

MINUTES
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
August 4, 2020
7:30pm

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:30pm with everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees Yoch, Becherer, Henning, and Mourey answered roll call. Trustees Rogers and Elbe were absent.

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 July 21, 2020. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, absent; Trustee Elbe, absent; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted.

TREASURER'S REPORT – No report.

GOOD OF THE VILLAGE

MIKEY'S PUB OUTSIDE MUSIC PERMIT

Mike Pilla requested additional music dates for Mikey's Pub for August 7,8,9, and 15,16. The trustees asked about two complaints that were made by Doug Gerold. Chief Neff explained that there were two complaints filed which were both resolved immediately. He did not think the complaints were viable. Doug Gerold argued his point. Mike Pilla stated that they are trying to be compliant. Trustee Mourey made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to approve additional outside music dates August 7,8,9,15 and 16, 2020 for Mikey's Pub. Roll call was taken: Trustee Mourey, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Rogers, absent; Trustee Elbe, absent; Trustee Henning, aye. Motion was granted.

DAN VALENTINE BUILDING PERMIT

Resident Dan Valentine informed the board that he ordered a shed last year after calling Engineer Saeger and getting a verbal okay to place the shed on his property. When the shed was delivered, the building permit that he applied for had not been approved yet. Saeger called him and told him that the permit could not be approved. Valentine had the shed dropped off at Turner Hall for seven months and decided to put it on a mobile frame and put it in his yard. He did not inform Saeger of this. Saeger sent him a letter stating he was in violation of the ordinance. Valentine tried to get a license for the trailer but was unsuccessful. He called Saeger and was told that he would need a variance

request hearing. Saeger stated that the variance hearing has not been scheduled yet. The Board had previously voted to fine Valentine for the ordinance violation. Attorney Durso stated that whether he fines Valentine or not will depend on the decision of the variance request. Valentine then asked the Board to consider adjusting the fee scale of variance requests. He didn't think that the fee for a shed should be the same as the fee for a larger building. He said possibly eliminate the need for hearings for variance requests for certain items and let the surrounding neighbors decide. There were no further questions for Valentine.

Resident John Davinroy asked the Board for an update on the ordinance violations at 17 N. High St. Mayor Smallwood stated that Attorney Durso will be reporting on that later in the meeting.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Neff reported that the PD received 82 calls in July.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

MAIN STREET TURN LANE PROJECT

IDOT is reviewing the engineering agreement for the project.

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

Engineer Saeger reported that the Board had voted to issue citations to two residents for ordinance violations. He said now the fine for 201 N. Smith is on hold. He stated that he does not think that fines should be waived if someone follows an order after the fact, but he knows that the Board gets to make that decision.

WATER SYSTEM AT MOBILE HOME PARK

Engineer Saeger reported that a letter is being drafted to send to the manager of the mobile home park. The office is checking into turning over the streetlights care and billing to the new owners. Saeger also asked the Board about the process for the oiling and chipping of the streets in the mobile home park. Trustee Mourey made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Henning to continue to oil and chip the streets in the mobile home park, but any private property that is included should be done after the village streets. The owners will then be billed for oil, chip and labor costs. Roll call was taken: Trustee Mourey, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, absent; Trustee Elbe, absent. Motion was granted.

ENERGY EFFICIENT UPGRADES AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Engineer Saeger reported that Ameren has approved the incentive for the mixer at the treatment plant, but the positive displacement blowers are not eligible for the incentive. Illinois Electric Works will send an updated proposal. Saeger will present it to the Board when he receives it.

502 S. HICKORY SHED

Attorney Durso stated that he has not made any progress on this item but will do so.

HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT - No report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mayor Smallwood reported that there is a Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for August 6, 2020, if needed.

ZONING BOARD REPORT

Zoning Administrator Saeger reported that there was a zoning hearing on July 23, 2020 to decide two variance requests. Both requests were approved by the zoning board. There are two more hearings on August 10, 2020, one for parcel divisions of a property and the other for a shed variance.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Klein reported that they are preparing the streets for oiling and chipping on August 11 & 12, 2020. He reported that the Cass and High Street project is completed.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

17 N. HIGH STREET

Attorney Durso gave an update on the progress of ordinance violations at 17. N. High Street. Chief Neff shared that four more citations were issued last week for ordinance violations to the property owner.

