

MINUTES OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

September 19, 2024

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Thursday September 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mayor Tom Poulson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members present at roll call were Larry Allen, Nathaniel Duenke, Joseph Reed, Patrick Finn, Matt Haas, and Adrienne Karlen. Additionally, Office Administrator Amy Hescht and Solicitor, Jason Groh were in attendance.

Reed made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2024 meeting. Karlen seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Duenke, yes, Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Karlen, yes and Haas, abstain. The minutes were approved.

There were no visitors or correspondence.

Police: Approval needed for the purchase of new K9 cruiser in 2024 instead of 2025. Purchase was budgeted for 2025. Also updated on the status of hiring a full-time officer, 7 candidates but still waiting for more applicants.

Old Business: no items to report.

New Business:

Solicitor Groh and Fiscal Officer Keener still working on legislation for the tax credit reduction slated to start January 1, 2025. They will give a copy to RITA for review as well.

Allen made a motion to **suspend the rules** requiring three separate readings for Ordinance/Resolution 2024-21 – Authorizing tax levies and certifying to auditor. Duenke seconded and all agreed.

Motion to approve **Resolution 2024-21 – Authorizing Tax Levies & Certifying to Auditor** made by Duenke and seconded by Allen. Roll call: Reed, yes, Allen, yes, Karlen, yes, Finn, yes, Haas, yes & Duenke, yes.

Allen made a motion to **suspend the rules** requiring three separate readings for Resolution 2024-22 – 2024 Amend Appropriations. Karlen seconded and all agreed.

Motion to approve **Resolution 2024-22 – 2024 Amend Appropriations** made by Reed and seconded by Duenke. Roll call: Reed, yes, Allen, yes, Karlen, yes, Finn, yes, Haas, yes & Duenke, yes.

Allen made a motion to **suspend the rules** requiring three separate readings for Resolution 2024-23 – 2024 Transfer Funds. Reed seconded and all agreed.

Motion to approve **Resolution 2024-23 – 2024 Transfer Funds** made by Duenke and seconded by Karlen. Roll call: Reed, yes, Allen, yes, Karlen, yes, Finn, yes, Haas, yes & Duenke, yes.

Liaison reports:

Streets/Sidewalks: No report.

Fire: No report.

Police: No report.

Veteran's Memorial: Council approved quote for new pavers and there should be enough in the funds from last years transfer. We will need to budget for the dog statue next year.

Park/Trees: 4 quotes were received from 3 different companies for the removal of 4 trees. Park committee will decide at the next meeting on September 25, 2024.

Equipment: Duenke noted the brake line on the dump truck was repaired, but we have another brake line that needs fixed.

Finance/Personnel: No report.

Mayor's Report: All need to start preparing for the 2025 capital budget plan. Need to ensure Fiscal Officer is informed of all major expenses including paving and equipment. The Fairlawn car port letter was mailed today. Need to follow-up with ARCAP concerning October deadline for lead report. 2024 OPWC meeting, Insight would like to start the on the 24th providing all contracts are signed. Village will need to update sign and website when work starts. GPD Group plans to attend the November 5, 2024 meeting to go over study results. Eldorado & Center Street residents will be sent a letter to attend the meeting as well. Reminder that all need to complete the Fraud training by September 28, 2024. 2025 OPWC application was submitted September 18, 2024. Jennifer from Wayne County Economic Development met with the Mayor about a housing study.

Allen motioned to approve the bill lists totaling \$31,077.44. Duenke seconded. Roll call: Reed, yes, Allen, yes, Karlen, yes, Finn, yes, Haas, yes, & Duenke, yes.

Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Karlen seconded. Roll call: Duenke, yes, Reed, yes, Allen, yes, Karlen, yes, Finn, yes, and Haas, yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Approved: October 1st, 2024


Clerk


Mayor