

MINUTES
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
September 18, 2018
7:30pm

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

CLERK'S REPORT: The Board received a copy. A motion was made by Trustee Yoch which was seconded by Trustee Smallwood to accept the minutes from the last board meeting that was held on September 4, 2018. The board was in favor. Motion was granted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The board had a copy.

GOOD OF THE VILLAGE: Mayor Klein introduced the Superintendent of the Smithton Public School to address the Board. Dr. Ryan Wamser, Brian Lester and Neal Trentman gave a synopsis of the School Bond Referendum that will be on the election ballot this fall. They gave handouts to the board and made them available to the attendees of the meeting.

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. Trustee Smallwood made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to allow an outside band to play at Mikey's Pub on September 23, and 30, 2018. Roll call was taken: Trustee Smallwood, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye. Trustee Becker was absent. Motion was granted. Klein informed Shirley Pilla to please make sure that the music is stopped on time.

Doug Gerold complained about the music from Mikey's being too loud and exceeding the time allowed for music. Attorney Durso told Gerold that he has to call the police to file a complaint at the time. Gerold accused Mayor Klein of not taking action in the past because of his involvement with the Legion. Klein told Gerold that if he makes a false accusation like that again Klein might eject him from the meeting.

MORGAN TREE REMOVAL REQUEST – Mayor Klein informed the board that a request was received from a resident for the Village to pay a portion of her invoice from a tree removal service. She had a tree cut down in her back yard because she was concerned that if it came down in a storm that it would damage village property. The tree was on her private property. Klein stated that she had called him to ask for recommendations on tree removal services. After discussion Trustee Yoch

made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Smallwood to deny any payment towards a tree removal on private property. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Smallwood, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye. Trustee Becker was absent. Motion was granted.

TODD GROHMANN RESIGNATION – Mayor Klein informed the board that Todd Grohmann sent in a letter of resignation. Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to accept the resignation of Todd Grohmann effective September 21, 2018. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Smallwood, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Becker was absent. Motion was granted.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT: Chief Vielweber reported that the sirens did not go off during the test Tuesday morning. Vielweber called Century Siren and CenCom and compared the signal codes that were assigned to the group testing. The codes all matched. Century did not have an explanation as to why the sirens did not work. They are going to check the codes in the system again but it will take a few days. Century did offer the help of a communications specialist but Vielweber has not had a chance to call him yet. Vielweber will call him. Mayor Klein stated that he thinks if Century has to come out to fix them then they should do it because the sirens need to be fixed. The board agreed.

ENGINEER’S REPORT: CDBG – Engineer Saeger reported that Hank’s Excavating has completed 90% of the curb work on the South Julia Street Project. They started installing storm sewers on Memorial Drive today. It was discovered that the 36” pipe that they are tying into has corroded. It runs underneath the road from the North to South Side of Memorial Drive and into the Cemetery. It will need to be replaced before new concrete can be poured on top and at the end of it. The price for a new pipe and rock would be \$2500.00. The street crew can install it. Hank’s price would be \$7950.00 to do the work. The repair would need to be done this week so that Hank’s can continue the work on Julia Street. Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Smallwood to purchase pipe, rock and materials and to install a 36” pipe on Memorial Drive between South Julia and South Lincoln Streets for the price of \$2500.00, not to exceed \$3000.00. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Smallwood, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye. Trustee Becker was absent. Motion was granted.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY PARKS GRANT APPLICATION – Engineer Saeger reported that he will submit the St. Clair County Parks Grand Application. It is due by this Friday.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL – Engineer Saeger reported that Mark Rhutasel held a meeting that Dr. Wamser attended. Saeger stated that he received an email from the Safe Routes to School Grant committee that said they are expecting a large amount of applications this cycle since it will provide 100% funding.

MFT – Engineer Saeger reported that the street oiling and chipping took place today.

HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT: No report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE: Mayor Klein reported that there is a Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for October 4, 2018, if needed.

ZONING BOARD REPORT: Zoning Administrator Saeger informed the board that there will be a zoning board hearing on September 24, 2018 for outside storage at the Smithton Storage Center. A zoning hearing was held on September 13, 2018 to decide on two variance requests and a special use request for the old Lumber Supply Company property. Attorney Durso informed the board that the special use request has been brought to the board for review. The variance requests were denied at the zoning hearing. Durso explained that the board members have not been able to read the zoning hearing minutes since they weren't finished until this afternoon. Durso informed the property owners that if they object to the board deciding to table the discussion until the next Board Meeting then the board would have to bring it to a vote at the present meeting. He explained that it would be in their best interest to let the board review the information discussed at the zoning hearing before voting. Both owners agreed to let the discussion be tabled until the next board meeting on October 2, 2018. Mayor Klein asked if anyone in the audience would like to address the board on the subject. Rick Mueth stated that he thinks the special use permit should be granted because new businesses should be encouraged. Father Konieczny from St. John's Catholic Church said that he had concerns about increased traffic and large vehicles coming down Julia St. because of the playground and Munier Center being right across the street. He worries also about a proposed fence causing decreased visibility when exiting the library. He has heard concerns from the school parents and parishioners. Kelly Wright from St. John's School Board voiced concerns about the traffic also and would like information about the lighting, security, and type of business to go into the office on the property. Klein stated that the office business would be limited to the Zoning requirements. Mike Baldwin spoke in favor of the new business because they would be improving the looks of the property which he thinks looks pretty bad right now. He stated that there wouldn't be any more traffic than the Lumber Company produced. Fr. Konieczny stated that his traffic concern is that he understood that Julia Street would be the main entrance for the storage facility. Durso asked Neal Trentman if they had a list of covenants that would be put in place for the business and stated that it might help residents understand more about how the business would be run. Trustee Rogers said that it would be helpful if the board would have that information also. Trentman stated that one of them went out to the Smithton Storage Center at different times of the day to see the amount of traffic that occurred during peak school traffic times. There were no vehicles coming out in the morning and only three vehicles using the storage facility during the afternoon time. They also monitored the school traffic on Julia Street. There were only two afternoon pick-up vehicles that used Julia Street plus the school bus and the TLC van. There were two kids riding bicycles down the sidewalk on the West side of Julia Street. Monday morning drop-offs had fifteen cars using Julia Street to pull into the Munier Center. Trentman stated that people using campers typically use after hours for picking up and storing the campers. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Smallwood to table the discussion until the Board Meeting on October 2, 2018. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Smallwood, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye. Trustee Becker was absent. Motion was granted.