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 July 28, 2020. The items will be discussed under the standing 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 July 28, 2020. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, absent; Trustee Elbe, absent; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted.

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE - No report.

STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE

STREET EMPLOYEE MEDICAL BILL

Mayor Smallwood reported for Trustee Rogers that a street employee had a medical bill from a minor work injury that needs to be reimbursed to the employee. Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to authorize reimbursement of employee Mitch Hummerts’ medical bills for a work injury. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Mourey,

aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Rogers, absent; Trustee Elbe, absent; Trustee Henning, aye. Motion was granted.

STREET DEPARTMENT PAY

Mayor Smallwood would like this item on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

ROAD CONDITIONS - WILDWOOD

Mayor Smallwood reported that the Board agreed not to take any action on the request to asphalt the village sections in Wildwood Subdivision.

STOP SIGN REQUEST LIVE OAK AND WHITE OAK

Mayor Smallwood reported that he spoke to Chief Neff about the request for a stop sign at the intersection of Live Oak and White Oak Dr. in Wildwood Subdivision. Neff did not think that there was a need for stop signs at that intersection. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey for no action to be taken on the stop sign request at Live Oak and White Oak Drive.

Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, absent; Trustee Elbe, absent; Trustee Henning, aye. Motion was granted.

RECYCLING CENTER - No update.

STORM WATER DRAINAGE - SMITHTON GRADE SCHOOL

This project has been completed and will be removed from the agenda.

Engineer Saeger reported that some residents were asking about cleaning the water tower. Saeger received some prices and forwarded them to Trustee Rogers. This will be discussed at the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

POLICE COMMITTEE - No report.

PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE

CONCESSION STAND FANS AT THE PARK

Trustee Henning made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to authorize purchase of fans not to exceed \$600.00 for the park concession stand pavilion. Roll call was taken: Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye; Trustee Yoch, nay; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, absent; Trustee Elbe, absent. Motion was granted.

PARK BUILDING GRANT - No report.

GRAVESTONE REPAIRS

Trustee Henning contacted Weiss Monument for a projected finish date for the cemetery repairs.

MEPRD GRANT

Trustee Henning made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Yoch for Mayor Smallwood to sign and approve Resolution 2020-09 – letter of support for an MEPRD grant for picnic tables. Roll call was taken: Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, absent; Trustee Elbe, absent; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

EMPLOYEE ORDINANCE 945

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer for Clerk Parker to read Ordinance 945 by title only. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, absent; Trustee Elbe, absent; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted. After the ordinance was read by title only, Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to pass Ordinance 945-A Revised Code of Ordinances For the Village of Smithton, St. Clair County, Illinois. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, absent; Trustee Elbe, absent; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted.

DEVIN DRIVE AND SAND ROCK ROAD STOP SIGN ORDINANCE 946

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer for Clerk Parker to read Ordinance 946 by title only. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, absent; Trustee Elbe, absent; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted. After the ordinance was read by title only, Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to pass Ordinance 946-An Ordinance Adopting Chapter 24-Motor Vehicle- Article III, “ Stop And Through Streets”-Section 24-3-3, “Stop Streets” For the Village of Smithton, St. Clair County, Illinois. A stop sign will be installed facing Northwards at Devin Drive and Sand Rock Rd. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, absent; Trustee Elbe, absent; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted.

ANNEXATION AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

GROCERY STORE

Trustee Mourey reported that he has spoken to the owner of the proposed grocery store. He will keep the Board informed of progress.

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 Yoch to authorize Clerk Parker to pay the bills and the payroll from July 11, 2020 through July 24, 2020. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye;

Trustee Rogers, absent; Trustee Elbe, absent; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted.

COMMUNICATIONS - None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS

DUMPING AT THE PARK

Mayor Smallwood reported that a new sign has been posted at the park restricting commercial business from using the park to dump yard waste and tree limbs.

SMITHTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to authorize a hole sponsorship for \$40.00 for the Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament. Roll call was taken:

Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, absent; Trustee Elbe, absent; Trustee Henning, aye. Motion was granted.

GOOD OF THE VILLAGE

Doug Gerold suggested to the Board that a charge be put in place for additional music date permits.

Trustee Yoch asked if the Village was trying to recoup any money for Covid 19 expenses. Mayor Smallwood stated that he is keeping track of expenses, but the Village has not met the amount that can be submitted to the government.

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 8:43pm.