

MINUTES OF SMITHVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

November 5, 2024

The Council of the Village of Smithville met in regular session on Tuesday November 5, 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, and Adrienne Karlen. Additionally, Office Administrator Amy Hescht and Solicitor, Jason Groh were in attendance.

Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2024 meeting. Reed seconded the motion. Roll call: Allen, yes, Duenke, yes, Reed, yes, and Karlen, yes. The minutes were approved.

Visitors in attendance included: Jerry Meitzler, Darren Raber, Gordon Herndon, Angie Bly-Herndon, Ronald Klett and Jesse Rufener & Jason Smith from GPD Group.

Jesse Rufener, GPD Group, handed out the draft study for the drainage project completed 14 months ago. They proposed three possible solutions for the drainage on Eldorado, Center & Gable Streets.

The mayor asked for the approval to accept the **resignation of part-time officer Emily Malena**. Reed made motion to approve, Finn seconded and all agreed.

Old Business:

Need to continue working on **2025 appropriations measures**. Mayor, Fiscal Officer, and Council President met prior to meeting to discuss **2025 salary ordinance**. The ordinance will need approved by the second meeting in December.

Solicitor to draft a template letter to send to those in **violation of property maintenance**. If issues are not resolved, they will be sent to the Prosecutor's office. Letter will be sent to 473 S Summit referencing zoning report.

New Business:

Credit Tax Reduction Ordinance was presented by Solicitor Groh for third reading and passed by council. Karlen made motion, Allen seconded and approved unanimously. The signed ordinance will be sent to RITA to implement the change effective January 1, 2025.

Council approved removing **Kate Hammond** from 6-month probation effective November 9, 2024. Duenke motioned, Reed seconded, and all agreed.

Zoning proposed a new fee schedule, an ordinance will need to be drafted to implement the new rates.

Reed motioned to suspend rules for **Ordinance 2024-26 – Codify 2022-2023 Code of Ordinances**. Duenke seconded. Roll call: Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Duenke, yes and Karlen, yes.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-26 – **Codify 2022-2023 Code of Ordinances** made by Duenke and seconded by Finn. Roll call: Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Duenke, yes and Karlen, yes.

Finn motioned to suspend rules for **Ordinance 2024-27 – 2024 Transfers**. Allen seconded. Roll call: Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes and Reed, yes.

Motion to approve **Ordinance 2024-27 – 2024 Transfers** made by Reed and seconded by Karlen. Roll call: Allen, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, and Finn, yes.

Allen motioned to suspend rules for **Ordinance 2024-28 – 2024 Amend Appropriations**. Duenke seconded and approved by all.

Motion to approve **Ordinance 2024-28 – Amend 2024 Appropriations** made by Allen and seconded by Karlen. Roll call: Allen, yes, Duenke, yes, Karlen, yes, Reed, yes, and Finn, yes.

Liaison reports:

Streets/Sidewalks: Village Hall parking lot complete.

Fire: No report.

Police: Speed enforcement with Blueline meeting scheduled for November 6 to review results.

Veteran’s Memorial: No report.

Park/Trees: Park has been winterized and fall fertilizer done. The 4 dead trees and stumps have been removed.

Equipment: Toro is broken. Schlabach will give \$3,000 trade-in value on a new mower.

Finance/Personnel: No report.

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

ARCAP lead letters to residents with “unknown” line status to be mailed by November 15, 2024.

2024 OPWC project – point repairs have been completed. Work to start November 13, 2024.

Zoning code needs to be reviewed as it relates to Airbnb and Bed & Breakfasts.

5-year capital plan submissions received. The park has several items needing funding and there a lots of expensive sewer projects that need funding.

BPA to review revised ordinance for water and sewer and new rate appendix.

Allen motioned to approve the bill list totaling \$70,567.80. Finn seconded. Roll call: Reed, yes, Allen, yes, Karlen, yes, Finn, yes, & Duenke, yes.

Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Reed seconded. Roll call: Reed, yes, Finn, yes, Allen, yes, Duenke, yes, and Karlen, yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Approved: November 19th, 2024

Amy Schacht
Clerk

Thomas R. Karlen
Mayor