

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**June 16, 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 June 2, 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 informed the board that a request was made to hold a graduation parade by the families and graduates of the Smithton Public School. The trustees were okay with the plan. The possible date of the parade is June 22, 2020. Mayor Smallwood stated that the Village will not be planning or participating in the parade.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Neff reported that Officer Adams car is at Jerry's Auto Body for touch up painting.

Chief Neff reported that the cameras at the park helped with the felony arrest recently. Mayor Smallwood congratulated Neff for the good work on the arrest.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**WATER SYSTEM AT MOBILE HOME PARK** – No update.

**ENERGY EFFICIENT UPGRADES AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Engineer Saeger reported that three bids were turned in for upgrades at the treatment plant. The lowest bidder was Illinois Electric Works. Saeger recommends contracting with Illinois Electric Works for the project. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to authorize a contract with Illinois Electric Works for the energy efficiency upgrades at the wastewater treatment plant for \$71,643.50. Ameren will give an incentive of \$33,750.00. The Village will be responsible for \$37,893.50. 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.

#### **MAIN STREET TURN LANE PROJECT**

Engineer Saeger reported that Rhutasel & Associates submitted a preliminary engineering contract for the Main Street turn lane project for \$77,250.00. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to authorize a contract with Rhutasel and Associates for the Main Street turn lane project for the amount of \$77,250.00. 80% of the funding will come from the East West Gateway Grant, with the Village responsible for \$15,450.00. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Henning, aye. Motion was granted.

#### **502 S. HICKORY SHED**

Engineer Saeger reminded the board that a shed located on a concrete pad has been installed in an easement without a building permit. Saeger had emailed and spoken by phone with the owner to discuss the project prior to the installation and informed him that a building permit was needed but they went forward with the project without getting a building permit. Saeger has sent a letter stating that the shed needs to be removed by July 17, 2020. Saeger asked the board for direction if the shed is not removed. Attorney Durso stated that the owner could be cited at that time but is researching the information that Saeger is forwarding to him. Durso stated that any action cannot be made until after July 17, 2020.

**HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT** – No report.

#### **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Mayor Smallwood reported that there is a Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for July 2, 2020, if needed.

#### **ZONING BOARD REPORT**

Zoning Administrator Saeger reported that he has received variance requests. Attorney Durso stated that the Illinois Municipal League suggested that the village should have applicants sign an agreement/consent for the village to conduct a virtual public hearing. The agreement also states that they are waiving any objection to a virtual agreement and that if anyone would contest the rulings in the future, the applicant would have to pay any costs incurred by the Village for additional hearings. Saeger stated that the applicants are unwilling to sign a waiver/agreement so the zoning hearings will wait until a public meeting can take place.

#### **SUPERVISORS REPORT**

Supervisor Klein reported that they are working on the South Street project.

Supervisor Klein reported that there is a residence on Eugenia that has cracks in the concrete driveway. The curb on the street needs to be replaced. Klein asked the board if a waiver could be drawn up for the resident to sign releasing the village of any responsibility if his driveway would have any possible damage during the curbing project. The trustees agreed that Klein should talk to the owner and see if he would be willing to sign a waiver and that a waiver should be drawn up for this and for future use.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT** – No report.

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 June 9, 2020. The items will be discussed under the individual committee reports. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to approve the minutes from the Committee As a Whole meeting on June 9, 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**

**APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 941**

Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Yoch for Clerk Parker to read Ordinance 941 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 941 by title only, Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Yoch to pass Ordinance 941- An Ordinance Providing For the Annual Appropriations of the Village of Smithton, St. Clair County, State of Illinois. 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.

**STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE**

**RECYCLING CENTER**

Mayor Smallwood informed the board that both townships have been informed of the history of problems with the recycling center and understand how the village wants to proceed. Trustee Rogers asked if a letter needs to be drawn up now to inform Republic that we will be terminating the contract. Smallwood stated that a letter will not be sent to them until the beginning of 2021 which is closer to the end of the contract period.

**STORM WATER DRAINAGE – SMITHTON GRADE SCHOOL**

This was reported by Supervisor Klein.

**POLICE COMMITTEE**

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM**

Trustee Elbe, Mayor Smallwood and Chief Neff have not heard anything further from the group interested in a possible neighborhood watch program.

**PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

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

Trustee Henning reported that 15 cameras are now working. When the system is completed at the PD with Chief Neff’s approval then it can be removed from the agenda. The agenda item of Cameras at the Police Dept. and Maintenance Shed will be determined by when the budget will allow it, so that item can be removed from the agenda.

**PARK BUILDING GRANT**

Trustee Henning reported that he received an email from Senator Schimpf stating that the Village is on the list for allocation funding over a five-year period. The legislature has not approved a budget or amount of allocations yet.

#### **GRAVESTONE REPAIRS**

Trustee Henning is checking with Weiss Monument about the progress at the cemetery.

#### **ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

##### **DECLARATION OF A PUBLIC EMERGENCY-ORDINANCE 942**

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer for Clerk Parker to read Ordinance 942 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 942-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 the Ordinance Committee will meet with Frank Heiligenstein to review the new ordinance books on June 22, 2020 at 7:00pm in Village Hall. Covid 19 precautions will be mandatory.

#### **ANNEXATION AND BUILDING COMMITTEE**

##### **GROCERY STORE**

Trustee Mourey reported that Mr. Koerber will be closing on the property on June 25, 2020 and is anxious to break ground.

COMMUNITY GARDEN – No update.

CONCRETE FLOORS AT VILLAGE SHED – No update.

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 30, 2020 through June 20, 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 a lot of applications have been received for the full-time office position. Phone interviews were held. Second interviews will be held on June 18, 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 8:18pm.