

MINUTES OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

APRIL 16, 2024

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mayor Tom Poulson called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Members present at roll call were Larry Allen, Nathaniel Duenke, Adrienne Karlen, Joseph Reed, and Patrick Finn. Additionally, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Solicitor Jason Groh, Chief of Police Rob Hartman, Maribeth Burns, President of the Wayne Economic Development Council, and Amy Hescht were in attendance.

Reed made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2024 meeting. Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes. The minutes were approved.

The Mayor introduced Amy Hescht to council. The Mayor recommended Amy Hescht to be hired for the full time Office Administrator position.

Duenke made a motion to go into executive session at 7:04 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: Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes. Invited into the executive session were Mayor Poulson, Solicitor Groh, Chief Hartman, Fiscal Officer Keener and Amy Hescht.

At 7:09 PM, Allen made a motion to return to regular session. Reed seconded the motion. Roll call: Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes.

Reed made a motion to Hire Amy Hescht to the Office Administrator's position, effective April 29, 2024. Finn seconded the Motion. Roll call: Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Duenke, yes.

The Mayor introduced Ordinance 2024-8, which is a revision to the salary ordinance to provide for the agreed upon compensation with Amy Hescht, to be effective April 29, 2024. Allen motioned to suspend the rules requiring three separate readings for Ordinance 2024-8. Karlen seconded the motion. Roll Call: Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes.

Allen made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-8, a revised salary ordinance. Reed seconded the motion. Roll call: Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes.

Old Business: Maribeth Burns spoke to Council about the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) that Council is adopting. She talked through the process and the benefits that other communities have seen by approving a CRA. Finn motioned to approve a second reading of the CRA Ordinance. Duenke seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes.

New Business: The Mayor advised that community wide yard sales would be held April 27th and 28th. He further introduced Ordinance 2024-9, an emergency measure to authorize traffic control during the yard sales on April 26th and 27th. Reed made a motion to suspend the rules requiring three separate readings of Ordinance 2024-9. Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes.

Duenke motioned to adopt Ordinance 2024-9. Finn seconded the motion. Roll call: Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes.

Liaison reports:

Streets/Sidewalks: Finn advised the durapatcher was filled and Adam is working on repairing alleyways.

Fire: Allen reported there were 114 calls in March. 87 of those were EMS calls, with 65 transports.

Police: Chief Hartman reported that the SRO cruiser is back in service.

Veteran's Memorial: Karlen advised that the last meeting was held on April 11. The group is planning the Memorial Day Parade.

Park/Trees: No report.

Equipment: No report

Finance/Personnel: No report.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor advised that CT Consultants had been sold to a larger company Verdantas from Dublin, Ohio.

A meeting with GDP group will still be forthcoming

The Mayor updated council on staffing of the office and continued problems discovered after the departure of the last office administrator.

Duenke motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$46,018.13. Allen seconded the motion. Roll call: Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Duenke, yes. The motion carried.

There being no further business of council, Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Karlen Seconded. Roll call: Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Approved: 5-7-24


Clerk


Mayor