

**MINUTES
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
October 6, 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 September 15, 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

Mayor Smallwood stated that due to the relaxed recommendations from the CDC regarding Trick or Treating, he recommends that Trick or Treating be allowed in the Village this year as long as the CDC guidelines are followed. Residents not wanting to participate should turn their porch lights off. Trustee Mourey made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Yoch to allow Trick or Treating in the Village from 6-9pm on October 31, 2020, with everyone following CDC guidelines. Roll call was taken: Trustee Mourey, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Henning, aye. Motion was granted.

MIKEY'S PUB OUTSIDE MUSIC PERMIT REQUEST

Mike Pilla requested additional music dates for Mikey's Pub for October 9,10,11, & 16,17,18, 2020. Chief Neff stated that there were no complaints filed but received one anonymous call complaining about lack of social distancing at Mikey's. Doug Gerold questioned the trustees and Mayor Smallwood about the existing noise ordinance. Attorney Durso informed Gerold that the Good of the Village section is for residents to address the board, not to question or debate with them. Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to approve outside music dates for Mikey's Pub October 9,10,11 & 16,17,18, 2020. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted.

JR KOERBER

JR Koerber introduced himself and his wife Christy to the Board. He stated that he has lived in the

Smithton area for 43 years. He and his wife have 50 years experience in the grocery business. They are starting construction on a new grocery store in Smithton. The Board welcomed them.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Neff reported that the PD received 67 calls in September.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

Attorney Durso will give an update on this item later in the meeting.

ENERGY EFFICIENT UPGRADES AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Engineer Saeger reported that Illinois Electric Works will start on this project near the end of October.

502 S. HICKORY SHED

Attorney Durso will report on this later in the meeting.

Engineer Saeger reported that he has submitted \$6700.00 to the government for reimbursement of Covid 19 expenses.

Engineer Saeger reported that there is only one residence that still needs to make corrections to the issue that was revealed by the sewer smoke testing.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Health Officer Rogers stated there was nothing specific to report but recommended that everyone be kind to their neighbors.

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 the old Village Hall has been repainted. They are finishing the touch ups. The street sweeping is done. Klein reported that a representative from Census will be here on 10-8-20 to discuss options with the meter reading equipment. He invited the trustees to attend the meeting if they can make it.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

17 N. HIGH STREET

Attorney Durso stated that he will give his reports during Executive Session later in the meeting.

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 September 22, 2020. 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 September 22, 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

CD ROLLOVER – No report.

STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE

GRADUATED RATE PAY – STREET DEPT. ORDINANCE

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

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

PARK BUILDING GRANT

Trustee Henning hopes to find out if the Village will receive any grant funds after the next government session in November.

GRAVESTONE REPAIRS

Trustee Henning reported that Weiss Monument is working on the gravestones this week.

Trustee Henning reported that the final decisions on the new picnic tables for the park are being made. He would like to discuss getting rid of the old picnic tables at the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE 951

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe for Clerk Parker to read Ordinance 951 by title only. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted. Trustee Yoch then made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to pass Ordinance 951 – An Ordinance for the Village of Smithton, St. Clair County, Illinois, Authorizing the Sale of Certain Personal Property owned by the Village of Smithton – 2000 Chevy Tahoe. Roll call was

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

ORDINANCE 952

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe for Clerk Parker to read Ordinance 952 by title only. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted. Trustee Yoch then made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to pass Ordinance 952 - An Ordinance Adopting Chapter 1 "Administration", Article II - Village Officials, Division II - Rules of the Village Board, Section 1-2-11, "Rules of the Board", (A) "Order of Business", Deleting and Repealing Subparagraph (19) "Good of the Village", for the Village of Smithton, St. Clair County, Illinois. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted.

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.

ORDINANCE 954

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe for Clerk Parker to read Ordinance 954 by title only. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted. Trustee Yoch then made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to pass Ordinance 954 - An Ordinance for the Village of Smithton, St. Clair County, Illinois, Authorizing the Sale of Certain Personal Property owned by the Village of Smithton - 2008 Dodge Charger. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted.

ANNEXATION AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

GROCERY STORE

JR Koerber stated that he will be making a down payment on the building this week, so construction will begin soon. Trustee Mourey made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to authorize a 4 year abatement of Smithton Village real estate taxes and to waive the sewer and water hook-up fees for the new grocery store. Roll call was taken: Trustee Mourey, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Yoch, nay; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Henning, aye. Motion was granted.

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 Elbe to authorize Clerk Parker to

pay September bills and the payroll from September 9, 2020 through September 18, 2020. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted.

COMMUNICATIONS – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

GOOD OF THE VILLAGE

Mike Pilla asked what the process was for sale of surplus vehicles. Chief Neff explained the process of the sealed bids.

Doug Gerold asked about the fence on his property line and who should maintain it. Chief Neff told him that he and Engineer Saeger verified that the fence is on the property line so Gerold is responsible for anything on his side of the fence.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Attorney Durso requested Executive Session to discuss some agenda items. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to go into Executive Session. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted at 8:08pm.

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to return to regular session. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, aye; Trustee Elbe, aye; Trustee Becherer, aye; Trustee Rogers, aye; Trustee Henning, aye; Trustee Mourey, aye. Motion was granted at 8:31pm.

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Motion was granted to adjourn at 8:32pm.