

MINUTES
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
May 19, 2020
7:30pm

This meeting was held via teleconference in accordance with government mandate 2020-07. Mayor Smallwood attended the meeting from Village Hall. Trustees Yoch, Becherer, Rogers, Elbe, Henning and Mourey attended the meeting via teleconference. Village Clerk Parker, Engineer Saeger, Supervisor Klein, Chief Neff, and Attorney Durso attended via teleconference also. The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Board received a copy. A motion was made by Trustee Yoch which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to approve the minutes from the board meeting held on May 5, 2020. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The board received a copy.

GOOD OF THE VILLAGE

Mayor Smallwood let Jr. Koerber address the board regarding opening a grocery store in Smithton. His plans are to build a new store building adjacent to the old Remick's Hardware building. They are working through details of an existing covenant connected to the property. Attorney Durso told Koerber that the Village does not interpret, enforce, or take a standpoint on covenants. Durso informed him that as the Village attorney, he cannot advise residents. Durso told Koerber to contact his own attorney regarding the covenant issues.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Neff reported that he purchased a new rifle for the police department so that every full-time officer will have a rifle available to him.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

ENERGY EFFICIENT UPGRADES AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Engineer Saeger reported that he is putting together a bid packet for the energy efficiency upgrades at the treatment plant. He hopes to have the bids in June so that the project can be completed by September 30, 2020. Ameren is offering an incentive of an extra 5% energy discount if the project is complete by then.

N. HIGH STREET PROJECT

Engineer Saeger reported that there is still some final grading, sealing and seeding to be done. Saeger informed the board that the 15foot section of curb and gutter that was installed too high will be removed by the street crew and then back filled, after Hank's repours the curb and gutter. Hank's and Rhutasel & Associates will cover the cost for repouring so that there will be no additional cost to the Village. The project is supposed to be completed by June 6, 2020.

MAIN STREET TURN LANE PROJECT

Engineer Saeger reported that he spoke to Rhutasel & Associates and they believe that they can work within the budgeted amount in the grant. A contract will be drawn up for the board to review.

Engineer Saeger shared the list of streets that will be oiled and chipped this year. Saeger has submitted a bid packet to the state for their approval. After that is received, the project can go out for bids.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – No report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mayor Smallwood reported that there is a Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for June 4, 2020, if needed.

ZONING BOARD REPORT

Zoning Administrator Saeger reported that he has two variance requests, but no zoning hearings are being scheduled right now due to the Covid 19 virus.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Klein reported that the street crew will be back in full force tomorrow. Mayor Smallwood reported that the crew has done a great job on cleaning up the dumping area in the back of the park. Klein stated that he will be ready to remove the curbing on N. High Street whenever Hank's is ready to repour that section.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Durso reported that there are some cases being filed against the Governors' Stay At Home Order, but as of now the order is still in effect.

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 not a Committee As a Whole meeting on May 14, 2020. He would like to schedule the next meeting for May 26, 2020.

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

BUDGET & FINANCE – No report.

STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE

NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASE – This item can be removed from the agenda.

STORM WATER DRAINAGE – SMITHTON GRADE SCHOOL

Trustee Rogers reported that this project will start next week if the weather permits.

POLICE COMMITTEE

POLICE PERSONNEL – This item can be removed from the agenda.

PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE

REPAIR EXISTING CAMERA SYSTEM

Trustee Henning reported that the parts have been ordered to begin repairs on the camera system.

CAMERAS AT THE PARK, POLICE DEPARTMENT & MAINTENANCE SHED

Trustee Henning reported that this project will be started after the existing camera system is repaired.

PARK BUILDING GRANT – No update.

GRAVESTONE REPAIRS – No update.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

DECLARATION OF A PUBLIC EMERGENCY-ORDINANCE 937

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer for Clerk Parker to read Ordinance 939-Declaration of a Public Emergency, 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 the ordinance by title only, Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to pass Ordinance 939-Declaration of a Public Emergency. 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.

CODIFICATION

Trustee Yoch reported that he has not heard back from Frank Heiligenstein regarding the code book.

ANNEXATION AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY GARDEN – No report.

CONCRETE FLOORS AT VILLAGE SHED – No report.

SALT STORAGE BUILDING – No report.

VILLAGE HALL GENERATOR – No report.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to authorize Clerk Parker to pay the payroll from May 2, 2020 through May 15, 2020. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Henning, aye. Motion was granted.

COMMUNICATIONS – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

OFFICE PERSONNEL

Clerk Parker reported that the full-time office personnel position has been advertised. The deadline to return applications is May 27, 2020.

GOOD OF THE VILLAGE – No items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Motion was granted to adjourn at 7:57pm.