

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday, September 5, 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.

Allen made the motion to approve the minutes of August 15, 2023 Council Meeting as corrected. Heitger seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Heitger, yes, Karlen, abstained, Reed yes, and Finn, yes. Council approved.

### **Police Report:**

Chief Hartman stated that it had been a productive month. New car prices are on the rise and getting them is taking longer than normal. It is being reported that a 12% increase will take place over the next few months and the possibility of a strike will also play in.

Haas made the motion to purchase a new cruiser from Statewide for \$63,824.00. Finn seconded the motion and council unanimously approved.

Chief reported that the current Green Local School contract was for 17 to 18 thousand dollars. A new contract is being discussed with Dean Franks and we are proposing a total of \$65,000.00. \$58,000.00 for the SRO being in the building the days of the school year and \$7,000.00 for equipment and maintenance. They will discuss it in the board meeting on September 18.

Liberty Prep Board meeting went well. The mayor and myself stayed the entire time and was able to answer questions. Chief Hartman stated that he will be doing some training with the current staff going forward. The new administration did hire a security company instead of using an SRO. The security officer is unarmed.

Lexipol is now complete and the Solve ticket system is also up and running. Leeda FBI Training phase 1 is complete and well worth the money spent. Chief Hartman is still working on the work program for Mayors Court.

The Light Bars for the cruisers are in. He purchased a repair kit instead new bars saving a lot of money. Chief will install them himself.

### **Old Business:**

Mayor Poulson stated that the formal meeting concerning the Lease with Green Local will take place at a future date.

Heitger made the motion of a first reading to establish Mayor's Court cost ordinance. Reed seconded the motion and council unanimously approved.

Reed made the motion of a first reading to establish Mayor's Court Fines ordinance. Heitger seconded the motion and council unanimously approved.

### **New Business:**

Reed made the motion to approve the resignation of Lisa Crawford. Finn seconded and council unanimously agreed.

**Liaison Reports:**

Heitger with Streets/Sidewalks had nothing for this meeting

Allen with Fire stated that a special meeting was held for a staffing grant in the amount \$491,534.00 for two new squad members. Peterman was promoted to Lieutenant.

Karlen with Veteran's Memorial had nothing for this meeting.

Haas with Parks stated that the tree's on S Milton have been taken care of.

Finn with Equipment had nothing for this meeting.

Reed with Finance/Personnel has nothing.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Poulson stated the water issue survey study for Center Street and Eldorado has started and the new SSI software has started training and will go live in mid-February.

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.

Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m., Karlen seconded and Council unanimously agreed

**Scheduled meetings:**

Council Meeting September 19, 2023 @ 7pm

Council Meeting October 3, 2023 @ 7pm

BPA Meeting

  
Clerk

  
Mayor