

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**December 1, 2020**  
**7:30pm**

Due to Covid 19 Level 3 Mitigations, the Village Board meeting was held via teleconference. The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. Trustees Yoch, Becherer, Rogers, Elbe, Henning and Mourey answered roll call. The public were able to participate by dialing 1-866-899-4679, access code 458-375-125. Attorney Durso, Chief Neff, Engineer Saeger, Supervisor Klein, and Clerk Parker participated by teleconference also.

**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 November 17, 2020. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes. Motion was granted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – No report.

**GOOD OF THE VILLAGE**

**ZONING IN NEW DEPUTY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

Clerk Parker swore in the new Deputy Zoning Administrator, Courtney Munie. Munie was welcomed by the Board and the Mayor.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Neff reported on the 52 calls received by the Police Department.

Chief Neff reported that the new cars are in at Morrow Brothers. The cars will be picked up and taken to Datatronics to be outfitted for the PD.

Chief Neff reported that he spoke to Ordinance Officer Wilson regarding trailers parked in the street and being proactive in getting them moved before complaints are received.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**HUNTERS POINT**

Engineer Saeger reported that the next step will be for the Zoning Board to approve the preliminary plat. A hearing will be scheduled when Covid 19 restrictions are lifted.

**ENERGY EFFICIENT UPGRADES AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Engineer Saeger reported that the upgrades have been installed. Ameren will inspect them and turn in their report before we can receive a partial reimbursement check.

Engineer Saeger reported that he contacted Jarvis Electric to repair/replace some wiring on one of the mixers at the wastewater treatment plant.

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

**SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Mayor Smallwood reported that there is a Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for December 3, 2020, at 10:00am if needed.

**ZONING BOARD REPORT**

**HEARING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2020**

Administrator Seager reported that this meeting has been cancelled for now due to Covid 19 restrictions.

**HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 2, 2020**

Administrator Seager reported that this meeting has been cancelled for now due to Covid 19 restrictions.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT**

Supervisor Klein reported that all staff are back to work. They will be working on some water leaks in town. The major water main break on Julia Street on November 25<sup>th</sup> has been repaired. This caused a boil order until the 27th.

Supervisor Klein informed the Board that he made arrangements for Schulte Supply to look at the locator to see if it can be repaired and what the cost would be. It has been malfunctioning.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

**17 N. HIGH STREET**

Attorney Durso reminded the Board that the Court has issued 4 default fines to the homeowner. Durso will check with Chief Neff regarding issuing any new citations.

**502 SOUTH HICKORY**

Attorney Durso reminded the Board that the property owner pleaded guilty. He paid the \$750.00 fine and agreed to sign a letter stating that he would pay any expenses if the shed ever needed to be moved off of the easement. Durso drew up a letter and has forwarded it to Zoning Administrator Saeger. Saeger emailed the agreement but has not heard from the property owner. Saeger will contact the property owner for a signature. It will then be recorded with the deed.

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 reported that there was a Committee As a Whole meeting on November 24, 2020. Smallwood stated that they discussed the Covid 19 Level 3 mitigations and the steps that the Village has taken to comply with the mitigations. The Senior Center has had an increase in their data usage bill and would like the Village to see if the charges are from the security cameras for the park. Neff will check on this. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to approve the minutes from the Committee As a Whole meeting on November 24, 2020. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes. Motion was granted.

## **FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

CD's - No update.

## **CHRISTMAS BONUSES**

Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Yoch to authorize the payment of 2020 Christmas bonuses for the amount of \$1950.00 Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Yoch, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes. Motion was granted.

## **BUDGET**

Trustee Becherer reminded the Board that work on the budget will start soon.

## **STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE**

### **STREET DEPARTMENT VEHICLES**

Trustee Rogers stated that he has spoken to Supervisor Klein regarding vehicles on the state bid list from Morrow Brothers. Klein will send an email to them to get a list of vehicles.

## **RECYCLING CENTER**

Mayor Smallwood reminded the Board that a letter will be drafted in January to cancel the contract with Republic for the recycling center.

## **POLICE COMMITTEE**

### **PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER**

Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Yoch to hire Kyle Lyon as a new part-time Police Officer for the Village. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Yoch, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes. Motion was granted. Chief Neff stated that Lyons has passed his firearms qualifications and physical and will take the state exam this week.

## **PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

### **PARK BUILDING GRANT**

Trustee Henning would like this item on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole. Henning has heard from SAA regarding a punch list for the new Park building. Henning will try to contact Senator Schimpf about funding.

## GRAVESTONE REPAIRS

Trustee Henning will determine if Weiss has finished with the gravestone repairs.

## ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

### ORDINANCE 953

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey for Clerk Parker to read Ordinance 953 by title only. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Henning, yes. Motion was granted. After Clerk Parker read Ordinance 953 by title only, Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to pass Ordinance 953 – An Ordinance Amending the Village of Smithton Revised Code of Ordinances 2020, Chapter 27, “Offenses”, Article II – Generally, Section 27-2-35, “Noise”, Subsection (A) “Prohibited; Enumeration”, (2) “Radios, Etc..”, and Adding Subsection (B) “Penalties”. Roll call was taken: Trustee Yoch, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes. Motion was granted.

### ORDINANCE 956 – TAX LEVY

Trustee Yoch reported that this ordinance is not ready for a vote.

### 40-4-9 TRAVEL TRAILERS

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting by Mayor Smallwood.

## ANNEXATION AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

GROCERY STORE – No update.

CONCRETE FLOORS AT VILLAGE SHED – No report.

SALT STORAGE BUILDING – No report.

VILLAGE HALL GENERATOR – No report.

Trustee Mourey will contact the Senior Center and correct the billing of their data charges.

## BILLS AND PAYROLL

Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to authorize Clerk Parker to pay the November bills and the payroll from October 31, 2020 through November 13, 2020. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Yoch, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Henning, yes. Motion was granted.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Parker shared a notice from Mediacom of their rate increases.

Clerk Parker shared a thank you note from the Carpenter family for the plant sent for the death of Tammy Carpenter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – No.

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Motion was granted to adjourn at 8:09pm.