

**MINUTES  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
March 3, 2020  
7:30pm**

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:30pm with everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees Yoch, Becherer, Rogers, Elbe, Henning and Mourey answered roll call.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

The Board received a copy. A motion was made by Trustee Becherer which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to approve the minutes from the board meeting that was held on February 18, 2020. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** No report.

**GOOD OF THE VILLAGE**

Mayor Smallwood presented Officer George Emmerich with a plaque for his retirement. Smallwood thanked him for his years of service to Smithton and congratulated him on his retirement.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Neff gave a report of police calls from February. They received 71 calls.

Chief Neff and Attorney Durso reported that resident Greg Wieland's attorney called and spoke to Durso about the case. Officer Wilson stated that there has been progress made but it has not been completed. Mayor Smallwood asked Wilson to take pictures for the board and they can discuss it at the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

PARK GRANTS – No update.

**CDBG**

Engineer Saeger reported that he will meet with Hank's Excavating & Landscaping for a preconstruction meeting on March 6, 2020.

**EAST/WEST GATEWAY GRANT APPLICATION**

Engineer Saeger reported that six engineering firms are interested in working on the project. One of the firms will need to be selected. The board asked Saeger to select one of them. Mayor Smallwood and Trustee Yoch will review them with Saeger.

**HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT**

Health Officer Rogers reported that the number of flu cases is going down.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Mayor Smallwood reported that there is a Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for March 5, 2020 at 10:00am, if needed.

**ZONING BOARD REPORT:** No report.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT**

Supervisor Klein reported that he has been working with Ameren regarding the need to possibly relocate the gas line for the High Street project.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

Attorney Durso reported he and the Ordinance Committee are getting closer to finishing codification.

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to accept the officer’s reports as given. All were in favor. Motion was granted.

**COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE**

Mayor Smallwood stated that there was a Committee As a Whole meeting on February 25, 2020. The items will be discussed under the Committee Reports. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to approve the minutes from the Committee As a Whole meeting held on February 25, 2020. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted.

**FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

**BUDGET & FINANCE**

Trustee Becherer would like to have Budget on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

**STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE**

**STORM WATER DRAINAGE – SMITHTON GRADE SCHOOL**

Trustee Rogers would like this item on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

**COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Trustee Rogers is communicating with the residents that want to use the community garden. He will have the area tilled by the street crew when the weather permits. Engineer Saeger will mark the property lines. Trustee Henning is pricing park equipment to place in the unused garden area. This item may be turned over to Trustee Mourey under Annexation and Building Committee.

**POLICE COMMITTEE**

Trustee Elbe would like Police Personnel on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

**PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

**PARK PLANNING GRANT –** No update.

**CAMERAS AT THE PARK, POLICE DEPARTMENT & MAINTENANCE SHED**

Trustee Henning reported that he has not received a quote yet from Barcom. This item will be added to the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

PARK BUILDING GRANT – No update.

MEPRD FY20 PARK & TRAIL GRANT PROGRAM – No update.

GRAVESTONE REPAIRS – No update.

PARK TREES & LAKE ROCK – No update.

### **ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

#### **SOUND ORDINANCE REQUEST**

Trustee Yoch reported that the board decided to amend the Sound Ordinance to state that any petitioner who is requesting additional music dates can submit the request in writing before the Village board meeting but will not have to be present at the meeting. Shirley Pilla asked about requesting consecutive dates on a weekend and that in the past they could only use either Saturday or Sunday. She stated that she thinks that the village is interfering with their rights to run their business and that they wanted the ordinance changed to allow 20 music dates. Attorney Durso stated that the decision has been made by the board for the good of the village. Mayor Smallwood informed Shirley that she could speak again later in the meeting under Good of the Village. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to have Clerk Parker read Ordinance 932 by title only. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted. After Parker read Ordinance 932 by title only, Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to pass Ordinance 932. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted.

#### **CODE BOOK UPDATE**

Trustee Yoch would like this item on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

#### **RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION/INSPECTION ORDINANCE**

Trustee Yoch reported that the ordinance is almost completed. He would like this item on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

#### **ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS**

Trustee Yoch reported that progress is continuing on the existing ordinance violations.

### **ANNEXATION AND BUILDING COMMITTEE**

#### **VILLAGE HALL LANDSCAPING**

Trustee Mourey would like this item on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

#### **CONCRETE FLOORS AT VILLAGE SHED**

Trustee Mourey reported that he will put concrete floors for the village shed into next years budget.

SALT STORAGE BUILDING – No report.

VILLAGE HALL GENERATOR – No report.

### **BILLS AND PAYROLL**

Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Yoch to authorize Clerk Parker to pay the payroll from February 8, 2020 through February 21, 2020. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Clerk Parker shared a letter of resignation effective March 16, 2020 from part-time office employee Jaime Trentman. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to accept the resignation of Jaime Trentman. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** No items.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Smallwood reported that there is a software module available for purchase that will allow the vehicle sticker and animal tag sales to be automated. The sales are now done manually. This item will be on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

### **GOOD OF THE VILLAGE**

Mayor Smallwood informed the owners of Mikey's Pub that they or anyone attending the meeting with them could address the board, but each person would have a five-minute time limit as stated in the ordinance.

Resident Marian Bell asked the board if the village has any money in the budget for a leaf vacuum which would help eliminate leaf burning and the associated problems for people with asthma.

Residents then spoke in favor of Mikey's Pub and raised points that they didn't want to see Mikey's Pub close and have the American Legion Hall empty. Residents stated that the Pub has proven itself to have well behaved crowds and would like the board to give them more dates because bands need to be booked sometimes months in advance, with a risk of having to cancel the band if a date is denied. The board was asked if they spoke to any of the residents before creating the ordinance since the trustees are supposed to represent the village. Mayor Smallwood reminded everyone that the board created the ordinance to cover all of the village, not just Mikey's Pub. The board came to an agreement over the number of additional dates that could be requested at one time due to the fact that the additional dates have been approved on the basis of whether there have been any issues with the previous dates. Doug Gerold then spoke against granting any additional dates.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Motion was granted to adjourn at 8:40pm.