

VILLAGE OF SMITHTON  
COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE  
JUNE 26, 2018  
7:00PM

Mayor Klein, Trustees Rogers, Becker, Smallwood, Becherer, Yoch and Elbe were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Mayor Klein informed the board that Clerk Boeving needs to know by next Tuesday if anyone is planning on going to the conference in Chicago. None of the board members are planning to go. Klein told the board that Annette Parker and Beth Buehlhorn from the office should attend. The board agreed. Klein thought that Engineer Saeger would probably attend. He also asked the board about Chief Vielweber wanting to attend. Trustee Elbee asked if there was a reason why Vielweber needs to go. Vielweber told Klein that there might be good information that can be brought back from Chicago for the next Police Chief. Klein stated that a new Chief should be hired in January. Elbe stated that would cause extra expenses from January to June of next year. Elbe stated that the new hire wouldn't be paid a chief salary until Vielweber retires but if someone is qualified and the village wanted them for the position they would have to offer an acceptable salary. Trustee Yoch replied that if the person had previous police chief experience he may not have to be hired as early for training. Klein stated that there are a couple people on the force now that are interested in the job. Elbe stated that there is a lot of information that will need to be shown to the new hire. Klein responded that is why he thinks that the position should be filled in January. Yoch reminded the board that there will be a big hit to the budget next year due to the early-retirement plan that the village will have to pay into when the eligible employees retire.

Mayor Klein informed the board that he met with Dan Hannah from Waste Management to discuss the new contract. The new Waste Management contract will be ready to adopt at the next board meeting. The board will also need to authorize Klein to sign the new contract. Klein informed Trustee Yoch that the ordinance has been updated and will be ready. Yoch asked if the new ordinance should be passed on to Heiligenstein while he is working on the codification. Klein replied yes.

FOP – Trustee Elbe reported that the FOP sent over their final changes for the new contract. The negotiating committee approve of it. Mayor Klein stated that the board can approve

it at the next board meeting and authorize Klein to sign it.

SIREN REPAIR – Trustee Elbe reported that Global Technology wasted a week of time because they should not be involved at all. The county had sent them out because they thought the village was putting in new sirens. Brian Whitaker at CenCom told Vielweber that CenCom did not have the village listed as a two-tone system. CenCom finally did find a button on the console for a two-tone system but it had been deactivated. Whitaker will fill out the necessary paperwork and forward it to Vielweber to submit to the SEC for approval.

SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES ORDINANCE – Trustee Yoch reported that there is an ordinance that pertains to this. The new state mandate refers to poles that are owned by the village. The only poles that Ameren doesn't own in town are owned by Rural Electric. If Small Wireless Facilities want to proceed without using Ameren poles then they could approach private citizens and apply for easements and install new poles. Yoch would like it put in the ordinance that the village would determine what type of poles could be used. The board will wait to see what Attorney Durso finds out in his research. The ordinance needs to be done before August 1, 2018.

CODE BOOK UPDATE – Trustee Smallwood asked Mayor Klein if the board was in agreement that they needed to go through the code book as well as Attorney Durso. Klein responded that by law the attorney must review the code book. Trustee Yoch stated that he does think it would be best if the board reviews the book before Durso so that they will know of any changes that they may or may not want when Durso comes back with his input. The board reviewed more of the code book.

Mayor Klein reminded the board that he would like to look at the disturbance of the peace ordinance in regard to the seven date outside music limit. He also told the board that he spoke to one of the Zoning Board members about the 40-10-30, paragraph B & C pertaining to proof of hardship before variances can be granted. Klein thought that hardship has never been a factor in variance decisions. Attorney Durso has recently been trying to enforce it. Trustee Smallwood stated that when he was on the zoning board they did ask if there was a hardship but it wasn't used as a deciding factor in their decisions. Klein would like those paragraphs taken out of the ordinance. After discussion the board agreed.

Trustee Becker reported that the Catholic Church will be doing some planting this fall around the angel statue and the brick entrance sign in the cemetery. They have asked permission to run water to the plants for watering. The board was fine with that.

Trustee Yoch asked Mayor Klein if the village has insurance coverage for volunteers or community service workers in case of injury. Klein will check with Jim Clossen.

Mayor Klein informed Trustee Becker that the street crew can take down the trees at the park. There is a tree at Douglas that a resident wants taken down. There is a tree on E Street that the crew cannot take down, and they cannot take down the three trees by Randy Becker's house because they are too close to the house.

Trustee Becherer reported that Supervisor Fults work truck is having transmission problems. It has only 40,000 miles on it but the warranty is expired. Klein stated that they are checking with Auffenberg to see what they would be able to work out. Trustee Elbe stated that the Durango police car had to have a new blower motor installed and the Charger is getting a new radiator.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.