

VILLAGE OF SMITHTON
COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE
October 30, 2018
7:00PM

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

HUNTERS POINT – Hunter Yung and Tim Pruett addressed the board about the plans for the new subdivision that they are working on. Pruett stated that the plans were originally submitted without sidewalks. Mayor Klein stated that he had discussed some sidewalk options with Engineer Saeger. Saeger suggested a sidewalk from the Assisted Living site and the first Cul-de-sac between lots 2 & 7, and a sidewalk from the school parking lot exit to between lots 8 & 9 and to the proposed street in front of lots 8 & 9. Pruett stated that he doesn't think people will use the sidewalks. He thinks they will walk on the street. The trustees stated that the subdivision will look better with sidewalks throughout the subdivision and would be safer for pedestrians. There is an ordinance that states subdivisions should have sidewalks in place before approving the plat. Pruett would like to know what the board suggests because they have to meet with the zoning board in two weeks. Yung stated that the final plat for the subdivision will be finished next summer so there is still time to look at adjustments. Yung doesn't think that a sidewalk along Press Road would be the best option. He would rather have an egress between two of the lots and the Assisted Living Center. Yung stated that the sidewalks would have to be put in after the homes and driveways are built. Klein reminded everyone that before the second phase is started there must be an entrance/exit onto Highway 159. IDOT would have the final say on the access to Highway 159. The board informed Yung that they would need more time to review the plat before making any decisions. The board discussed installing radio read water meters in the subdivision.

Mayor Klein informed the board that the street crew attempted to remove the hump in the asphalt at the entrance to Fieldstone Subdivision. The hump is about 18inches thick, so they were unable to remove it with the backhoe. Only a small thin layer was removed before the street crew decided that any further attempt would damage the backhoe. A planer is needed to grind down the hump. It would cost \$350.00 per day to rent a planer that could be attached to a bobcat which would rent for \$360.00 per day. Supervisor Fults is trying to find a grinder that the village could borrow.

POLICE OFFICER REPLACEMENT – Mayor Klein informed the board that there are only two officers interested in the open full-time police officer position. Trustee Elbe spoke to Chief Vielweber about his preference. Vielweber would prefer to give the position to Officer Sherman. Vielweber gave Elbe valid reasons for his decision. Klein stated that he was approached by other officers who also preferred Sherman for the job. Klein will have this item put on the agenda for a vote at the next Board meeting.

STREET EMPLOYEE – Mayor Klein informed the board that there are six new applications for the open street employee position. The cut-off for turning in applications is October 31, 2018. Klein will have copies of the applications made available for the trustees.

VILLAGE HALL GENERATOR – Trustee Rogers stated that Engineer Saeger is getting information on generators. Mayor Klein stated that Saeger has checked with Ameren about the possibility of putting a generator near the power pole in the parking lot at Village Hall. Ameren stated that it could be placed under the power line but would need to be ten feet from the pole. Saeger is checking on natural gas and diesel generators.

EVENT/SENIOR CENTER GRANT – Mayor Klein stated that he hasn't received a confirmation letter from the county regarding the grant.

SALT DOME – Trustee Rogers reported that he talked to Engineer Saeger about using blocks for the salt dome and either a tin roof or shingle roof. Saeger is getting bids on various types.

TRAFFIC/PARKING REQUEST – Mayor Klein informed the board that David Brennan came in to talk to him and dropped off a dvd of the traffic on Stoerger trying to pull out onto Highway 159. The trustees agreed that it can be difficult to come in and out onto Highway 159 due to the parking along the highway but making the street one-way would only shunt the traffic to one of the other streets possibly making them worse. Klein will have this item put on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

BUDGET – Trustee Smallwood stated that he did not have an update but would like to keep this item on the agenda.

Trustee Becherer reported to the board that Engineer Saeger gave him information on a 1998 Ford small truck that has been overhauled with a jetter and a vacuum. Becherer called and got more information about it. The cost would be almost \$100,000.00. It is a non CDL truck with hydraulic brakes. The price for a new vehicle would be about \$300,000.00. There is also a camera that could be used for water line leaks. The street crew thinks that a vehicle like this is needed. Becherer would like to check into how much the street department spends now by hiring Visu-Sewer to clean out the manholes. Trustee Smallwood asked Becherer to keep this

on his budget list, and to see if there are things that the street department needs more than this.

CODE BOOK UPDATE – Mayor Klein and the board reviewed changes to the Code Book.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The board was in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:10pm.