

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 7:00 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, Adriene Karlen, Joe Reed, and Patrick Finn. Solicitor Jason Groh, and Clerk Belinda Taylor.

Heitger made the motion to approve the minutes of September 5, 2023 Council Meeting as corrected. Haas seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Heitger, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed yes, and Finn, yes. Council approved.

Correspondence: Mayor Poulson stated that he received a letter from Chester Gable concerning the flooding at West Center Street. The letter was passed around allowing council read the letter. Mayor Poulson stated that he wanted to make everyone aware of the letter and that we are currently looking at the problem with GPD group.

Adriene Karlen was contacted about a date for Trick or Treat for 2023. A few people want to coordinate trunk or treat the same day. Mayor Poulson opened the floor for discussion and stated it was held the last Saturday of October last year from 4 pm to 6 pm. Would the last weekend work this year also? Saturday October 28, 2023 from 4 pm to 6 pm was final decision.

Police Report: Chief was not present at the meeting

Old Business:

Mayor Poulson stated that nothing has changed with Green Local Schools at this point.

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

Finn made the motion to approve ordinance 2023-15 Mayor's Court cost increase from \$61.00 to \$85.00. Karlen seconded the motion and council unanimously agreed.

Haas made the motion to suspend rules. Finn seconded the motion and council unanimously agreed.

Heitger made the motion to approve ordinance 2023-16 establishing fines for convictions for Mayor's Court. Reed seconded the motion and council unanimously agreed.

New Business: Nothing presented in new business.

Liaison Reports:

Heitger with Streets/Sidewalks has nothing for this meeting

Allen with Fire stated he has nothing new.

Karlen with Veteran's Memorial has nothing currently.

Haas with Parks stated that the park committee is purchasing a park bench in memory of Mike Turner from JLS Poly. Most Construction will be in next week to pave the walking path.

Finn with Equipment stated that the Toro is at the shop having a switch fixed and the Skid steer was also fixed. Finn also asked if anyone realized that we have hot air balloons launching from the soccer fields in the park and if a permit is required. Currently a permit is not required by the village. Do we need a form signed with a waiver? Mayor asked if council would like Matt and Jason to prepare a form and waiver. Decision is pending. Also, should the soccer fields be rented like the baseball fields are? Again further discussion is needed.

Reed with Finance/Personnel has nothing.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Poulson stated that RITA sent out non filer letters to residences yesterday and wanted everyone to know just in case of questions.

OPWC bid opening did not go due to bids being too high. Taking out the point repairs and having a local company do them and rebid the project without that.

Also, BPA approved new pump for the sewer plant and 3 motors

Allen made the motion to pay bills in the amount of \$78,288.41. Reed seconded the motion and council unanimously approved.

Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m., Reed seconded and Council unanimously agreed

Scheduled meetings:

Council Meeting October 3, 2023 @ 7pm

Council Meeting October 17, 2023 @ 7pm

BPA Meeting October 16, 2023

Belinda Taylor
Clerk

Thomas K. Rabin
Mayor