

MINUTES OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

November 19, 2024

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday November 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, Matt Haas, Patrick Finn, and Adrienne Karlen. Additionally, Office Administrator Amy Hescht, Solicitor, Jason Groh and Fiscal Officer, Pam Keener were in attendance.

Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2024 meeting. Karlen seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Duenke, yes, Finn, yes, Karlen, yes and Haas, abstain. The minutes were approved.

Police:

The mayor presented the Blue Line Contract for approval pending review from the Solicitor. The signed contract is needed to get put on the schedule for install. Blueline is currently scheduling into August, 2025. The project is to install cameras for speeding in 3 separate school zones. Blueline handles the installation, ticketing, and collections. Three warnings will be issued before tickets and the first 30 days after install will only be warnings. Hass made motion to approve, Duenke seconded and all agreed.

Old Business:

Finn motioned to approve the 5-year capital plan, items greater than \$5,000 with major spending in parks, sewer, and street departments. Duenke seconded the motion. Roll call: Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes and Hass, yes.

Need to continue working on **2025 appropriations measures.**

Letter was sent to 473 S Summit for **violation of property maintenance.** If issues are not resolved, they will be sent to the Prosecutor's office.

New Business:

Duenke motioned to suspend rules for **Ordinance 2024-29 Updating Fees for Zoning Certificates.** Allen seconded and all agreed.

Ordinance 2024-29 – Updating Fees for Zoning Certificates was approved. Allen motioned for approval, Karlen seconded. Roll call: Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Duenke, yes and Karlen, yes. The ordinance included a utility contractor fee and the utility contractor registration form was approved.

The Mayor requested approval for the **GPD drainage project** that was presented at the previous council meeting and which option would be preferred. Council committed to the project and selected option #1. We will contact GPD Group for a proposal, scope of service,

and about securing funding for the project.

The new **Food Truck Application and release** form was present to council. Duenke motioned to approve, Karlen seconded and all agreed.

The funds received during COVID under the **American Rescue Plan Act** need to be encumbered by the end of the year. Allen motioned to approve the encumbrance of the funds for upgrades to meter reading. Finn second the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Haas, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes and Finn, yes.

Karlen motions to go into **executive session at 7:54 pm** pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official. Haas seconded the motion and all agreed. Invited to executive session were Mayor Poulson and Solicitor Groh.

At 8:25 pm, Duenke motioned to **return to regular session**. Finn seconded the motion. Roll call: Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes, and Haas, yes.

The Mayor requested approval for the first reading of the **2025 Salary Ordinance**. Finn motioned, Duenke seconded and all agreed.

Liaison reports:

Streets/Sidewalks: 4 loads of salt have already been delivered with 2 more coming. Next sidewalk project was discussed with Adam and they have selected Parkview Drive. Finn to reach out to GPD Group for proposal.

Fire: 89 calls last month. Several calls at Five Points intersection.

Police: No report.

Veteran's Memorial: No report.

Park/Trees: Park has been closed at bridge. Boy Scout is doing a project and will be painting some tables and possibly help with new park area. Del Baker approached council to pay for a memorial bench for Donnie Fry. The bench will be placed at GLS close to the shot and discus field

Equipment: Spreaders and blades have been prepped and ready for winter.

Finance/Personnel: No report.

Mayor's Report: Nothing new for the sump-pump amnesty.

RCAP lead letters to residents with "unknown" line status were mailed by November 15, 2024.

2024 OPWC project – they started the relining work and should be done within a week.

No update on zoning code needs to be reviewed as it relates to Airbnb and Bed & Breakfasts.

Mayor Poulson requested approval for CT Consultants Task Order 2024-01 for general engineering until a new master agreement is signed. Finn motioned, Duenke seconded and all agreed.

Solicitor wanted to remind council that the moratorium on marijuana dispensaries will expire at the end of the year.

Allen motioned to approve the bill list totaling \$44,817.46. Duenke seconded. Roll call: Haas, yes, Allen, yes, Karlen, yes, Finn, yes, & Duenke, yes.

Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Duenke seconded. Roll call: Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes and Haas, yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Approved: December 3rd 2024

Amy Hascut
Clerk

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Mayor