

# MINUTES OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

**August 20, 2024**

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday August 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mayor Tom Poulson called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Members present at roll call were Larry Allen, Nathaniel Duenke, Joseph Reed, Patrick Finn, and Matt Haas. Additionally, Solicitor Jason Groh, Fiscal Officer Pam Keener and Office Administrator Amy Hescht were in attendance.

Reed made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2024 meeting. Duenke seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Duenke, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Haas, yes. The minutes were approved.

There were no visitors or correspondence.

**Police** – no items to report.

## **Old Business:**

Traffic Visibility – Nothing new to report.

The Green Local Schools Lease/Purchase Agreement & Memorandum were presented to council after review by the Solicitor. The Solicitor informed council that GLS would meet next week to sign and return if approved. Haas made motion to approve. Duenke seconded and all agreed. The Mayor noted that Office Administrator would need to inform insurance company of the effective start date of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to get proper coverage.

## **New Business:**

**Income tax credit reduction** ordinance will need to be written by the Solicitor with assistant from the Fiscal Officer. The Mayor gathered opinions of present council members before proceeding and all were in agreement. The proposed ordinance will be reviewed three times before the vote as it will not be effective until January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. A separate fund will need to be set-up for this from RITA earmarked for safety services.

Reed made a motion to approve the **hire of an additional full-time police officer**. Finn seconded the motion. Roll call: Reed, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Finn, yes and Duenke, yes.

Allen motioned to **suspend rules** for ordinance 2024-18 – Codify 2022 Code of Ordinances. Reed seconded and all agreed.

Motion to approve **Ordinance 2024-18 – Codify 2022 Code of Ordinances** made by Allen and seconded by Reed. Roll call: Reed, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Finn, yes & Duenke, yes.

**Liaison reports:**

Streets/Sidewalks: Durapatcher has been put away for the season. Allen questioned responsibility of weeds in the middle of a cul-de-sac, council stated residents should handle.

Fire: Allen stated there were 100 calls last month.

Police: SRO GLS Donation Fund set-up and all items collected were very well received.

Veteran's Memorial: No report.

Park/Trees: Haas said there are some dead ash trees on Northeast Street that will need to be taken down.

Equipment: No report.

Finance/Personnel: No report.

**Mayor's Report:** The Mayor discussed priority list, still need a letter concerning the car port on Fairlawn. RCAP is handling the EPA deadline in October for the testing. 2023 OPWC project is complete as the final pay app was approved. The 2024 OPWC contract has been reviewed by the Solicitor and we can proceed. The Mayor to meet with CT Consultants and contractor soon for start-up. September council meetings need to be updated as the Mayor is not available on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>. Proposing to have only one meeting in September on the 19<sup>th</sup>. GPD Group will be contacted to present the drainage study in October. GPD will pursue funding as well.

Allen motioned to approve the bill lists totaling \$43,174.41. Reed seconded. Roll call: Reed, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Finn, yes & Duenke, yes.

Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Duenke seconded. Roll call: Duenke, yes, Reed, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Finn, yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Approved: 9-3-24

Amy Huesert  
Clerk

Thomas R. Peltier  
Mayor