

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**October 20, 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 October 6, 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** – The Board received a copy.

**GOOD OF THE VILLAGE**

**MIKEY'S PUB OUTSIDE MUSIC PERMIT REQUEST**

Mike Pilla requested additional music dates for Mikey's Pub for October 23,24,25,30,31 & Nov.1, 2020. Chief Neff stated that there have been no issues. Doug Gerold complained about the music and stated that Pilla did not clean up his side of the fence as he was directed at the last Board meeting. Gerold also asked Chief Neff to change police procedure when he makes a complaint and to send him a copy of a police report every time he makes a complaint. Pilla stated that he did do some cleaning up but has some questions about it. Neff will speak to him later and clarify any questions. Trustee Henning made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Yoch to approve outside music dates for Mikey's Pub October 23,24,25,30,31,& Nov 1, 2020. Roll call was taken: Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted.

**SAA – MARK SUTHERLAND**

Mayor Smallwood reported that Mark Sutherland could not attend the meeting. He will be put on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

Trustee Mourey reported that bids were received for cleaning the carpet in Village Hall. Arrangements will be made for All Star Cleaning to clean the carpets for \$685.30 for after hours service so that furniture can be moved.

Doug Gerold asked if he could get an answer to whether Chief Neff will change procedure for

Gerold's complaints. Mayor Smallwood told Gerold that he does get responses from the police officers when they are available, and that it would be up to Neff to change procedure.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Neff reported that the Chevy Tahoe has been sold. The Dodge Charger will be put up for sale soon.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS**

Attorney Durso reported that the citation has been issued to the homeowner of 502 South Hickory and the court case will be on November 5, 2020.

**ENERGY EFFICIENT UPGRADES AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Engineer Saeger reported that Illinois Electric Works is waiting for equipment to come in for this project and will then begin installation.

Engineer Saeger reported that Rhutasel and Assoc. have merged with Volkert Engineering and will take that name. The contracts will be fulfilled under that name.

Engineer Saeger reported that a government reimbursement check was received for Covid 19 expenditures that the Village has made.

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

**SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Mayor Smallwood reported that there is a Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for November 5th, 2020, at 10:00am if needed.

**ZONING BOARD REPORT**

Administrator Saeger reported that there is a zoning hearing scheduled for November 4, 2020 for signage and a variance request for Two Twins Storage.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT**

Supervisor Klein reported that they are continuing to complete work orders. They will be doing some concrete work when the weather dries out.

The Park will be closing around November 1<sup>st</sup>, after the portable bathrooms have been delivered.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**17 N. HIGH STREET**

Attorney Durso reported that there are still items on this property that need to be removed. Durso tried to contact the owner but has been unsuccessful. Durso will speak to him at the court case in November if the homeowner shows up. If the items are not removed more citations and further action can be taken.

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 October 13, 2020. Harry Norton spoke about Norcom 2000 but no solutions were given to improve service in the Village. The other 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 from October 13, 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**

**RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE 2021**

Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Yoch to authorize payment of option 1 to IML Risk Management at a price of \$100,457.82 which is an early payment discount of 1%, to be paid by November 20,2020. 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.

**STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE**

**DRIVEWAY SETTLEMENT AT SEWER MAINS**

This item will be discussed at the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

RECYCLING CENTER – No update.

POLICE COMMITTEE – No report.

**PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

**DISPOSAL OF OLD PICNIC TABLES FROM PARK PAVILIONS**

Trustee Henning reported that delivery of the new picnic tables for the Park is scheduled for October 30, 2020. The street crew will pick them up from UltraPlay. The old tables will be put up for sale.

**PARK BUILDING GRANT**

Trustee Henning will check with Senator Paul Schimpf for an update on any grant funds for the Village for a new building at the Park.

**GRAVESTONE REPAIRS**

Trustee Henning reported that Weiss Monument has finished 4 of the 6 gravestones that they were contracted to repair.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

**ORDINANCE 953**

Trustee Yoch would like to discuss this item at the next Committee As a Whole meeting to clarify any confusion about the ordinance before passing it. Yoch will speak to Attorney Durso to get his recommendations on the ordinance.

**ORDINANCE 955 – GRADUATED RATE PAY – STREET DEPT.**

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers for the Clerk to read Ordinance 955 by title only. 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. After reading Ordinance 955 by title only, Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to pass Ordinance 955 – An Ordinance Adopting Chapter 12, “Employees”, Article I, Section 12-1-8(B), “Graduated Rate Pay – Street Department”, 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**

Mayor Smallwood reported that a rendering of the floor plan and the outside of the building was posted on Facebook.

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 payroll from September 19, 2020 through October 2, 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** – None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Durso asked Mayor Smallwood if he should prepare the motions for an annexation request that has been submitted. The applicant wants to be annexed as agricultural property. Durso will speak to Engineer Saeger about the details but Saeger can go ahead and schedule the zoning hearing. Durso will wait to draw up the annexation petition until after the zoning hearing.

**GOOD OF THE VILLAGE** – This segment will be removed from the agenda.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None.

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Motion was granted to adjourn at 8:20pm.