SUPERVISORS REPORT: Supervisor Fults reported that the docks have been installed at the park lake. The concrete approaches need to be put in but that may be delayed until next week due to

putting in the new pipe on Memorial Drive. The electric wiring has been installed for the camera relocation at the Senior Center. Fults informed Chief Vielweber that the camera can now be relocated to better view the recycling bins. Fults informed the board that in the future he would rather not do business with JTC for oiling the streets. JTC overbooked the oil truck for the scheduled second day of oiling in the Village so the street crew had to stay overtime to finish the streets in one day.

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 September 11, 2018. The street personnel issue has resolved with the resignation of Todd Grohmann. The office personnel discussion will take place during the committee reports. The other items will be discussed under the committee reports.

Mayor Klein reported that BlueStem energy gave a presentation about installing solar panels or wind turbines in the village. The Feasibility Study Agreement was reviewed by Attorney Durso. Durso recommended that the Village not enter into an agreement with BlueStem. Klein informed BlueStem of the decision.

Mayor Klein would like to schedule a Committee As a Whole meeting for September 25, 2018. He would like to have Street Employee Vacancy on the agenda.

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: No report.

STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE: TREE AND STUMP REMOVAL – Trustee Becherer would like this put on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting. Mayor Klein stated that there is a tree on the corner of Graner Street and South Julia Street that needs to be cut down. It is in the right-of-way. A resident told him that there are two trees in the right of way on Smith Street between South St. and Cass Street that also need to be cut down.

POLICE COMMITTEE: No report.

PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE: GRAVE STONE REPAIRS – No report.

PARK TREES – No report.

PICKLEBALL LINE REQUEST – Mayor Klein would like this put on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: ORDINANCE #920/EMPLOYEE SALARIES – Trustee Yoch reported that the board discussed the office employee's salaries during the Committee As a Whole meeting. It was decided to adjust their wages due to the shuffling of positions in the office. Trustee Yoch made

a motion which was seconded by Trustee Smallwood to have Clerk Parker read Ordinance 920 by Title Only. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Smallwood, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye. Trustee Becker was absent. Motion was granted. After Clerk Parker read Ordinance 920 by Title Only Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Smallwood to adopt Ordinance 920. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Smallwood, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye. Trustee Becker was absent. Motion was granted.

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

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS/BRUCE ANDERSON – Trustee Yoch asked if this should be put on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting. Attorney Durso recommends that the village reissue notices and citations which will have fines much greater than the last time.

ANNEXATION AND BUILDING COMMITTEE: No report.

BILLS AND PAYROLL: Trustee Smallwood made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to pay the payroll from August 25, 2018 to September 7, 2018, and the quarterly payroll for the trustees and the zoning board members from July through September 2018. Roll call was taken: Trustee Smallwood, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye. Trustee Becker was absent. Motion was granted.

COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Parker shared a request from the Smithon Grade School to participate in the National Walk to School Day on October 10, 2018. Mayor Klein asked the board to participate if they are available.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Klein reported that he was notified of a 3' hole forming at 2 South Hickory Street. It is forming above a storm sewer pipe that is not in the easement. Klein would like the trustees to take a look at it before the board discusses it at the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

Mayor Klein informed the board that he received a notice of a zoning hearing scheduled on October 1, 2018 regarding property from Country Side Lane going North. The owner is wanting to put in solar panels on twenty acres. Klein asked the board if they would like him to attend the hearing.

The trustees would like to know the details of the hearing if Klein could attend.

GOOD OF THE VILLAGE: Trustee Becherer would like to thank the Smithton, Freeburg, Hecker, Millstadt, and Northwest Fire Departments for responding to the barn fire at his father-in-law's property.

Doug Gerold complained about his house vibrating from the music at Mikey's Pub. Attorney Durso and the board told him again that he has to call the police to file complaints. The board agreed that they have told him to file a complaint with the police and that they have asked the Chief of Police about any complaints before granting additional music dates for Mikey's Pub. The Chief has not received any complaints. Resident David Brennan complained that the police don't always respond when he calls them with complaints about Mueth's Tavern. He stated that there were loud customers at Mueth's Tavern at 4:00am. Klein asked if he called the police. Brennan did not call them but said that the police drove by a few times. Klein told Vielweber to make sure that the officers respond to calls and are vigilant about closing hours and the behavior of customers leaving the bars. Gerold asked again about the village getting a decibel level. Klein, Durso, and the board all told him again that it will not happen.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Yoch and seconded by Trustee Becherer to adjourn. All Board members were in favor. Motion was granted. Meeting adjourned at 9:16pm.