

MINUTES  
SMITHTON VILLAGE  
COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE MEETING  
April 28, 2020

This meeting was held via teleconference in accordance with government mandate 2020-07 due to the coronavirus pandemic. Mayor Smallwood called the meeting to order at 7:05pm from Village Hall with trustees Yoch, Becherer, Rogers, Elbe, Henning and Mourey attending via conference call. Residents were informed that they could call in to the meeting. No residents called in.

Mayor Smallwood informed the board that in accordance with the government mandate there will be sections of the park opened-with restrictions, effective May 1, 2020. The tennis court will be opened, the lake will be open for fishing but not the large dock, the main bathroom will be unlocked. Social distancing must be observed in the newly opened areas.

Mayor Smallwood informed the board that there is a gentleman who would like to open a small grocery store in Smithton. The property he has a contract on has a restrictive covenant on it preventing any grocery stores adjacent to it. The adjacent property owners are agreeable, but the village has no legal authority to interfere with restrictive covenants. Smallwood explained this to the gentleman and hopes that he can work out the details.

#### ANNEXATION - FULFORD PROPERTY

Mayor Smallwood reminded the board that John Fulford has asked him to approach the board about annexing the property at Douglas and Highway 159 so that he can get a water line extended and a water tap. He asked if the water tap charge could be waived and real estate taxes abated for the property if he annexes it and brings a business to the property. The board decided to offer Fulford a waived tap-in fee and abated real estate taxes for two years if the property is annexed. Smallwood will contact Fulford.

#### ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Smallwood informed the board that state statute says zoning board member appointments must be staggered from a one year to seven-year term. Smallwood recommended instituting the terms by reverse seniority of the present board and chairman. He stated that the Administrator and Deputy Administrator appointments will not be affected. The trustees agreed with using reverse seniority to assign the terms. Smallwood will have Attorney Durso update the ordinance for a vote at the next Board meeting. Smallwood will contact the zoning board members and inform them of the new appointment terms.

#### RENTAL PROPERTY ORDINANCE

Trustee Yoch informed the board the front office and the police department gave their input on putting the new ordinance in effect. The forms will be sent to the property owners and it will be the responsibility of the property owners to get the renters to bring the required documentation to the office. The ordinance will be voted on at the next Board meeting.

#### ENERGY EFFICIENT UPGRADES AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Mayor Smallwood reminded the board that the village will not be receiving grant money to initiate energy saving initiatives at the wastewater treatment plant. Engineer Saeger stated that the cost to the village for the upgrades would be recouped in savings after 1.7 years. The upgrades would cost close to \$50,000.00. The trustees thought that it would be a worthwhile project. It will be brought to a vote at the next Board meeting.

#### CODIFICATION

Trustee Yoch spoke to Frank Heiligenstein about the code book. Heiligenstein has not entered all of the changes that the board wanted. The Ordinance Committee will compare the code book with the requested changes, and they will have an Ordinance Committee meeting on April 30, 2020.

#### GOOD OF THE VILLAGE

Trustee Elbe reported that the transmission may be going out on the white Police Department Charger. There might be a possibility of substituting the transmission from the blue charger into the white one. The trustees agreed to have the transmission evaluated. Elbe will work with Chief Neff to make arrangements to have the car looked at.

Trustee Henning stated that gravestone repairs in the cemetery will begin soon.

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to adjourn. All were in favor. Motion was granted. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.