

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

December 06, 2023

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 7:01 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mayor Tom Poulson called the meeting to order. Members present at roll call were, Larry Allen, Matt Haas, Adrienne Karlen, Joe Reed, and Patrick Finn. Additionally, Solicitor Jason Groh, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, and Council Clerk Belinda Taylor. Guest Nate Duenke.

Allen made the motion to approve the minutes of November 21, 2023 Council Meeting. Karlen seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed yes, and Finn, yes. Council approved.

Finn made the motion to appoint Nate Duenke to Smithville Village Council. Haas seconded the motion and council unanimously agreed.

Police Report: Chief Hartman not present. Mayor Poulson stated that Chief has had a couple of part time applicants. Also, was invited by Dalton to attend some academy classes for new recruits.

Old Business:

Mayor Poulson received the contract back from Green Local Schools and the language is still not what the village would like to see. Solicitor Groh will look over it and contact the school. If an agreement is reached the school board will need to approve before we get it back.

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

Traffic Visibility Ordinance 153.020 is on hold for further review.

Solicitor Groh is making some small changes to the ordinance that Rita has provided. The revised copy will be presented for approval soon.

New Business:

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

Allen made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-21 2024 Budget and Annual Appropriations resolution. Karlen seconded the motion and council unanimously approved.

Karlen attended the planning board meeting and two items were discussed. Kendle's would like to change their lot and submitted an application that was approved. Also, Dravenstott's has submitted a preapproval for plat changes. Mayor Poulson stated that Dravenstott's will be selling to business owners and will complete a survey going forward. Also, BPA will charge the \$1600.00 tap in fee to the business owners that need meters. One meter is currently in place handling the separate businesses. Jason will look at the agreement between Village and Dravenstott.

Karlen made the motion to approve the Kendle Plat. Allen seconded the motion and council unanimously approved.

State Capital project grants have been brought to the attention of Mayor Poulson. Jennifer with CT consultants feels as though we should investigate these for the future. There is a possibility of matching the grant from Greater Wayne Foundation.

Liaison Report:

Finn with Streets/Sidewalks stated that he had nothing.

Allen with Fire stated no new updates the next meeting is tomorrow night.

Karlen with Veteran's Memorial nothing new and, also have a meeting tomorrow night.

Haas with Parks nothing new currently.

Finn with equipment has nothing new to this point.

Reed with Personnel and Finance has nothing new currently.

Finn was approached by a resident that wanted to know if more lighting could be added to the downtown square area. Mayor Poulson stated the ADP could add it to the electric poles for \$10.00 per month and we can look into that. Resident would like to see some improvement in the area to make it look nicer. Mayor Poulson stated that we have several projects ahead of that and possibly down the road.

Mayor's Report:

Marybeth with the Ohio Community Reinvestment Act of Wayne County would like to expand the area all the way to Sam's Pizza/railroad tracks.

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

Rebid finally took place for the 2023 OWPC Project. Several bids for the relining but no one on the point repairs. We will find out if Burkey's would be willing to subcontract with the general to complete the project.

Allen made a motion to approve paying bills in the amount of \$94,144.44. Duenke seconded the motion and council unanimously approved.

Reed made the motion to enter executive session at 8:03 p.m. pursuant to R.C. 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, or compensation of a public employee, included are Council, Mayor Poulson, and Solicitor Groh. Finn seconded the motion and council unanimously approved.

At 8:42 Reed motioned to return to regular session, Finn seconded, unanimous vote.

At 8:43 p.m. Allen motioned to adjourn, Karlen 2nd, unanimous vote.


Scheduled meetings:

Council Meeting December 19, 2023 @ 7pm

Council Meeting December 27, 2023 @ 7pm

BPA Meeting January 8, 2023


Clerk


Mayor