

VILLAGE OF SMITHTON
COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE
November 27, 2018
7:00PM

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

STREET EMPLOYEE INTERVIEWS – Interviews were held for three applicants for the street employee position. The board will vote on accepting one of the applicants at the December 18, 2018 Village Board meeting. The applicant will start on January 2, 2019. Mayor Klein will give the information on the starting salary to Clerk Parker. Klein will contact the applicants and inform them of the board's decision.

CHRISTMAS BONUSES – The trustees decided the amounts of Christmas bonuses for this year. They will vote on it at the next Village Board meeting.

VILLAGE HALL GENERATOR – Mayor Klein informed the board that the new owners of the old lumber yard property offered to lease a section of property that could be used to place a propane storage tank. The trustees were given drafts of new plans that the owners have drawn up for the property. Trustee Rogers reported that if natural gas is chosen for the generator, Ameren would charge \$350.00 to upgrade the meter and it would increase the psi by 2lbs, which means that all of the appliances would need to be regulated. Trustee Yoch stated that Mascoutah uses diesel for their generator. The tank sits under the generator. Diesel gas would need treatment throughout the year to keep it usable and the generator would need to be started regularly as part of the maintenance. The trustees discussed the area of ground needed for a propane tank and that the underground lines could be disrupted during a natural disaster. The board decided to wait on making a decision regarding a generator until the property next door is decided on.

TREATMENT PLANT PUMPS – Mayor Klein informed the board about concerns he has regarding maintenance at the waste water treatment plant. He showed the trustees pictures and reports of the maintenance. Blower number 1 in the lab building has not been included in the operator blower rotation for four months. If that blower goes out there will be major problems. The oil in the blowers in the lab building have not been changed for more than 24 months. The hour

meter for blower number two indicates that it has been operating for more than 10,000 hours since the last oil change. This is over twice the interval amount of time recommended by the manufacturer. The blowers in the alum building are also overdue for oil changes. There is a large amount of alum on the floor in the alum building. The fittings on the discharge line from the operating alum pump are leaking. The other alum pump has been disconnected from its discharge line and does not appear to be in working order. Klein read from a note from Engineer Saeger stating that Saeger had contacted Chad on November 1, 2018 and informed him that the oil changes were overdue and he requested an update on the repair status of blower number one in the lab building. Chad stated that he would go to the plant and determine what action should be taken. Klein told the board that he wanted to discuss his concerns with the board before speaking to Chad. It states in Chad's contract that he is in charge of all required maintenance and repairs for the equipment in the treatment plant. Klein would like to set up a meeting with Chad and Larry Rhutasel because Rhutasel signed the contract also. Klein stated that the contract is over in April of 2019. Klein told the board that he is going to tell Chad and Larry that everything needs to be repaired. The board discussed the need for regular reports on the buildings and maintenance. Klein told the board that Chad started flushing hydrants at Edgewood without letting our street crew know. Residents from Autumn Ridge were calling the office complaining of low water pressure and the office girls did not know what to tell them. The street crew found out that he was flushing hydrants. Klein called Chad and told him that he needs to let us know when he is going to flush hydrants. The board agreed that there needs to be a meeting to inform Chad and Larry that the present maintenance of the treatment plant is unacceptable.

SALT STORAGE BUILDING – The board reviewed options for the salt storage building. They decided more research is needed on different types of buildings.

IMRF EARLY RETIREMENT PROGRAM – Trustee Smallwood informed the board that it would be possible to pay off the IMRF Early Retirement Plan amount in one lump sum. Without knowing how many people will use the program, the estimated amount of savings for the village portion would be over \$186,000.00. Mayor Klein will try to get more details on early payoff, and Smallwood will check with the auditor for his input.

BUDGET – Trustee Smallwood informed the board that he would like a list of all actionable projects wanted by the trustees for the 2019/2020 by the first meeting in January.

POLICE PERSONNEL – Trustee Elbe is still working on a list of requirements and stipulations that the board would like for the new Chief of Police applicants.

CODE BOOK UPDATE – No discussion was made.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:58pm.