

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
April 18, 2023

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 7:00 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, Joe Reed and Patrick Finn. Solicitor Jason Groh, Clerk of Council Belinda Taylor, Part-time office administrative assistant Lisa Crawford and visitor Adrienne Karlen.

Haas made the motion to approve the minutes of April 4, 2023 Council Meeting. Reed seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Heitger, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, abstain. Council unanimously approved.

Allen made the motion to approve Adrienne Karlen as the new council member, Heitger seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

Heitger made the motion to appoint Rob Hartman as Chief of Police, Reed seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

Reed made the motion to appoint Josh Summers to the Sergeant position at a pay rate of \$25.75, 6-month probation and 2 weeks' vacation. Haas seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

**New Business:**

Reed made the motion to approve the 5-year renewal contract with Kimble. Finn seconded the motion and council unanimously approved.

Reed made the motion to suspend rules. Allen seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

Heitger made the motion to adopt the 2023-2 Salary Ordinance. Reed seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

Allen made the motion to suspend rules. Haas seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

Heitger made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-3 Transfer of Funds. Finn seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

Allen made the motion to suspend rules. Reed seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

Finn made the motion to approve Ordinance # 2023-4 Traffic Control for the Village Yard Sales. Allen second the motion and council unanimously approved.

Heitger made the motion to approve Mayor Poulson to enter a contract with Software Solutions for the upgrade of software. Finn seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

Solicitor Groh opened discussion about the new Ordinance regarding texting and driving. This is a state wide ordinance. Rob said to copy and paste the state ordinance into our ordinances. Joe would like to possibly edit the language. Jason stated that we will use a full 3 readings to change the language.

Mayor Poulson stated that the Fairlawn final assessment came in 36% lower than estimates. 60% paid by residence and 40 % by the Village. The village paid the drainage portion of the cost. Mayor Poulson opened up discussion to the fact that a residence had a medical issue and can only pay a set amount. The

options are pay up front, 12 monthly installments, 5 years interest free but added to property tax or 10-year tax assessment with 5 years interest free and 5 years with a small interest charge.

Larry Allen stated that the final Hazard mitigation plan meeting took place and will be submitted. Once it is approved, we will have to adopt it.

Jason Groh completed the sunshine training for the Village this year.

**Liaison Reports:**

Heitger with Streets/Sidewalks stated that Saris has contracted Most Paving to redo the parking lot and a small portion of the Alley needs to be completed.

Allen with Fire said that they had 90 runs last month. The levy is coming up and the fire department is busy.

Reed stated that parade planning has begun for Memorial Day. Police presence will be needed. Need to post information on the sign and website. If anyone is interested, please contact Susan Dilyard. The Burkey will be used if bad weather.

Haas with Park said the park meeting was last night. Douglas landscaping will be applying the spring treatment. Bathrooms won't be open for another week due to weather. Porta john discussion took place to make sure they are being cleaned and possibly should add a second one next year.

Finn with equipment stated that the new truck is in and will be listing the old one on Gove Deals to sell.

Finance/Personnel has nothing.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Poulson stated that we are still waiting on the final paperwork from Pro-Supply. Final cost came in at \$71,053.36.

Green Local sent contract to us for a dollar rental fee with the right to purchase.

Allen made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$30,667.76 Heitger seconded the motion and council unanimously agreed.

Finn motioned to enter into executive session at 8:27 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, seconded by Reed and council unanimously approved. Invited into executive session were including members of council, Solicitor Jason Groh, and Mayor Poulson.

Finn motioned to return to regular session at 8:34, Reed seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.


Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting, Finn seconded the motion and Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm.

Scheduled meetings:

Council Meeting May 2, 2023 @ 7pm

Council Meeting May 16, 2023 @ 7pm

BPA Meeting May 8, 2023

  
Belinda Taylor  
Clerk

Thomas R. Johnson  
Mayor