

MINUTES OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

APRIL 2, 2024

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, April 2, 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, Nathaniel Duenke, Adrienne Karlen, Joseph Reed, and Patrick Finn. Additionally, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Solicitor Jason Groh, and Chief of Police Rob Hartman were in attendance.

Karlen made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2024 meeting. Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, abstain. The minutes were approved.

There were no visitors or correspondence.

Chief Hartman offered the police report from March. Calls were up by 59 from February. 7 individuals were referred to the prosecutor's office for charges. There were 46 traffic citations. The Chief will be attending range instructor school from April 8-12. There was another incident with the SRO vehicle where it was struck again when it was at the graphics company to receive new striping. It is again being repaired.

Chief Hartman discussed an opportunity for himself and two other officers to attend Active Threat Response training through the Ohio Tactical Officers Association. There is a grant to cover the cost of training so the Village will not incur any cost for it.

Old Business: None

New Business: Reed made a motion to approve the application for the Active Threat Response training Grant through the Ohio Attorney General's Office. Haas seconded the motion. Roll call: Haas, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes. The motion carried.

The Mayor advised Council that the Village is eligible to apply for a grant from the Public Entities Pool (PEP) of Ohio. The Grant is for \$1,000.00 and funds risk control or risk management efforts. Finn made a motion to approve the application for the PEP grant. Duenke seconded the motion. Roll call: Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes. The motion carried.

The Mayor introduced a new Ordinance for the Community Reinvestment Area as worked on in conjunction with the Wayne Economic Development Council. The Mayor asked that Council approve it for First Reading. Reed made a motion to put the Ordinance on First Reading. Karlen seconded the motion. Roll call: Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Duenke, yes. The motion carried and the Ordinance was approved for First Reading.

Liaison reports:

Streets/Sidewalks: Finn provided a copy of the quote from Melway paving for the Village Hall parking lot. It was the lowest quote and he and Adam felt it was the most appropriate for the project and will be moving forward with it. Actual work to be done at a later determined date.

Fire: No report.

Police: No report

Veteran's Memorial: Karlen advised that the next meeting is on April 11 at 5:15 PM at the Brethren Church.

Park/Trees: Haas advised the next meeting will be April 24.

Equipment: No report

Finance/Personnel: Reed reported four interviews had occurred for the office position.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor advised he had a meeting earlier in the day at the sewer plant. There were some issues with a tertiary treatment filter and a solution was being worked out for a fix in lieu of ordering an expensive part.

The Mayor also advised that there had been good progress on cleaning of the house at 523 N. Summit St. and is hopeful the progress will continue

Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$12,246.66. Finn seconded the motion. Roll call: Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes. The motion carried.

There being no further business of council, Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Reed Seconded. Roll call: Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Approved: April 16, 2024



Clerk



Mayor