

VILLAGE OF SMITHTON  
COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE  
October 23, 2018  
7:00PM

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

Mayor Klein shared an invoice from the insurance company with the board for discussion later in the meeting.

Mayor Klein would like to schedule a Committee As a Whole meeting for October 30, 2018. If the trustees want an item on the agenda they should let him know.

Mayor Klein informed the board that the Village did get the grant for the Senior Event Center for \$28,196.16. The Village portion will be \$1,760.52. The estimate for the new stove and flooring is \$29,956.68.

Mayor Klein informed the board that the grant came close to being denied because the previous cycle has not been completed. Klein informed them that the projects have been completed. The grants commission had not received the final paperwork and invoices and told Klein that since they were having the meeting before the final date on the paperwork they wanted everything finalized before the meeting. Klein asked them if they could approve the grant if he got all of the paperwork turned in by October 22, 2018. They agreed. Klein had a meeting with the street crew and told them that work orders need to be completed on time. He went over work orders that had been written out last year and have not been completed. These include the docks at the Park and the street creep bump in the road at the entrance to Fieldstone Subdivision. He wrote a work order for the old Village Hall in 2016. Klein stated that he continuously receives complaint calls regarding the projects that still need to be done. Klein told the board that last week he found out about a washout underneath the sidewalk at the entrance to Sand Rock Road. Klein told Rolo about it and it was completely repaired in twenty-four hours.

Mayor Klein reported that there will be a hearing during the Board meeting on November 6, 2018 to decide whether to give Bruce Anderson an extension on cleaning up his property.

TRAFFIC/PARKING REQUEST - Mayor Klein introduced resident David Brennan to speak to the board. Brennan informed the board that he is requesting that Stoerger Street be changed into a one-way street with traffic going East to West. He thinks that this needs to be done because of Mueth's Tavern. Brennan showed the board some pictures of traffic congestion with vehicles coming out or entering Julia from Highway 159. Brennan states that there are still vehicles parking in front of his house and leaving trash on the ground even with the no-parking sign there. He states that people from the nursing home and the apartments are running the stop sign on Julia Street to get to the Highway. Brennan suggested the one-way street going all the way to Lincoln Street with a widened road and angled parking for pick-up and drop-off of students. He stated that Turner's could give up part of their property for this. Brennan also wants no-parking on Stoerger Street. His new business will have an entrance on Julia Street for the drive-through with an exit on Highway 159. To reach the parking lot for his business you have to enter from Highway 159 and exit on Julia Street. He stated that he was told by Engineer Saeger that he couldn't have a loop between the two because the retention pit wasn't big enough. He is not happy about the entrance and exit on Julia Street being blocked off during picnics because they close off Julia Street. The board tried to offer more solutions for the drive-through, but Brennan asked them why they wanted to debate the plans. Trustee Becherer and Mayor Klein stated that they need to ask questions before they would consider making a street one-way. Brennan stated that he wants to put in a playground for kids in the area where a loop could be put in and wants it in a safe area. He plans on paying to have a cross-walk put in from his property to the bingo stand at Turners. He states that he lost parking spots for his business when the new B2 zoning ordinance was passed. Brennan told the board that at least ten violations occurred when Mueth's was rebuilt. He is concerned about the traffic congestion from people leaving Mueth's. He played recordings of the sounds of customers at Mueth's Tavern. He said that it doesn't work to call the police because by the time they arrive the noisemakers are gone. Brennan said that he can't sugarcoat what goes on at Mueth's because he's concerned about the safety of the community. Brennan told the board that he can give them disc's to watch if they want him to. Brennan stated that he doesn't have anything against Rick Mueth. Klein told Brennan that he tries to make people move their vehicles when he sees them in no-parking zones. Brennan said that that will not solve the problem. Klein stated that he will ask the police to start writing citations for illegal parking. Klein asked Brennan what business hours he plans on keeping. Brennan replied that he plans on opening at 5:00am to catch the morning traffic. Klein told Brennan that he has concerns about making the street in front of the church one-way. Brennan replied that he can get permission from the church and understands that the parking lot in front of the school belongs to Turner's. He told the board that he doesn't want to have to go to a public forum because he doesn't have time to put together a presentation, but he dislikes some of the things being passed through the board room. He doesn't want to go to the paper with a video but he wants to get support. He thinks that all of the noise, congestion, and littering will be stopped by making Stoerger Street no-parking. Brennan complained of the empty utility poles causing line-of-site problems. Klein replied that he has tried to get those removed but Ameren would not

