

MINUTES OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

July 16, 2024

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday July 16, 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, Joseph Reed, Adrienne Karlen, and Matt Haas. Additionally, Solicitor Jason Groh and Office Assistant Amy Hescht were in attendance.

Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2024 meeting. Duenke seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Duenke, yes, Reed, yes, Karlen, yes, Haas, yes. The minutes were approved.

There were no visitors or correspondence.

Police – no items to report.

Hass made a motion to go into executive session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss probationary status of police officers. Reed seconded the motion. Roll call: Haas, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes. Invited to the executive session were May Poulson, Solicitor Groh, and Amy Hescht.

At 7:10 p.m., Reed made a motion to return to regular session. Duenke seconded the motion. Roll call: Reed, yes, Duenke, yes, Haas, yes, Karlen, yes, Allen, yes.

Haas made a motion to move Officer Bruner off probationary status effective 7/28/24. Karlen seconded the motion. Roll call: Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes & Duenke, yes.

Karlen made a motion to continue probationary status for Malena until 12/31/24. Reed seconded the motion. Roll call: Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes & Duenke, yes.

Old Business:

Traffic Visibility – Nothing new to report.

Forum for Public Meeting was discussed. Solicitor Groh expressed the need to set-up an outline for the forum at the next council meeting on August 6, 2024 meeting. Items to note are the call to order, explain the forum of the meeting, time limit for residents to speak and council responses. Meeting will be posted on Village sign and website.

Allen made a motion to place a suspension on marijuana dispensaries. Duenke seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes and Reed, yes.

Motion to approve **Resolution 2024-14** (Moratorium on Marijuana Dispensaries) made by Allen and seconded by Karlen. Roll call: Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes. Resolution 2024-14 approved and signed.

New Business:

Draft GLS land purchase agreement was discussed. Solicitor Groh had 3 adjustments to update before sending Tom to forward to GLS. First item was to change the quick claim deed to a warranty deed. Second item was the option to expire after 2 years needs to be aligned with the option to renew with the lease. Third item was notary language that needed to be corrected.

Liaison reports:

Streets/Sidewalks: No report.

Fire: Allen stated calls were down to 79 last month, new squad is on the road and new addition will be getting drywall and paint this week.

Police: No report.

Veteran's Memorial: No report.

Park/Trees: Haas stated the concrete pad for the batting cage is done and noted the gap was filled in the path.

Equipment: Duenke reported the front caster on the Ferris won't hold air, but they are taking to get repaired.

Finance/Personnel: No report.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor mentioned we need to start preparing the 2025 appropriation. The 5-year capital plan will need to be completed this fall as this has not been updated for a few years. The Mayor received notice today concerning the soon completion of the 2023 OPWC project. There is some paving on Northeast Street that will need to be repaired first. Bids for the 2024 OPWC projects were opened on July 12th. Four bids were received with the lowest being Insight Pipe for \$229K. CT Consultants are reviewing the bid details. The Mayor will ask RCAP where we stand with the water survey's being turned in. They will start on site testing the first week of August.

Allen motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$173,068.24. Duenke seconded the motion. Roll call: Haas, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, Allen, yes. The motion carried.

Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Karlen Seconded. Roll call: Duenke, yes, Reed, yes, Karlen, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Approved: 8-6-24

Amy Hsawt
Clerk

Tom R. Johnson
Mayor