

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

Mayor Smallwood, Trustees Yoch, Becherer, Rogers, Elbe, and Henning were present. Trustee Mourey was absent. Treasurer Dallas Dlouhy, Clerk Parker and Chief Neff attended the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

AUDITOR PROPOSALS

Treasurer Dlouhy shared work proposals from local auditors. His top recommendations are familiar with the software system that the village uses. The trustees reviewed the information and will make a motion to hire a new auditor at the next board meeting.

SEWER CREDIT POLICY

Mayor Smallwood reminded the board that a resident had requested a discount on his water bill because he had used a lot of water while reseeding his lawn. Clerk Parker informed the board that there is no wording in the ordinance regarding discounts for water usage. Parker informed the trustees of the current office procedures for water leaks, high-water usage, and the use of irrigation meters. Smallwood wants any changes specified in written form. The trustees will update the ordinances to specify any circumstances of when a discount is given.

POLICE PERSONNEL

Trustee Elbe informed the board that Officer Emmerich will be retiring in March 2020. Due to the Social Security yearly work-hour limitations, Emmerich's work hours will be limited after the first of the year. Chief Neff would like to open up interviews for a full-time position now so that a new full-time officer can start in January. Neff would then be able to go to a seven man rotation for the schedule. The trustees agreed that Neff could accept applications for a full-time position until November 22, 2019 and hold interviews on November 26, 2019.

IMRF ERI

Mayor Smallwood reported that he discovered that the village could use CD's to pay part of the village portion due for the ERI. \$300,000.00 will come out of CD funds, with the remainder coming out of a surcharge account. The board will vote on authorizing the payment at the next Village Board meeting.

CHRISTMAS BONUSES

The Mayor and the trustees reviewed the employee Christmas bonus list. The trustees will vote on authorizing payment of the bonuses at the next Village Board meeting.

WASTEWATER LAGOON PROPERTY LEASE

Mayor Smallwood reminded the board that they had previously discussed the option of leasing the property at the old wastewater lagoon site. The trustees agreed to move forward with this. Smallwood will ask Engineer Saeger to prepare the property specs and put it out for silent bids.

MEPRD FY20 PARK AND TRAIL GRANT PROGRAM

The trustees discussed the planned walking trail that would stretch from Southwoods to Autumn Ridge subdivision. The issue of some residents not willing to let the village use portions of their property will need to be worked out. Henning reported that he met with a representative from a splash pad company. Henning shared information on a basic splash pad that could be installed at the park. Henning stated that the village could apply for a grant for next year to help cover the cost.

WILDWOOD HOA

Mayor Smallwood informed the board that he met with two representatives from Wildwood HOA. The women had already met with the township and they were given the township's offer of support. The HOA plans on replacing the street sign poles in the subdivision. One of the poles on Shingle Oak is part of the project but not in the HOA section. It is in the village so they are asking if the village would contribute to the cost of the new pole or donate labor from the Street Department to install the pole. The trustees were not interested in participating in the project. Smallwood will inform the HOA representatives.

CAMERAS AT THE PARK, POLICE DEPARTMENT & MAINTENANCE SHED

Trustee Henning shared bids from two companies for new camera systems. Cam-Dex and Barcom both entered a bid. Options offered from the new systems include additional cameras, access control-key card entry, repair or replacement of existing cameras. Barcom is scheduled to repair some of the cameras on November 21, 2019.

CODE BOOK UPDATE

Mayor Smallwood and the trustees some of the ordinances and suggestions made by Frank Heiligenstein to the code book. They reviewed penalty amounts for Ordinance violations and discussed community service. The board discussed writing an ordinance regarding cannabis regulations.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:58pm.