

MINUTES
SMITHTON VILLAGE
COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE MEETING
May 26, 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 7:00pm 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 Mike Baldwin contacted Engineer Saeger to request permission from the board to block off an area along the highway in front of Subway to use as a curbside pick-up area. The trustees decided that IDOT would not approve it, and that there would be too many safety issues along the highway to grant curbside pickup.

RECYCLING CENTER

Mayor Smallwood informed the board that there have been additional charges applied to the bill from Republic for the recycling dumpsters. The dumpsters have been consistently overfilled, with overflow being dumped on the ground or thrown over the gates when they are closed. Plastic bags and other unallowed items are being thrown into the dumpsters. The contract with Republic expires in May 2021. Smallwood spoke to a representative from Waste Management about pricing for curbside pickup. Waste Management would do the billing for curbside pickup. The trustees discussed having Waste Management start curbside pickup now to ease some of the overflow at the recycling dumpsters until next May. In May the contract with Republic would be cancelled and the recycling center would be removed.

GROCERY STORE

Mayor Smallwood informed the board that the resident who wants to build a grocery store in town will be presenting an architectural rendering and business plan to the board in the future.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

Mayor Smallwood informed the board that he was contacted by one of the HOA presidents in the village about starting a neighborhood watch program. He would like to meet with Smallwood and Chief Neff for a discussion about it. Smallwood is willing to meet with them, but he and the trustees voiced opinions that a neighborhood watch program is probably not something that the village needs.

MOBILE HOME PARK WATER SYSTEM

Mayor Smallwood informed the board that the mobile home park has been sold to Jr. Frentzel. The

Mobile home park has six fire hydrants which they have always maintained. The village has never flushed the hydrants or repaired any of the water pipes in the park. The water system in the park is set up in a loop which is separate from the village water system. Per Engineer Saeger, the EPA mandates that an independent water system must have an operator to maintain and regulate it, which includes flushing the hydrants and testing the water. Smallwood asked the board if they want Frentzel to grant easements to the village so that we can maintain and regulate it, or if Frentzel wants to hire an independent company who will follow EPA guidelines. The trustees agreed that Frentzel should hire his own company to operate the water system in the mobile home park.

POLICE VEHICLES

Trustee Elbe shared three separate work bids for paint touch-ups on Officer Adams police vehicle. Elbe will check to see if a clear coat finish could be included in the price.

END OF YEAR BUDGET

Trustee Yoch reported that he thinks the trustees need to keep an eye on their budget line items so that expenses and revenue totals remain on course.

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.