

MINUTES OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

July 1, 2024

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Monday July 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mayor Tom Poulson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members present at roll call were Larry Allen, Nathaniel Duenke, Adrienne Karlen, Matt Hass, and Patrick Finn. Additionally, Solicitor Jason Groh, Police Chief Hartman, and Office Assistant Amy Hescht were in attendance.

Minutes from June 18th, 2024 meeting could not be approved due to needing 4 votes.

The Smithville Girls Track Team & families were in attendance: Seth, Becky, Shelby & Cheyenne Schenk, Erik, Jessica, Ethan & Makayla Dravenstott, Cole Smtih, Nancy Dravenstott, Art, Jennifer & Kaitlyn Carr, Amanda Endman, Magdelin Wenger, Andy Bratcher, Dean Frank, Kirstie & Averie Mahas & Geoffrey Zimmerly

Proclamation made for Smithville Girls Track Saturday, July 7th, 2024 and certificate presented to the team.

Chief Hartman reported 354 incidents last month which was down from previous month due to lack of coverage. Vest grant was approved for \$8K and mentioned traffic camera.

Old Business:

Traffic Visibility – nothing new to report.

Public meeting has been set for 6pm Thursday August 8th to discuss income tax credit changes to increase funds for safety services. Fiscal Officer, Pam Keener working with Chief Hartman to create brochure to be mailed to village residents. Flyer tentative mail date will be the week of July 8th, 2024. Meeting will be posted on Village sign and website. Solicitor Jason Groh will set the public forum with bullet points. Setting a limit for people to speak then after council will respond.

New Business:

Finn made motion to approve the 2025 Tax budget, seconded by Kalen. Budget was approved by all in attendance.

Solicitor provided example for policy for marijuana for employees of the village. He suggested only a simple motion for approval. Staff would need to sign-off on the policy.

Solicitor to provide legislation for restrictions for marijuana dispensaries until State provides further direction.

Solicitor also announced Reed (Council President) and his wife welcomed a baby girl, Elowyn, last Thursday.

Liaison reports:

Streets/Sidewalks: No report.

Fire: Allen stated new squad not lettered yet and addition is coming along.

Veteran's Memorial: Military working on dog statue, possibly a German Shepard. Also, may need to add space force to the memorial.

Park/Trees: No report.

Equipment: No report.

Finance/Personnel: No report.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor discussed RCAP – EPA assessment of lines and connections within the Village will begin the week of August 5 to 12 – concerning lead-based pipes – public & private. Required by October 16,2024 and will have 10 years to abate. July utility billing included a flyer to encourage self-testing – QR code or form. Hope for self-compliance. This will need posted to website, sign, utility bills, post office, Village Hall, and possibly newspaper. The Mayor stated the pay app for the 2023 OPWC project was approved. Bid opening for the 2024 OPWC project will be July 12th at noon. The Mayor also detailed the water pressure situation for the June 19th boil alert. Chief Hartman now has the Nixle text alert messaging system set-up. Account had been blocked due to non-payment, but is now reinstated with 1-year free service. The Mayor met with Congressman Max Miller last Saturday. Congressman Miller plans to visit every elected official in the 1st year of office. He would like a list of projects, preferably larger ones. The Mayor informed him of the land purchase, police funding/grants, abundance of EPA requirements, and discussed a visit to Smithville sometime to see Historical Society, school, village hall, etc. The Mayor also spoke with Johnathan Hofstetter about the community center possibly going to land bank. The Mayor also reported Chief Hartman negotiated a \$400 credit with Cintas due to over billing.

Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$41,869.72. Duenke seconded the motion.

Roll call: Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Haas, yes. The motion carried.

Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Duenke Seconded. Roll call: Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Approved: 7-16-24


Clerk


Mayor