

VILLAGE OF SMITHTON
COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE
October 15, 2018
7:00PM

Mayor Klein, Trustees Becker, Yoch, Smallwood, Becherer, and Elbe were present. Trustee Rogers arrived after the meeting started. Engineer Saeger was present also. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

PARKING LOT REQUIREMENTS – Mayor Klein asked Engineer Saeger to explain why this subject is on the agenda. Saeger informed the board that the question arose regarding the property at 13 South Main Street. Attorney Durso believes that when a property changes hands or use then the parking lot needs to be brought up to the current code but not necessarily the buildings. Durso thinks that the parking areas used outside of the buildings need to be paved. This would apply to the South corner lot of the property. Durso also thinks that the parking lot in front of the store would need to be asphalted even though it is currently rock covered. Klein stated that he disagreed with Durso about this. Klein told him that it would increase costs for prospective buyers if they were forced to asphalt lots when purchasing businesses. Durso stated that the Ordinance could be changed if the board wanted specific changes regarding the parking lots for businesses as they are sold. The board discussed the options of permeable lots versus asphalt with the associated runoff problems that could arise.

The board asked Saeger if there were restrictions on private storage for businesses. Saeger stated that the Ordinance would allow industrial zoning businesses to store contractor's equipment and material, but does not state that businesses may do so.

Mayor Klein and Trustee Smallwood explained to the board that the Special Use Permit can be granted with stipulations that are not negotiable with the property owners. A request could be resubmitted in the future. Saeger stated that the approved permit with stipulations must be completed within one year. The Special Use Permit with stipulations can expire when the property is sold or can follow the property.

Engineer Saeger informed the board that the Ordinance states that a privacy fence over six-feet high would have to meet the same setbacks as a building.

SPECIAL USE REQUESTS – The board decided that the requested self-storage area at 4753 State Route 159 would need to be paved; have a six-foot privacy fence to enclose the lot; the fence should have a locking gate on it.

The board discussed the option of having the storage units inspected by the police periodically. Klein stated that would be covered under the Fire Department’s annual business inspections.

The board decided that the requested self-storage area at 13 South Main Street would need to have the South lot paved and enclosed with a six-foot privacy fence-with no means of entrance to Village Hall buildings; the corner of the fence at Village Hall and Julia Street must have a forty-five-degree angle; completely enclose each building with access by overhead doors; no self-storage parking allowed other than on the South lot and inside the buildings; replace the metal wall panels of buildings 2,3,4, and 5.

POLICE CAR PURCHASE – Trustee Elbe informed the board that there have been a lot of issues with the police vehicles. \$12,000.00 has already been spent this year. Most of the vehicles have very high mileage on them. Chief Vielweber has been checking on replacement vehicles. He has found a new 2017 Ford Explorer at Morrow Ford that could be bought for \$36,585.00. That would include an emergency package and partitions for \$34,835.00. Computer, camera, and radar could be installed for \$1,200.00 by a company that Vielweber has used in the past. A vault would cost \$550. The total price would be \$36,585.00. Vielweber also suggested replacing one of the Crown Victoria cars that the part-time police officers use. Both of those cars have a lot of rust on them in addition to the high mileage. There is a 2008 Crown Victoria at Albers Police Department with 61,000 miles on it that could be bought for \$6000.00. The car would come with lights and some of the other equipment on it. Some of the needed equipment could be transferred from one of our cars. Elbe would like the Village to purchase both of the vehicles for the Police Department. The board decided that the cost could come out of the surcharge fund. Elbe asked if this item and the police department computer software upgrade will be on the agenda for the next Village Board meeting. Klein stated that they are both on the agenda. Elbe stated that the software upgrade needs to be installed to improve the access to information from other municipalities. The officers will also be able to fill out police reports from their cars. We are the last community in St. Clair County to install the upgrade.

CODE BOOK UPDATE – No update.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05pm.