issue with a heating coil in the building at the park used by the Boy Scouts. Adam will get quotes for repair.

Haas made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$46,894.66. Karlen seconded the motion. Roll call: Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes. Motion carried.

Allen made a motion to approve the second grouping of bills in the amount of \$76,892.20. Reed seconded the motion. Roll call: Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Karlen, yes.

Allen made a motion to approve the third grouping of bills in the amount of \$17,185.40. Finn seconded the motion. Roll call: Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes.

At 7:50 PM, Reed made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee. Finn seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes. Motion carried.

At 8:19 PM, Finn made a motion to return to regular session. Reed seconded. Roll call: Haas, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business of council, Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Finn Seconded. Roll call: Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Approved March 5, 2024



Clerk



Mayor