

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL AUGUST 15, 2023

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 6:30 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, Joe Reed, and Patrick Finn. Solicitor Jason Groh, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener, Clerk Belinda Taylor, BPA President Lynn Moomaw and Adam Baker. Tim Schade, Grant Conwell with Core and Main and Allen with CT Consultants.

Haas made the motion to approve the minutes of August 1, 2023 Council Meeting as corrected. Reed seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Heitger, yes, Reed yes, and Finn, yes. Council approved.

Tim Shade with Core and Main presented information on upgrading the water meters in the Village. He stated that the hardware will consist of the radio, truck unit and a hand held, command link and mapping software. The software is still with Sensus and will be uploaded to the computer in the same way. Core and Main provides training for both the meter reading with the Street Crew and software with the Office administration. This hardware is blue tooth and takes care of the touch read for the most part. The Street crew will be able to drive down the street and the meters will read to the unit in the truck. This system will read the meter by gallon instead of 1,000 gallons so finding issues becomes easier and faster. It also stores 24 continuous hours of data which will help with meter issues. If meters are bad there is an alert that will show on the system when the meter is read. As the Street Crew drives the street for reading a set of green dots will show then disappear to inform the crew that the meter did in fact read. At this point the meters do not have to be changed. A radio will be attached to the outside of the house and any in pits will have a radio attached to it. However, any meters older than 2004 will need replaced for the radio to be attached. Sensus has its own frequency and is registered through the FCC. If someone local tries to overrule it they will be contacted and it will be handled so that there will not be an issue with getting readings. The first-year annual service fee is 2,500.00 and software onetime fee of 5,285.00 for the mapping software and \$7,678.19 for the auto read software.

**Police Report:** Chief Hartman was out this meeting

### **Old Business:**

Mayor Poulson stated that a meeting will be set up first with Green Local Schools for the contract concerning the SRO position, then they will follow up with a meeting concerning the land lease agreement. Green has asked for full coverage of the schools.

Solicitor Groh still needs to meet with Chief Hartman to finalize a couple items for the court cost and fines updates.

Mayor Poulson stated that the new cameras have been installed and are working. He and Chief Hartman have access to them. He asked council on what they thought the time frame for keeping video should be for record retention. Solicitor Groh stated a month and we would need to look at retention for the state.

### **New Business:**

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

Heitger made the motion to accept the 2023-14 resolution accepting amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. Haas seconded the motion and council approved.

**Liaison Reports:**

Heitger with Streets/Sidewalks reported that he is still working with Jon Parker on the rewording of outbuildings. They are looking at other small towns to see how they have it worded for an acre of more of property. Another planning committee meeting will be needed to finish.

Allen with Fire stated the last month was the second highest for call volume.

Reed with Veteran's Memorial stated want to make an addition for service dogs.

Haas with Parks stated we received 2 quotes for the trees that will need to be taken down next to 286 S Milton. Property was surveyed and it belongs to the Village. Rogue will be completing the work at \$3400.00. Haas was contacted about a possible Art in the Park and car show in the future. Asked that they keep him in the loop on idea. People will need to fill out proper forms and provide proof of insurance. Also, paving in the park will take place in the fall.

Finn with Equipment stated the Pump truck is fixed and it was an electrical issue

Reed with Finance/Personnel has nothing

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Poulson stated the EQ basin has been cleaned out and cracks need repairs. Currently working on fixing them.

Allen made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$23,652.78. Reed seconded the motion and council unanimously agreed.

Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m., Reed seconded and Council unanimously agreed

**Scheduled meetings:**

Council Meeting September 5, 2023 @ 7pm

Council Meeting September 19, 2023 @ 7pm

BPA Meeting

  
Clerk

  
Mayor