

VILLAGE OF SMITHTON  
COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE  
February 12, 2019  
7:00PM

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

Mayor Klein informed the board that Neal Trentmann wanted to speak to them. Trentmann thanked the board for the process of the special use permit. He stated that work has begun on the improvements. Trentmann asked the board if they had any interest in purchasing the south lot. The board expressed interest in the property depending on the asked price. Trentmann stated that he was asking now because it will make a difference in their plans for finishing the building next to the lot. The board told Trentmann that they would discuss the offer and contact him with a decision.

Mayor Klein informed the board that he contacted Ameren about installing a street light in front of 5531 C Street. They will install it in the next week or so.

Mayor Klein informed the board that he has had some medical issues lately and has decided to retire from office effective March 5, 2019. He will not apply for the IMRF early retirement program. He will submit a letter to the Village Clerk stating his plan to retire. His retirement letter will be put on the agenda for the next Village Board meeting. The board will have to vote to accept the resignation and then appoint someone as the new Mayor. Klein stated that Attorney Durso will be available for any procedural questions that the board might have. Klein stated that he didn't think that the changeover would cause any problems. He stated that the front office and Engineer Saeger all do a great job, as well as the board. At the Village Board meeting on March 5, 2019 Klein stated that he will step down from office and the new Mayor will be sworn in. Klein stated that the four people running for the three trustee positions would stay on the ballot. Klein stated that the new acting Mayor would have to run in the 2021 election to keep his seat. If one of the trustees who is running for re-election is appointed acting Mayor but wins re-election as a trustee, then he would still be acting Mayor and have to vacate the trustee position. There would only be five trustees from March to May. The Mayor could then appoint someone as trustee after the election and the board would have to approve it or not. The new trustee would have to run for re-election in 2021.

Trustee Elbe informed the board that the radio that was put into the police car that we bought from Albers police department is not working. The radio had been taken out of the police car that had been totaled recently. Elbe stated that Chief Vielweber is checking into getting it repaired or replaced.

HIGH STREET SPEED REDUCTION – Mayor Klein reminded the board that the village received a signed petition from residents on High Street who would like the speed limit reduced to 10MPH. Klein stated that the person that the complaint is about has tools on his truck and he states that the tools make it sound like he is driving faster than he does. The board thinks that the request should be declined. The item will be on the agenda for a vote at the next village board meeting.

ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGE REQUEST – Mayor Klein shared a letter with the board regarding a resident that is requesting an ordinance change regarding setback lines in B-1 zoning districts. This resident received a variance for a fence in the past and would now like to put in a shed. He doesn't think that he should have to pay for another variance request when the ordinance could be changed. The ordinance now would require an additional variance due to the setback lines for a residence in a B-1 zoned property. Engineer Saeger submitted a memo stating that if it was SR-2 then the structure would need to be a minimum of 25 feet from the side-lot adjacent to the street and a minimum of 60 feet from the front lot. Trustee Becherer stated that even if the zoning was changed he would still need a variance. The board stated that the cost of the variance request shouldn't be decreased due to the costs associated with a zoning hearing. They stated that a portable shed wouldn't need a variance. The item will be on the agenda for the next village board meeting.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT WATER TESTING AND OPERATION AGREEMENT – Mayor Klein informed the board that Clerk Parker adjusted the last invoice for Hydro-Services to reflect \$50.00 per hour instead of \$100.00 per hour which Hydro Services charged. They were going to charge double because an outside company was going to be charged for it. Klein spoke to them and informed them that those charges were not acceptable. Klein didn't like that because if the outside company didn't pay the bill then the village would be stuck with the charges. The board agreed. The trustees asked Klein to contact Chad and have him present a new contract from Hydro Services by March 11, 2019. Their current contract will expire on May 1, 2019.

SALT STORAGE BUILDING – Trustee Rogers reported that he spoke to Engineer Saeger regarding a Storage Building. Saeger thought that a 6-inch deep floating pad would be enough to support the concrete block base. Rogers will check with Saeger and try to evaluate what size storage building is needed.

There was a recorder malfunction at this time.

SENIOR CENTER EVENT FLOORING BIDS – The flooring has been advertised for re-bidding. The pre-bid meeting will be at 10:30am on February 19, 2019.

PART-TIME STREET EMPLOYEES – The trustees discussed hiring new younger part-time employees who could work on the weekends. The trustees would like to see younger workers who may possibly stay employed with the village in the years to come.

PART-TIME OFFICE PERSONNEL – Mayor Klein informed the board that a part-time office worker is needed to help with the new soft-ware conversion. There is manual input needed for some of the conversion. This would also allow for the girls to be trained on the new software. The office is busy now because vehicle stickers and animal tags are on sale. Trustee Rogers will stop by the office and talk to Clerk Parker about the software conversion.

VILLAGE HALL GENERATOR – Trustee Rogers would like to table this item until next year when details might be worked out on where to install a generator. The board agreed.

BUDGET - Trustee Smallwood is working on the revenue side of the budget now and will soon start on the expense side. He is waiting on some of the trustees to give him more information.

CODE BOOK UPDATE – The Mayor and the board reviewed the Code Book. There will be an Ordinance Committee meeting on 2-13-19 at 6:30pm to discuss Codification.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10pm.