

VILLAGE OF SMITHTON  
COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE

June 25, 2019

7:00PM

Mayor Smallwood, Trustees Yoch, Becherer, Rogers, Elbe, Henning, and Mourey were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

PRESS ROAD WELLHOUSE

Mayor Smallwood informed the board that the revenue coming in from the wellhouse is about \$3400.00 per year. He reminded the board that due to new state regulations, the water will have to be tested on each day that the pumphouse is open. Smallwood told the board that in the summer-time there is a street crew member working anyway to do the testing. The board discussed keeping the wellhouse open seven days a week in the summer but closing it on the weekends during the winter months, so that the street crew would not have to come in and test the water on the weekends. Smallwood will check with the township to see if they would help with the testing or contribute to the operational costs. He will also try to find out the electricity costs for the pumphouse.

PHONE SYSTEM

Mayor Smallwood reviewed the phone system spreadsheet with the board. Smallwood stated that the current phone system is antiquated and needs to be replaced. Money will be saved by eliminating the existing phone at the maintenance shed. The new phone system should start saving the village money after the first fifteen months. The board will vote on this item at the next board meeting.

LAGOON SHED AND MAINTENANCE SHED REPAIRS

Trustee Mourey reported that the guttering at the maintenance shed is coming down in front of the building. It is also pulling away in the back of the building. Some of the drains are clogged up also. The trustees reviewed the bid from Rebel, Inc. and agreed that the repairs should be done. Smallwood will ask Engineer Saeger to inform Klein and Fults to initiate the repairs with Rebel, Inc.

WILDWOOD LAGOON GRASS

Mayor Smallwood and the board discussed having a lease drawn up for the Wildwood lagoon property. Smallwood stated that the village does have some standing leases with farmers. The leases are for one year and they automatically renew unless either party notifies the other within 30 days of the contract renewal date. The prices vary on the leased properties.

The board agreed to have Attorney Durso draw up a lease for the Wildwood lagoon property for next year. Sealed bids can be taken for leasing the property next year.

#### POLICE PERSONNEL

Trustee Elbe gave the board information on local municipalities' salaries for their Chief of Police positions. A salary was decided on for the new Chief of Police position. A motion will be made at the next board meeting.

#### RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION/INSPECTION ORDINANCE

Mayor Smallwood and the board reviewed various rental property occupancy permits and registration/inspection forms. A form was drawn up for the village. Details on the inspections will be decided on. Smallwood will ask Attorney Durso to review the form and research state statutes to make sure it is compliant.

#### EVOLIS TWIN SPEED-LIMIT ELECTRONIC SIGNS

Trustee Henning informed the board that he spoke to Senator Paul Schimpf about submitting a request to receive money from the grant that should be allocated to Southern Illinois later in the year. Henning would like to submit the request before the next session starts. Engineer Saeger researched the electronic speed signs. Henning will check with Freeburg about the flashing stop signs that they use. Smallwood has sent letters and left messages to Nathan Reitz and Jerry Costello, Jr.

Trustee Elbe informed the board that the cleaning arrangements are not working out at the police department. The officers have been trying to clean it themselves. Nancy Becker would be willing to clean the police department on Saturdays for a negotiated price. Officer Neff would like to make up some of that amount by cancelling the carpet service to the police department. Mayor Smallwood will check to see how the contract price with Aramark would change if the police department was dropped.

Trustee Henning reported that the benches and plaques for Ray Klein and Brian Vielweber have been installed at the Memorial.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm.