

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
JUNE 20, 2023**

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, June 20, 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, Adrienne Karlen, and Patrick Finn. Solicitor Jason Groh, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener and Clerk Belinda Taylor.

Heitger made the motion to approve the minutes of June 6, 2023 Council Meeting. Finn seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Heitger, Abstain, Karlen, yes, and Finn, yes.

Police Report:

Chief Hartman stated that K-9 Diesel is ready to go. His part of the training went well and just need to finish the training with Officer Souder in July.

Lexipol is about 25 percent complete and he will be working on it over the next few months. Also, the State is waiting on legislation to pass for the new SRO program. If the program pass's we will need to hire 2 more SRO's and 2 additional cruisers. The state is supplementing the schools with money to help with payment of the implantation.

Old Business:

The lease agreement with Green Local Schools is still being reviewed by them. We are waiting on a response.

Finn motioned to enter into executive session at 7:13 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, and Mayor Poulson, Chief Hartman, and Clerk Belinda Taylor.

Heitger motioned to return to regular session at 7:19 p.m., Allen seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.

New Business:

Heitger made the motion to approve Mayor Poulson to sign the Settlement, Waiver, and Release agreement. Finn seconded the motion and council unanimously approved.

Village cell phone policy was completed and after review was agreed that a modification of language under the bill section would be changed.

Karlen made the motion to approve the Village Cell phone policy with modifications. Allen seconded the motion and council unanimously agreed.

GPD Group provided a stormwater study for W. Center Street and Eldorado Circle. The proposal provides the engineering and cost to provide a solution for the flooding. Mayor Poulson stated that funding the storm sewer repairs would need investigated. Future problems could occur in village areas that do not have storm sewers in place.

Zoning ordinance 153.035 modification has been requested. The Planning Commission is reviewing the wording on the C-1 District and, also the size and quantity of accessory buildings permitted. The C-1 District changes could include the use of second floor building to house residence. Discussion was opened and the question was asked if apartments are allowed how will parking be addressed? Discussion will continue after the next Planning Commission meeting on June 13, 2023.

Juneteenth was addressed as a paid holiday for the Village. Discussion was opened and Mayor Poulson asked if we do this should it be retroactive to Monday June 19, 2023? Finn felt it should be added and that we should also include Veterans Day. Karlen agreed. Haas stated a lot of companies are acknowledging it and we should consider it also. Changes to the 2023 Salary Ordinance will be drafted and submitted at the next council meeting for final approval.

Mayor Poulson stated that if changes are going to be made that we need to address the extra week of vacation that the Chief of Police position normally gets. It was not stated when Chief Hartman was offered the position and should we address it (add it now)?

Liaison Reports:

Heitger with Street stated that he has nothing to report.

Allen with Fire stated that the department had 96 runs for the month and that Terry was retiring.

Karlen with Veteran's Memorial has nothing.

Haas with Parks has nothing for this meeting.

Finn with Equipment a repair of \$250.00 was completed.

Finance/Personnel has nothing.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Poulson stated that the new water/sewer meters software will be presented by Core and Main and the meeting will include Council and BPA members.

Allen made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$51,489.92 Finn seconded the motion and council unanimously agreed.

Karlen motioned to adjourn the meeting at, Allen seconded the motion and Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Scheduled meetings:

Council Meeting July 5, 2023 @ 7pm

Council Meeting July 18, 2023 @ 7pm

BPA Meeting July 10, 2023


Clerk


Mayor