

MINUTES
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
September 1, 2020
7:30pm

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

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 August 18, 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT - No report.

GOOD OF THE VILLAGE

MIKEY'S PUB OUTSIDE MUSIC PERMIT REQUEST

Mike Pilla requested additional music dates for Mikey's Pub for September 4, 11, 12 & 13, 2020. Chief Neff shared a copy of a police report that Doug Gerold signed. Gerold voiced his complaints against Mikey's. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to approve outside music dates for Mikey's Pub September 4, 11, 12 & 13, 2020, with the stipulation that the music ends and the patrons are gone by 11:00pm per government mandate due to Covid 19. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, nay; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Henning, aye. Motion was granted.

SWEARING IN OF NEW ZONING BOARD MEMBER

Mayor Smallwood nominated Julie York for the position opened by resigning member Mark Mueller. Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to approve the appointment of Julie York for a one-year term to the Zoning Board. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted. York was then sworn in by Clerk Parker. York thanked the Mayor and the Board.

Mike Middendorf asked if he could make a presentation to the Board or if he needed to be on the agenda. Mayor Smallwood informed him that he can be on the agenda for the next Board Meeting.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Neff reported that the Police Dept. received 82 calls for service in August. Neff reported that

Officer Diecker's car is in the shop for repairs.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

SOUTHWOODS

Engineer Saeger reported that smoke testing will be done on September 9 & 10, 2020. Letters have been sent to the homeowners in that area and the homeowners between Cletus and Franklin Streets.

DEERFIELD ESTATES

Engineer Saeger reported that the final plat for Deerfield Estates needs to be approved by the Board. Neighbors had expressed concerns about issues with high rains. Saeger stated that he is satisfied that work done to the property should resolve the issues. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to accept the final plat for Deerfield Estates. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Becherer, abstain; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted.

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

Engineer Saeger reported that there is a court date set for October 1, 2020 for the owners of Hydro-Dredge.

ENERGY EFFICIENT UPGRADES AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Engineer Saeger reported that Illinois Electric Works should send the Ameren agreement to him this week for signatures.

502 S. HICKORY SHED

Engineer Saeger reported that progress is continuing on this item.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – No report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mayor Smallwood reported that there is a Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for September 3, 2020, if needed.

ZONING BOARD REPORT

There is a meeting scheduled for September 9, 2020 to decide on shed variances for two properties.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Klein reported that they started laying rip rap around the park lake but ran short on rip rap. The Board will decide on the purchase of more rip rap.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

17 N. HIGH STREET

Attorney Durso reported that a notice has been put in the newspaper and the certified letter was signed for by the property owner. The Village now has to wait the statutory amount of time before taking any further action. There is a first appearance court hearing September 10, 2020 to address the 4 citations issued 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 August 25, 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 August 25, 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

Trustee Becherer reported that there will not be a rate increase on insurance for the Village from Risk Management. They have put a freeze on rate increases due to Covid 19.

Trustee Becherer reported that the CD has been finalized through Dietrich Bank.

STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE

RECYCLING CENTER – No update.

POLICE COMMITTEE

PD VEHICLE

The trustees reviewed the spreadsheet from Trustee Elbe on rates for financing PD vehicles. Trustee Henning made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to authorize the purchase of 2 new 2020 model police vehicles with the Board deciding on the financing method, not to exceed \$100,000.00. Roll call was taken: Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye. Motion was granted.

PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE

PARK BUILDING GRANT – No report.

GRAVESTONE REPAIRS

Trustee Henning will reach out to Weiss Monument again for a progress update.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE 949 – This Ordinance is not ready for a vote, it will be voted on at a later date.

ORDINANCE 950

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer for Clerk Parker to read Ordinance 950 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 the ordinance was read by title only, Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to pass Ordinance 950 – An Ordinance Adopting Chapter 25, "Nuisances" Article I, "Generally", Section 25-1-1, "Specific Nuisances Enumerated", For the Village of Smithton, St. Clair

County, Illinois. 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.

ANNEXATION AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

GROCERY STORE – No report.

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 bills from August 8, 2020 through August 21, 2020. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted.

COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Parker shared a thank you note to the Village for the membership renewal to Heartlands Conservancy.

Mayor Smallwood shared the latest notice from the government for Covid 19 mandates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

GOOD OF THE VILLAGE

Doug Gerold asked why the music permits were approved since there are Covid 19 mandates in place. Attorney Durso stated that the Trustees are not obligated to answer questions during this time period of the meeting. Comments can be made for a five-minute period, but it not a period for debate. The trustees stated that they are trying to allow Mikey's to keep their business open as long as they follow the restrictions in place. Gerold asked if the Trustees have considered his idea to charge a fee for music requests. Mayor Smallwood replied that the Village is not interested in doing that at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Motion was granted to adjourn at 8:19pm.