comply. Brennan complained that at that intersection there is light from the crosswalk, and the neon light and chaos is a blast to the senses. He stated that his new business is important to him and he wants it to be safe. Klein asked Brennan when he plans to close the business in the evenings. Brennan replied that he might stay open until midnight. Becherer told him that he might get the same people that he complains about at Mueth's coming to his business. Brennan replied that he would ask them to leave if they were obnoxious. Trustee Rogers asked Brennan if he would consider the one-way street stopping at Julia. Brennan wants to have curbing along Julia at his entrance and exit. He plans on taking down the garage on his property to allow more parking spaces. Klein told Brennan that the board will need to discuss Brennan's request for the one-way street. Brennan told the board that their decision shouldn't be about what they cannot do to Rick Mueth. He told the board that the rules got changed so that Mueth could rebuild. Brennan told the board that he could give them more videos if they wanted them.

The board reviewed the invoices for Risk Management Insurance. The consensus of the board was to go with the option one payment plan which will save the Village \$1000.00. This will be voted on at the November 6, 2018 Village Board Meeting.

BUDGET – Trustee Smallwood would like to be able to have the board look over the budget by April of 2019. He would like to have the budget on the agenda for all of the Committee As a Whole meetings until then so that it can be discussed if needed. Smallwood worked with Clerk Parker to update his budget template line items so that they match Parker's budget program. He will give the trustees a worksheet next month so that they can all start getting budget items prepared. Smallwood suggested to the board that Village Hall proceeds with getting a generator into the budget and getting it up and running. The board all agreed. Smallwood stated that if an emergency happens Village Hall needs to be able to function. Trustee Rogers asked if the salt storage building should be put into the budget also. The board stated that it depends on how soon the township wants control of the building and the salt disbursement. Klein will check with Engineer Saeger on the plans for the salt storage building and a new generator.

TREES ON CASS STREET – Mayor Klein thinks that the trees on Cass Street will need to be trimmed by a tree service because the limbs are pretty big. Klein will talk to the homeowner to make sure that the plan is okay with him. The board agreed. Klein informed the board that the tree service is about three weeks behind on getting trees trimmed and/or cut down in town. Klein told Darryl to try to get the trees cut down at the Park soon.

POLICE OFFICER REPLACEMENT – Trustee Elbe stated that there are only two part-time police officers interested in the full-time position. Chief Vielweber recommends one of the officers over the other. Mayor Klein stated that he was approached by two police officers who both recommended the same officer as Vielweber. Elbe will ask Vielweber what the next step is so

that it can be put on the agenda. Elbe informed the board that Vielweber is wanting to send two people to the police academy. Elbe would like to put this on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

Trustee Becherer would like to have the street crew opening on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL – Mayor Klein shared an email that Engineer Saeger received from Mark Rujawitz regarding the costs of the sidewalk/crosswalk plans for the Safe Routes to School grant application. Engineer Saeger had told Klein that the present plans could run from \$250,000.00 to over \$300,000.00. The maximum grant amount would be \$200,000.00. Saeger told Klein that the construction and costs would not come about until the 2020 budget. Klein suggested leaving out the sidewalk plans along North High Street from Barker Street to E. Fischer Street and not extending the sidewalk along South Street and Press Road and eliminate the sidewalk on Brevo Street if sidewalks on Sunset Street and Bertille Street are approved. Klein estimated that eliminating those projects from the plans could trim the costs by \$50,000.00. The board agreed that the Village portion of the costs shouldn't exceed \$50,000.00. Klein stated that right now Rhutasel is able to change the plans. Trustee Becherer stated that removing the crosswalk and light at Cletus would save a lot of money. Klein will talk to Saeger about the plans.

WARNING SIRENS – Trustee Elbe informed the board that the siren on Klein Street is now working after Pyramid worked on it last week. One more box will need to be purchased to repair the siren at the Storage Center on Highway 159.

Trustee Rogers asked the board about not charging the residents who use the Community Garden. The money right now just goes into an account and then is given back at the end of the season. The board agreed to try waiving the fee.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The board was in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:37pm.