

MINUTES
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
August 21, 2018
7:30pm

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:30pm with everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees Becker, Yoch, Smallwood, Becherer, Rogers, and Elbe answered roll call.

CLERK'S REPORT: The Board received a copy. A motion was made by Trustee Becker which was seconded by Trustee Yoch to accept the minutes from the last board meeting that was held on August 7, 2018. The board was in favor. Motion was granted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The board has a copy.

GOOD OF THE VILLAGE: MIKEY'S PUB OUTSIDE MUSIC PERMIT – Mayor Klein informed the board that the Pilla's have requested two additional outside music dates for Mikey's Pub. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Smallwood to allow an outside band to play at Mikey's Pub on August 26 and September 2, 2018. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Smallwood, aye; Trustee Becker, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye. Motion was granted.

Resident Jim Bailey asked the board to consider no parking signs in front of his property at 16 Breckenridge Street. He states that it is dangerous to pull out of the driveway due to cars parking along the street by customers of Mueth's Tavern. Mayor Klein informed Bailey that the village could not consider making the street a no parking zone but could consider putting up signs that would prevent blocking the driveway. Klein told him that the board would discuss the situation.

Mayor Klein informed the board that he would like to appoint Annette Parker as Village Clerk effective 4:00pm on August 31, 2018. She will hold that seat until April 2019 for the next consolidated election. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Smallwood to approve the appointment of Annette Parker as Village Clerk effective 4:00pm on August 31, 2018. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Smallwood, aye; Trustee Becker, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye. Motion was granted. Parker was then sworn in by the sitting Village Clerk Debi Boeving.

Mayor Klein presented Clerk Debi Boeving with a plaque thanking her for 25 years of service to the Village. She will be retiring on August 31, 2018.

Susan Harashe from the Smithton Chamber of Commerce asked if there were any updates on the Complete Streets Initiative plans. Mayor Klein responded that Engineer Saeger will report on the East-West Gateway Project later in the meeting. Klein informed her that the Village is in the process of applying for a grant for the Safe Routes to School. Harashe also asked if the Chamber would be allowed to include an item in the next Village Newsletter regarding their Centennial Plaques. Klein responded that he would check with the office but that it would probably not be allowed because then other organizations may want to include items in the newsletter.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Vielweber informed the board that one of the sirens has been repaired so far. Engineer Saeger and Dave Key are getting parts to complete the repairs on the other two sirens.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: CDBG – Engineer Saeger reported that Hank's Excavating and the Mayor have signed the contract for the South Julia Street Project. Saeger and Hank's are deciding on a start date.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY PARKS GRANT APPLICATION – Engineer Saeger reported that he has met with two flooring contractors for the work to be done at the Senior Center. They will be submitting bids for the job.

ROUTE 159 BIKE TRAIL – No update.

MFT – Engineer Saeger reported that he did submit the signed contract to IDOT for their approval of the materials for oiling and chipping. Saeger did contact the low bidders and scheduled the oiling and chipping for September 18 and 19, 2018 with a rain date of September 20, 2018.

Engineer Saeger informed the board that they have received a copy of the letter from the East-West Gateway Council denying the grant request for the North Main Street turn-lane project.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT: No report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE: Mayor Klein reported that there is a Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for September 6, 2018, if needed.

ZONING BOARD REPORT: Zoning Administrator Saeger informed the board that there will be a zoning board hearing for a special use permit for storage and a variance request for a fence at the Smithton Lumber Supply Co. property. The property has been sold to new owners.

SUPERVISORS REPORT: Supervisor Fults reported that the four fishing docks are almost completed and will be installed at the park soon.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Durso informed the board that he has gone over the revised code book once, and he will review it again to check the legal citations. Durso informed the board that he will be meeting with Chief Vielweber regarding the Anderson property.

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Smallwood to accept the officer's reports as given. The board was in favor. Motion was granted.

COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE: Mayor Klein reported that there was a Committee As a Whole Meeting on August 14, 2018. Klein would like to schedule the next Committee As a Whole meeting for August 28, 2018. Klein would like the first item on the agenda to be a presentation from Blue Stem Energy.

ORDINANCE 38-4-33/SEWER RATES – Mayor Klein stated that this item will be placed on hold for the time being due to the board not wanting to change the sewer rates at this time.

CHUCK MUELLER WATERLINE REPAIR – Mayor Klein would like this to be discussed at the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

ORDINANCE 40-10-30/STANDARDS FOR VARIATIONS – Mayor Klein would like to discuss making changes to this ordinance at the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

WATERLINE EXTENSION ON SCHMIERMEIER ROAD – The board decided at the Committee As a Whole meeting that it was not feasible to pursue extending the Smithton waterline any further than Arbor View Estates.

SCRAPPING OF REX – Mayor Klein stated that the board decided to have the street crew see how many repairs would be needed on the scarifier to be able to use it again.

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: No report.

STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE: Trustee Becherer would like to discuss tree and stump removal at the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

RADIATOR/HEAD GASKETS FOR GENERATORS – Trustee Becherer would like this item on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

POLICE COMMITTEE: No report.

PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE: GRAVE STONE REPAIRS – Trustee Becker reported that the repair work will start after the ground dries out.

PARK TREES – Trustee Becker reported that the new trees will be planted this fall.

Trustee Becker reported that work has started on the lake dock. Becker will talk to Engineer Saeger about concerns that he has with the placement of the dock.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: CODIFICATION UPDATE – Trustee Yoch would like this on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS/BECKER & BERTELSMAN – Trustee Yoch will meet with Chief Vielweber to see if further action needs to be made to continue progress on these properties.

COMPLETE STREETS/SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL – Trustee Yoch reported that the village will try to take advantage of the Safe Routes to School Grant to possibly move the crossing light one block South to Franklin Street so that the school kids could access the back entrance to the school. It is also being considered to add a sidewalk on at least one side of Franklin Street depending on the interest from the school district. Mayor Klein stated that he spoke to Mr. Wamser. Wamser will think it over but with the school planning an expansion he will have to decide if they want to change the entrance for the kids. Klein will have this put on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

ANNEXATION AND BUILDING COMMITTEE: No report.

BILLS AND PAYROLL: Trustee Smallwood made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Yoch to pay the payroll from July 28, 2018 to August 10, 2018. Roll call was taken: Trustee Smallwood, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Becker, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye. Motion was granted.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

GOOD OF THE VILLAGE: Nancy Rogers stated that there is a sign that is leaning against the old firehouse building. Mayor Klein stated that he will have the street crew check on it.

Mike Pilla thanked the Mayor and the board for the repairs that were done to the entrance/exit of the Legion parking lot.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Smallwood and seconded by Trustee Yoch to adjourn. All Board members were in favor. Motion was granted. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.