

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**October 16, 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 October 2, 2018. The board was in favor. Motion was granted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The board had a copy.

**GOOD OF THE VILLAGE:** None.

**MIKEY'S PUB OUTSIDE MUSIC PERMIT** – Mayor Klein informed the board that the Pilla's have requested additional outside music dates for Mikey's Pub. The request was for October 20, 21, 27, and 28, 2018. Doug Gerold stated that he met with Chief Vielweber last week about some videos relating to complaints about Mikey's. Vielweber stated that he is working with Gerold regarding some videos that he had taken of Mikey's Pub. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to allow an outside band to play at Mikey's Pub on October 20 or 21, 2018, and October 27 or 28, 2018. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Smallwood, aye; Trustee Becker, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye. Motion was granted.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:** SIREN REPAIR - Chief Vielweber reported that one of the sirens will be worked on this Thursday morning.

**SQUAD CAR REPAIRS** – Chief Vielweber reported that a couple of the police cars needs some repairs done but he will give more information about it during the Police Committee report.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** CDBG – Engineer Saeger reported that the South Julia Street Project has been completed. The final payment still needs to be paid to Hanks Excavating.

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY PARKS GRANT APPLICATION** – No update.

**SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL** – Engineer Saeger reported that he is still working on the grant application. There is a preliminary budget of \$250,000.00 for the proposed scope of the work. The

maximum amount that would be awarded would be \$200,000.00. Saeger asked the board if they would be willing to approve the \$50,000.00 that the Village would have to contribute to the project or if they want to reduce the project to lower the amount of money that the Village would have to contribute. Mayor Klein would like to discuss this at the next Committee As a Whole meeting. The board asked if Saeger could give them more details on removing portions of the project to see how it would affect the cost.

MFT – No update.

Engineer Saeger reported that AT&T will be installing conduits in Fieldstone Subdivision. They were given permission to work in the easements. AT&T will also be working at the Douglas intersection. Permission was also given to Ameren to replace gas lines on the East side of town.

Mayor Klein informed the board that he will be attending the meeting of the Parks Grants Commission on 10-17-18.

**HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT:** No report.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Mayor Klein reported that there is a Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for November 1, 2018, if needed.

**ZONING BOARD REPORT:** SPECIAL USE REQUEST FOR SELF-STORAGE UNITS AT 13 SOUTH MAIN STREET - Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to approve the special use request for self-storage at 13 South Main Street with the stipulations: paving the South lot for outside storage and installing a privacy fence between the lot and building 5; the fence corner should be at a 45 degree angle to allow better view of traffic when entering and exiting the property; buildings 2,3,4, and 5 should be entirely enclosed and have overhead doors; no outside storage will be allowed other than the South lot; metal wall panels should be replaced on buildings 2,3,4, and 5; put pipe ballards on Julia Street; this permit with stipulations would remain with this property if sold for use in the same manner. The permit would expire if the property were sold for use in a different manner. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Becker, aye; Trustee Yoch, nay; Trustee Smallwood, nay; Trustee Rogers, nay. Mayor Klein voted nay to break the tie. Motion was denied.

SPECIAL USE REQUEST FOR SELF-STORAGE UNITS AT 4753 STATE ROUTE 159 – Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to approve the special use request for self-storage units at 4753 State Route 159 with the stipulations: outside storage area will be paved; a six-foot privacy fence will enclose the entire property; there will be a locking gate installed; this permit will expire with the sale of the property. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Becker, aye; Trustee Smallwood, aye; Trustee Rogers, nay; Trustee Elbe, aye. Motion was granted.

Engineer Saeger informed the board that there is a zoning hearing on 10-18-18 for wall height and roof peak height on a shed at 4566 Lizzy Lane.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT:** Supervisor Fults was absent. Trustee Becherer reported that the lake docks are completed.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** No report.

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

**COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE:** Mayor Klein reported that there was a Committee As a Whole meeting on October 9, 2018. Discussion involved the special use requests for self-storage at 13 South Main Street and 4753 State Route 159. There was also a Committee As a Whole meeting on October 16, 2018. Discussion involved parking lot requirements, special use permits, and the code book update. Klein informed the board that he would like them to start approving the Committee As a Whole minutes during the regular Board Meetings. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Smallwood to accept the minutes from the October 9, 2018 meeting. 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.

**FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE:** IMRF EARLY RETIREMENT PROGRAM – No update.

**STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE:** TREE AND STUMP REMOVAL – Mayor Klein stated that the Tree Service has not begun on the project yet. Mayor Klein again asked the board if they could take a look at the trees at the corner of Smith and Cass Street. The board needs to decide if they could be trimmed by the street crew because the limbs hang over onto the property. Klein will have this put on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

**POLICE COMMITTEE:** NEW COMPUTER SOFTWARE – Trustee Elbe reminded that board that they had discussed new computer software for the police vehicles. This is a new system that will replace the current system. This will enable the police officers to fill out reports from their vehicles and allow them to sync up with the County. Chief Vielweber stated that the system seems to be working well for other communities. Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to purchase the Omnigo software system for the police vehicles for the amount of \$9,366.00. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Becker, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Smallwood, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye. Motion was granted.

