

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**February 7, 2023**

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 7:03 pm in the Village Hall. Mayor Tom Poulson called the meeting to order. Members present at roll call were Larry Allen, Matt Haas, John Heitger, Tricia Mullins, Joe Reed, and Patrick Finn. Solicitor Jason Groh, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Clerk of Council Belinda Taylor, and Sergeant Rob Hartman was also present.

Reed motioned to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2023 Council Meeting as corrected. Mullins seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes. Haas, abstain, Mullins, yes, and Finn, yes, and Council unanimously approved the minutes.

Allen made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 Council Meeting. Heitger seconded the motion. Roll call: Haas, yes, Heitger, yes, Mullins, yes, Reed, abstain, Finn, yes, Allen, yes. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

Allen made the motion to approve the minutes of January 24, 2023 Council Meeting. Finn seconded the motion. Roll call: Heitger, abstain, Mullins, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

Reed made a motion to enter executive session at 7:07 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, Finn seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved. Invited into executive session were including members of Council, Solicitor Jason Groh, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, and Mayor Poulson.

Heitger motioned to come out of executive session and enter regular session at 7:23 p.m. Finn seconded, and council unanimously approved.

**Police Report:**

Sgt. Hartman reported that Central Square training will start on the 16<sup>th</sup> and begin use as the 17<sup>th</sup>. He also reported the Ohio Collaborative handles and gives information on grant money. They are currently promoting a grant that pays for new people to attend the police academy and also pay the persons wages. This is a plus for new recruits with everything being paid at 100 percent.

Hartman stated the K-9 Cruiser needs new tires and just received a quote from Winkler Tire at 133.00 per tire. Dunnivan is almost ready to go out on his own which will help coverage and Stump should return to work in 2 weeks. Hartman had a meeting with Dean Franks and is continuing to do daily updates with him and the schools. We have also had a few calls from Liberty Prep in the last few weeks

**New Business:**

Reed made the motion to remove Belinda Taylor from probation effective as of January 1, 2023, Hass seconded the motion and council unanimously agreed.

Allen made the motion to remove Sergeant Rob Hartman from probation effective as of February 19, 2023, Haas seconded motion and council unanimously agreed.

Reed made the motion to approve Jim Franks to the Board of Public Appeals, Haas seconded the motion, and Council unanimously approved.

Mayor Tom Poulson reported that he had a meeting with Doug Drushal about a residential development on 28 acres of land behind the Dollar General on State Route 585. They touched on utilities and other items and also asked to talk with the Engineer Bob McNutt.

Mayor Poulson also stated that he met with Dean Franks, Brent Steiner and the Treasurer about the old elementary property behind Town Hall. The village would like to possibly lease the land for a small fee and use it. Several different ideas have been talked about and one would be to put a pavilion up for family use when the ball park is in use. This option would give us time to look for grant or private money to purchase the land.

**Liaison Reports:**

John stated that he and Adam are working on N Milton and High Street information to put out to bid for paving.

Allen stated the run report showed 84 calls last month and that this is becoming the new normal.

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

Finn stated he met with Adam and all the equipment has been repaired except the chipper and A&K Welding is handling that.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Poulson reported that the generator grant has been approved and CT Consultants will be handling the lead on the purchase of it.

Allen made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$210,959.33, Finn seconded the motion and council unanimously agreed.

Reed made a motion to enter executive session at 8:00 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, Allen 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.

Heitger motioned to come out of executive session and enter regular session at 8:10 p.m. Haas seconded, and council unanimously approved.

Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting, Reed seconded the motion and Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Scheduled meetings:

Council Meeting February 24, 2023 @ 7pm

Council Meeting March 7, 2023 @ 7pm

BPA Meeting March 13, 2023

Belinda Taylor

Clerk

Thomas R. Ashton

Mayor