

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
AUGUST 1, 2023

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 7:02 p.m. 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, Chief Hartman, and Clerk Belinda Taylor.

Allen made the motion to approve the minutes of July 18, 2023 Council Meeting as corrected. Karlen seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Heitger, abstain, Karlen, yes, and Finn, yes. Council approved.

**Police Report:**

Chief Hartman reported the cameras are here and Adam will install next week. Solve is up and running and will be finalized next week.

Chief Hartman had to order new jet packs for the cruisers and was able to get them free due to upgrade.

Chief stated that the yearly background checks have been completed on the department along with driver's licenses checks. Officer Stump completed ALICE training. Officer Souder and K9 Diesel have passed the certification and should be back soon.

Chief Hartman stated that the department had 136 incidents and 52 security checks for the month.

**Old Business:**

Solicitor Groh stated that Green Local Schools Land Leaser was received and the option to purchase was removed. A meeting will be set up with Green Local, the Mayor and the lawyers.

Heitger made the motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the Zoning Ordinance Modification 153.035. Haas seconded the motion and council approved.

Solicitor Groh will prepare the Court Cost and Fine Ordinances for the next meeting.

**New Business:**

Haas made the motion to move Lisa Crawford from probation status to regular part-time status at a pay rate of \$19.00 an hour effective as of 7/27/2023. Finn seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

Mayor Poulson and Joe Reed had a meeting with Maribeth Burns and Kevin Hare of the Wayne Economic Development about the Ohio Community Reinvestment Act. Mayor Poulson stated that it does not change the current tax rates. When money is invested in a property tax abatement will apply. This will affect the C1 District which will start at the Duke run to Smithville Brethen Church. Two committees will need to be set up. The CRA Negotiating Committee and the Housing Council so we will be looking for volunteers in the near future. Legislation will be provided from a study by the Community Reinvestment Act and Maribeth will help the Village through the process and money will be available for the legal expenses.

Councilman Joe Reed entered the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

The new Salary Ordinance will cover 100% of the cost of the health insurance for employee's by the Village.

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

Heitger made the motion to approve the 2023-13 Salary Ordinance with modifying the verbiage to include for the calendar year in the opt out section. Finn seconded the motion and Council unanimously agreed.

Chief Hartman asked if the 5<sup>th</sup> officer position would possibly be approved for hire soon. Mayor Poulson stated the Pam would like to wait for 12 months of RITA earning recorded income before deciding. John Heitger asked if we are going to stay in front of the matter with hiring and money to keep good employees here and recruit new applicants. Mayor Poulson stated that the numbers are being watched as we go.

Allen asked if there was any news on the Sewer project and Mayor Poulson replied that the bid date should be around August 18, 2023 however, we are waiting on CT Consultants to let us know that information. Also, they are preparing the OPWC information for 2025 that will need to be submitted in September.

Advanced Water and Wastewater stated that the Q basins are being cleaned and repaired. Lynn Moomaw and BPA approved the \$3,000.00 to pay for the project. Adam told Mayor Poulson that Well #9 has been cleaned and maintenance.

The next meeting will start at 6:30 and will include BPA, CT Consultants, and Core and Main to explain software and hardware for meter reading.

**Liaison Reports:**

Heitger with Streets/Sidewalks stated that the bridge on Northeast was checked and passed inspection for truck traffic.

Allen with Fire has nothing for this meeting

Karlen with Veteran's Memorial stated there is a meeting on August 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Haas with Parks had nothing however, there will be a meeting at some point in August.

Finn with Equipment stated that he has nothing

Reed with Finance/Personnel has nothing

**Mayor's Report:**

The items have been covered earlier in the meeting.

Allen made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$10,346.29 Finn seconded the motion and council unanimously agreed.

Karlen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m., Reed seconded and Council unanimously agreed

Scheduled meetings:

Council Meeting August 1, 2023 @ 7pm

Council Meeting August 15, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

BPA Meeting

  
Clerk

  
Mayor