**POLICE CAR PURCHASE** – Trustee Elbe reported that there have been a lot of issues with the police vehicles. \$12,000.00 has already been spent on repairs and other issues on the vehicles this year. All of the vehicles have high mileage on them. Chief Vielweber received a price from Morrow Ford for a new 2017 Ford Explorer that includes an emergency package and front and rear partitions. Vielweber can have a company install the computer camera and the radar. A vault would cost \$550.00. The total cost would be \$36,585.00. Vielweber also found a 2008 Crown Victoria with 68,000 miles on it to replace one of the Crown Victoria cars with high mileage that the part-time police officers use. The car is used now by the Albers police department. The cage and equipment from our vehicle could be switched over to the new one. Vielweber stated that the only thing that it doesn't have is the partition and radio. The vehicle could be purchased for \$6000.00 and would be

available in early January. Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to purchase a fully equipped 2008 Crown Victoria from Albers for the amount of \$6000.00. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Becker, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Smallwood, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye. Motion was granted. Trustee Elbe made a second motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to purchase a new 2018 Ford Explorer from Morrow Ford in Greenfield, IL for the total price of \$36,585.00. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Becker, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Smallwood, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye. Motion was granted.

**PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE:** PORTABLE RESTROOMS – Trustee Becker made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Yoch to rent a portable restroom for the Park. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becker, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Smallwood, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye. Motion was granted.

PARK IRRIGATION WINTERIZATION – Trustee Becker reported that the irrigation system at the park will need to be winterized. It was done last year by Munie. Engineer Saeger spoke to someone that works for an irrigation company and he has offered to do it for free. Saeger stated that if Munie does the winterization it will be insured. Trustee Smallwood made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to allow Munie to winterize the irrigation system at the Park. Roll call was taken: Trustee Smallwood, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Becker, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye. Motion was granted.

GRAVE STONE REPAIRS – No report.

911 MEMORIAL – No report.

PARK TREES & LAKE ROCK – Mayor Klein stated that the street crew will cut down the trees at the Park as soon as they can finish some other jobs. Trustee Becker would like the lake rock put in soon.

PICKLEBALL LINE REQUEST – Engineer Saeger talked to the company that paints pickleball lines and was told that if they were in the area then the cost would only be \$450.00. They are done painting until next spring. Trustee Becker made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Smallwood to approve the painting of the pickleball lines with the company for next spring for the price of \$450.00. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becker, aye; Trustee Smallwood, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye. Motion was granted. Engineer Saeger will contact All Weather Courts to make arrangements.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:** ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS/BRUCE ANDERSON – Attorney Durso reported that Mr. Anderson has asked for an extension. The board will have a hearing during the Board Meeting on November 6, 2018, to decide whether to grant an extension.

**ANNEXATION AND BUILDING COMMITTEE:** LED LIGHT UPGRADES – Trustee Rogers reported that some of the Village buildings have been completed with the light upgrades.

COMMUNITY GARDEN – Trustee Rogers reported that the Community Garden is finished for the year.

**BILLS AND PAYROLL:** Trustee Smallwood made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becker to pay the payroll from September 22, 2018, to October 5, 2018. Roll call was taken: Trustee Smallwood, aye; Trustee Becker, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye. Motion was granted.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** TRAFFIC/PARKING REQUEST – Mayor Klein shared a request from a resident who would like to have his street changed to one-way. Klein would like this added to the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

Mayor Klein informed the board that police officer Tyler Whitney has turned in a letter of resignation effective October 29, 2018. Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Yoch to accept the resignation of Tyler Whitney as a Smithton Police Officer effective October 29, 2018. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Becker, aye; Trustee Smallwood, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye. Motion was granted. Trustee Elbe would like to discuss the police officer position at the next Committee As a Whole meeting. Trustee Smallwood would like to discuss the budget at the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**GOOD OF THE VILLAGE:** David Pierpoint asked why trees are getting cut down at the Park. Mayor Klein explained that the trees are causing hazards by producing gumballs.

Jim Mourey informed the board that the sidewalk at the entrance to Sandrock Road from Highway 159 has washed out underneath the last section of the sidewalk. Mayor Klein will check on it and have repairs done.

Resident Kelly Wright thanked the board for all of the work that they do for the Village.

Dallas Dlouhy asked the board how residents can get involved in the Village. Mayor Klein explained that only the trustees participate in the Committees that report during the meeting. Klein stated that residents can always come and speak to him about ideas. Trustee Yoch suggested a committee of residents that could address issues in the village. Dlouhy asked if the zoning hearings could be announced to more residents by adding a note to the water bills. The board explained that there is not enough room on the water bills. Klein stated that we can start posting the zoning hearings at Village Hall.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

A motion was made by Trustee Yoch and seconded by Trustee Smallwood to adjourn. All board members were in favor. Motion was granted. Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.