

VILLAGE OF SMITHTON
COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE
July 23, 2019
6:30PM

Mayor Smallwood, Trustees Yoch, Becherer, Rogers, Elbe, Henning, and Mourey were present. Police Chief Neff attended the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

SERGEANT INTERVIEWS

Police officers Wilson, Emmerich, and Sherman interviewed for the Sergeant position. A decision will be made after Chief Neff speaks to the FOP.

Mayor Smallwood informed the board that Jason Chandler from the SAA called him about the ballfields in the park. Chandler told Smallwood that some teams played on the ballfields and tore them up because it was muddy. Chandler wants to discuss initiating a deposit when teams use the field. Smallwood told him that he could address the trustees at a board meeting if he wanted to. Smallwood and the board agreed that any teams playing at the park should be submitting proof of insurance to Village Hall.

Mayor Smallwood informed the board that the Director for senior services in Millstadt contacted him about a grant that she applied for. Patty Evansco received a \$10,000.00 grant and will use some of the grant to start congregate dinners at the Smithton Senior Center once a week for the next two months.

Mayor Smallwood shared the packet of the zoning hearing that was held July 18, 2019. He asked the trustees to review the decision of the zoning members since the board will have to vote on it at the next board meeting.

WELLHOUSE SIGNAGE

Mayor Smallwood asked the board to review a sign to be posted at the wellhouse. The sign will state that the price will be \$1.00 per water purchase effective August 1, 2019. It will also state that the wellhouse will be closed on weekends effective November 1, 2019.

Trustee Rogers reported that Supervisor Klein received a medical release for Frank Russell to return to work for the street department. Russell will help them keep up with grass mowing.

BOLTS & MILWAUKEE TOOLS

Trustee Rogers reported that he hasn't received quotes on new bolts from Supervisor Klein yet. Rogers informed the board that Klein asked if he could replace the aging DeWalt tools with Milwaukee tools. Rogers will stop by the shed and look at the tools they are using now and ask Klein to get more information on the quotes.

CAMERAS AT THE PARK, SENIOR CENTER & MAINTENANCE SHED

Chief Neff asked the board if they would approve getting new cameras where they are needed. Barcom could come out and evaluate the current system for a fee. The village would need to rent a lift for the evaluation. The board decided to have Trustee Henning meet with ADT to take a look at the cameras in the park and provide a quote on new cameras. Neff asked if the trustees wanted a camera installed at the maintenance shed, Village Hall, and increase the number of cameras at the recycling center.

PARK BUILDING GRANT

Trustee Henning informed the board that the Metro East Parks and Recreation District (MEPRD) would not consider a building or shed request in a grant application. Henning will work with Engineer Saeger to see if other grants could be applied for.

RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION/INSPECTION ORDINANCE

Trustee Yoch is preparing the forms that they are working on for Attorney Durso to review. The trustees discussed whether or not to issue a \$25.00 fee when the initial form is turned in by the owner/rental agent. They decided not to charge the fee until there is an occupancy change but will send out the forms to the owner/rental agents as soon as they are ready. The number of occupants will be limited to the size of the bedrooms.

TREE REMOVAL AT 102 GRANER

Mayor Smallwood informed the board that the dead tree at 102 Graner is halfway in the village easement. Engineer Saeger is getting bids from tree services. Saeger has been unable to contact Deterding Tree Service. American Tree Service bid \$4400.00 to cut down, grind down the stump and haul everything off. Denny's Tree Service bid \$3100.00 for the same services. If the street crew would haul off and burn everything in the park, then Denny's price would go down to \$1,675.00. The board decided to go with Denny's bid for the cut down and stump grinding but have the street crew haul away and burn everything. Smallwood will have Saeger ask the homeowner if they would contribute to the removal of the tree if the village would pay half of the cost.

MEPRD 2020 Park & Trail Grant Program

Trustee Henning stated that security cameras would qualify as an item under the MEPRD Grant program. Henning will proceed with getting the information needed for the camera system in the park. The Senior Center cameras may qualify under the grant also.

PARK STORAGE BUILDING

Trustee Henning reported that he will do some research on available grants that might help with the cost of a new storage building in the park.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm.