

MINUTES  
SMITHTON VILLAGE  
COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE MEETING  
June 30, 2020

This meeting was held at Village Hall using Covid 19 precautions. Mayor Smallwood called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Trustees Yoch, Becherer, Rogers, Elbe, Henning and Mourey were present. Also attending the meeting were Attorney Durso and Chief Neff.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATORS ROOM CAMERA SYSTEM**

Chief Neff explained that there is camera in the investigators room, and one in each interview room. They are old and need to be replaced. He would like to add an outside camera in the front and back of the building. He presented a bid from George Alarm for \$4941.00 which includes labor. They have a lease option for \$2823.00 with a \$66.00 monthly fee. The lease option would include replacement or repair if anything breaks. The other bid is from Barcom for a similar system for a purchase amount of \$8384.00. Their lease option is for \$2700.00 with a monthly cost of \$195.00. Neff would like to proceed with George Alarm if the board agrees. This will be voted on at the next board meeting.

**CHILD DEATH INVESTIGATIVE TASK FORCE**

Chief Neff informed the board that he was contacted by a representative from the Child Death Investigative Task Force to ask an officer from the Village to join the Task Force. Neff recommends Officer Agles. The officer chosen would be asked to get involved in about two cases per year. Occasional cases may involve overtime, but the Task Force tries to prevent overtime hours. This will be voted on at the next board meeting.

**NUISANCE PROPERTIES**

Mayor Smallwood informed the board that there are three properties in the village that Officer Wilson has been working on for ordinance violations. Attorney Durso stated that he was involved in the past on one of the properties. The citations were issued but the property owner did not show up for the court date. The government mandates for Covid 19 then prevented any further court actions. Durso stated that there are ordinances in place for nuisance properties. The St. Clair County Health Department was brought in for a case in the past. Trustee Mourey will contact the Health Department to see if they will assist with this property. The board discussed two other properties that need to be cleaned up. Chief Neff will make arrangements for one of the owners to be contacted regarding the issues with his property. Smallwood will send the other property owner a letter regarding the issues on his property.

**RECYCLING CENTER**

Mayor Smallwood verified with the board that they still want to proceed with closing the recycling

center. The trustees agreed that they do. Smallwood will send a notice to cancel the contract with Republic before it renews in 2021.

#### 502 S. HICKORY

Mayor Smallwood reminded the board of the garage at 502 S. Hickory Street that was built in the easement without obtaining a building permit. The resident was informed that a permit was needed before construction. Engineer Saeger has sent a letter to the resident stating that the garage must be taken down by July 17, 2020 or he can be fined by the Village. Attorney Durso stated that there are some legal issues that he would like to discuss with the board at the next board meeting.

#### VEHICLE STICKERS

Mayor Smallwood informed the board that there are many residents who have not purchased vehicle stickers or animal tags. Smallwood stated that Governor Pritzker has extended the mandate eliminating penalties until the end of July. At that time the price will be doubled. A notice will be put on the PD Facebook page and the website.

#### OFFICE PERSONNEL

Mayor Smallwood informed the board that a candidate has been chosen for the open full-time office position. The board agreed on a salary and hopes that she will accept the position.

#### OUTSIDE MUSIC

Mayor Smallwood informed the board that Mi Jalapeno has been hosting outside music. Smallwood sent the owner a letter explaining the number of outside music dates allowed. A copy of the ordinance was included with the letter.

#### MEPRD

Trustee Henning reported that the Village is in round one for the MEPRD grants. He explained that this means the Village should be getting some grant money for the park. Henning has been looking at playground equipment and a possible Disc Golf course. Henning has a bid for a small playground set for younger kids which would cost the Village \$1928.00. The Disc Golf set up would cost the Village \$2800.00. The grant would match the amount for both. Henning stated that new picnic tables for Pavilion One could be an option. Aluminum tables could be bought for \$700.00 per table from a company in Red Bud. All three options could be obtained for about \$9000.00 if the grant is issued. The trustees definitely want picnic tables. Henning will work with Engineer Saeger and move forward.

Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to adjourn. All were in favor. Motion was granted. Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.