

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

November 7, 2023

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 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, Adriene Karlen, Joe Reed, and Patrick Finn. Additionally, Solicitor, Jason Goh, Council Clerk Belinda Taylor, Chief Hartman, and guest Nate Duenke.

Allen made the motion to approve the minutes of Oct 17, 2023 Council Meeting as corrected. Karlen seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed yes, and Finn, yes. Council approved.

Police Report: Calls up 46 (293 calls), 4 charges sent over and 2 juvenile cases. Chief Hartman stated that the new school contract has been signed. The new cruiser should be fitted out soon and in our hands. Chief Hartman had a conversation with Blue Line Solutions. The company provides cameras that are placed school zones for speed monitoring. The electronic camera's take pictures of the traffic and will issue citations for any speeding within the zone. Grant money can be used and is currently being looked at. Sgt Summers will be sent for taser training soon. Officer Mast will also be sent for training. Chief is still working on the set up of the work program for those that cannot pay the fines for court. Lastly, we have received 3 applications and 1 is interviewing. The other two have had past issues that disqualify them.

Chief Hartman and the officers have decided to look at doing some extra community relation projects. Suggestions have been: Coffee with an Officer, ice cream social and stuff a cruiser next Christmas.

Old Business:

Mayor Poulson stated that he is waiting for an email with the lease agreement proposed from Green Local Schools.

Gov Deals is on hold until the first of 2024 so that the ordinance will be valid all year.

Traffic Visibility Ordinance 153.020 will continue with input from council. Current complaints with low visibility and limited maneuverability at the corner of N. Summit and Prospect.

New Business:

Haas made the motion to suspend rules, Reed seconded the motion and council unanimously agreed.

Finn made the motion to approve 2023-19 Appropriation and estimate resources amendment #2 to keep the village finances in proper order. Finn seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved.

Reed made the motion to approved Sgt Summers removal from probation effective November 6, 2023 at a pay rate of \$29.00. Finn seconded the motion and council unanimously agreed.

Karlen made the motion to remove K-9 Officer Chad Souder from probation effective November 6, 2023 at a pay rate of \$27.00. Allen seconded the motion and council unanimously agreed.

Finn made the motion to remove Officer Mast from probation effective November 6, 2023 at a pay rate of \$26.00. Haas seconded the motion and council unanimously approved.

Liaison Report:

Finn with Streets/Sidewalks stated that he had nothing. However, with equipment the pickup has new tires and the plows are on the trucks ready to go.

Allen with Fire stated that they had 104 calls last month which set a record. They are currently interviewing for 2 new hires.

Allen missed 2 meetings last month due to illness and thinks that we need to appoint an alternate for future issues. Finn volunteered to handle it.

Karlen with Veteran's Memorial stated that current balance in the Greater Wayne Fund was \$20,224.44

Haas with Parks stated that they have winterized the bathrooms. The walking path edge and backfield has had grass seed planted for next year. The batting cage area will be finished in the spring.

Mayor's Report:

Marybeth with the Ohio Community Reinvestment Act of Wayne County asked if we preferred Commercial only or commercial and residential for the downtown area. Agreement of both across the board.

The EPA was in for inspections. Backflow is complete with all companies in compliance. We will send a letter annually for testing and certification from them as completed.

Nothing has changed with the Drainage project on Eldorado and Center Street.

Nothing new for OPWC project and rebid.

Tax changes taking place and Jason will work on Rita adopted language for tax code going forward.

Allen made a motion to approve paying bills in the amount of \$25,297.74. Karlen seconded the motion and council unanimously approved.

Haas made the motion to enter executive session at 8:20 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. Reed seconded the motion and council unanimously agreed.

8:29 p.m. Reed made the motion to return to regular session, Finn 2nd, unanimous vote.

8:30 p.m. Allen motioned to adjourn, Reed 2nd, unanimous vote.

Scheduled meetings:

Council Meeting November 21, 2023 @ 7pm

Council Meeting December 5, 2023 @ 7pm

BPA Meeting December 4, 2023


Clerk


Mayor