

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL January 24, 2023

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 7:05 pm in the Village Hall. Mayor Tom Poulson called the meeting to order. Members present at roll call were Larry Allen, Matt Haas, Tricia Mullins, Joe Reed, and Patrick Finn. Solicitor Jason Groh, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, and Clerk of Council Belinda Taylor, and visitor Lisa Crawford was also present.

Allen motioned to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2022 Council Meeting as corrected. Mullins seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes. Haas, abstain, Mullins, yes, and Finn, abstained. The minutes of the December 30, 2022 will not be approved until a quorum of 5 members are present.

Allen made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 Council Meeting. Mullins seconded the motion. Roll call: Haas, yes, Mullins, yes, Reed, abstain, Finn, yes, Allen, yes. The minutes of the January 10, 2023 will not be approved until a quorum of 5 members are present.

Police Report:

Sgt. Hartman reported that the K-9 has been picked up from Christian. Lexipol meeting next week for policies and procedures. Also meeting with Tom Vaughn about Certify in Excellence program.

The K-9 car will need new tires in the next 30 to 60 days.

James Donnivan is on track with training and has completed the computer training. Sgt. Hartman also stated that he has two people interested in the K-9 position.

Reed made a motion to enter executive session at 7:15 p.m. pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, or compensation of a public employee. Haas seconded, and Council unanimously approved. Invited into session were members of Council, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Solicitor Jason Groh, Clerk of Council Belinda Taylor, and Mayor Poulson

Reed made the motion to exit executive session and enter regular session at 7:20 p.m. Mullins seconded, and council unanimously approved.

Mullins made the motion to hire Lisa Crawford as the Administrative Assistant effective January 26, 2023 at a rate of \$18.00 an hour with a 6-month probation period, Haas seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

Mayor Poulson stated that John Heitger with the planning commission approved a plat of the lot on Summit St and Prospect St. A survey was completed to establish property lines. The alley between was vacated and incorporate to plot.

Reed made the motion to approve the plat of Summit and Prospect; Finn seconded the motion and council unanimously approved.

Allen made a motion to approve Myrtle Farms Application for Agricultural District, Reed seconded it and council unanimously approved.

Mayor Poulson stated that the PEP renewal has a slight increase this year.

Mullins made the motion to approve the PEP renewal for 2023, Allen seconded the motion, and council unanimously approved.

Reed made the motion to suspend rules, Allen seconded the motion, council unanimously approved.

Reed made the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-1 adopting the income Tax Rules and Regulations of the Regional Income Tax Agency, Mullins seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

Allen made a motion to approve the contract with REA & Associates to assist with 2022-year end balancing, Haas seconded, and Council unanimously approved.

Liaison Reports:

Allen stated the run report showed 1193 calls and transports. There is a 4 mill levy to replace the 3.5 mill levy on the ballot, and they need at least 2 new people, with one retiring.

Haas reported there was a park meeting last week and they are still moving forward with planning.

Finn stated he met with Adam and Matt for an overview and he has nothing else on equipment at this time.

Mullins reported that the final stages of the Chief interviews will be soon, PEP policies are being completed and emails are going out about the new emails. Crossbridge is having some difficulty with some of the email domains.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Poulson advised that he had been contacted by Doug Drussel about a new development in the village and wanted to set a meeting up.

Mayor Poulson was also contacted again by FPA from Wooster. Mayor Poulson stated that nothing had changed on either side and that the new rules have not yet been adopted so they could not be used yet. He also stated to them that our concerns have not been addressed so our position has not changed.

Mayor also stated that BPA approved the EQ pump to be replaced and also that Hershey Machine will be rebuilding the bearings in the tertiary filters at a cost of \$4,000.00. They also approved the UV lamps to be replaced at a cost of \$8,020.00 at the Water/Wastewater plant.

The 2021 Ohio Department of Development Water/Wastewater didn't come through the first time however now another 250 million has been approved for the remaining applicants so we may receive money for the Sanitary Sewer Project.

Christian only completed 15 months of the 40 months needed to cover the schooling for the K-9 so we collected the remaining money out of his last two pay checks.

Reed made a motion to enter executive session at 7:58 p.m. pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (3) for conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action, Haas seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved. Invited into executive session were including members of Council, Solicitor Jason Groh, Clerk of Council Belinda Taylor, and Mayor Poulson.

Reed motioned to come out of executive session and enter regular session at 8:12 p.m. Haas seconded, and council unanimously approved.

Reed motioned to adjourn the meeting, Allen seconded the motion and Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm.

Scheduled meetings:

Council Meeting February 7, 2023 @ 7pm
Council Meeting February 24, 2023 @ 7pm
BPA Meeting March 13, 2023


Belinda Taylor

Clerk

Thomas R. Fisher

Mayor


