

MINUTES
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
December 15, 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 December 1, 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 – The Board received a copy.

GOOD OF THE VILLAGE – No items.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Neff reported that a juvenile has been identified as the driver of a vehicle doing donuts in the parking lot of the Park. The juvenile will be brought to the Police Department tomorrow to speak to the Chief and make arrangements to repair the damage to the parking lot.

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 a new electrician to repair/replace some wiring on one of the mixers at the wastewater treatment plant.

Engineer Saeger has been contacting and meeting with contractors to make modifications that will improve air quality and help control the spread of viruses in the Village Buildings.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – No report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mayor Smallwood reported that there is a Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for January 7th, 2021, 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 they have been working on some water leaks in town. The salt trucks are ready for use. They are going to start work on a storm sewer issue.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

17 N. HIGH STREET

Attorney Durso reminded the Board that the Court has issued 4 default fines to the homeowner. After the first of the year, if the property owner has not cleaned up the property, Durso will check with Chief Neff about issuing 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 stated that the homeowner is trying to contact a Notary Public before coming in to sign the agreement.

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 December 8, 2020. Smallwood would like "Property" on the agenda for the Committee As a Whole meeting on December 22, 2020. The other items will be discussed under the 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 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

Trustee Becherer is keeping an eye on interest rates for the CD's that will be renewed in the near future.

BUDGET

Trustee Becherer is preparing a worksheet for the trustees so that they can start turning in numbers for the budget.

STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE

LOCATOR

Trustee Rogers asked Supervisor Klein to go over some bids for a locator. After reviewing the bids Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Yoch to authorize the purchase of a new locator, at Klein's discretion – not to exceed \$6000.00. Roll call was taken: Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Yoch, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes. Motion was granted.

STREET DEPARTMENT VEHICLES

Trustee Rogers stated that he has spoken to Supervisor Klein regarding vehicles on the state bid list from Morrow Brothers. Klein stated that he has not been able to get the state bid list yet. Rogers would like to discuss this item at the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

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

Trustee Elbe reported that the Blue Charger had to be taken again to Oliver C. Joseph for a different module that has gone bad. Oliver C. Joseph wants \$1300.00 for a new module that they would guarantee. Cory Schaefer knows of a company in Florida that sells after market-modules that would be plug and play, guaranteed, for \$600.00. U Pick a Part told Neff that they would pay \$400.00 for the car. Neff stated that the Blue Book value is between \$3000.00 to \$3500.00. The Board agreed that Neff should proceed with getting the after-market module.

PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE

SAA/PARK BUILDING

Trustee Henning will work with Supervisor Klein on the punch list for the new building at the park to get some idea of the costs for the Village portion of the building. Henning will continue to check on available grants and will try to work in the numbers for next years budget.

GRAVESTONE REPAIRS

Trustee Henning stated that the repair work is done on the gravestones. Future repairs can be done

by the Street Department.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE 956 – TAX LEVY

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer for Clerk Parker to read Ordinance 956 by title only. 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. After Clerk Parker read Ordinance 956 by title only, Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to pass Ordinance 956 – An Ordinance Providing for the Annual Tax Levy Real Estate Situated Within the Corporate Limits of the Village of Smithton, in the County of St. Clair, and the State of Illinois, Subject to Taxation, for the Fiscal Year Commencing of the 1st Day of May 2020 and Ending on the 30th Day of April 2021. 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.

ORDINANCE 957 – SALE OF SURPLUS PD VEHICLE – 2010 CHARGER

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer for Clerk Parker to read Ordinance 957 by title only. 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. After Clerk Parker read Ordinance 957 by title only, Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to pass Ordinance 957 – An Ordinance for the Village of Smithton, St. Clair County, State of Illinois Authorizing the Sale of Certain Personal Property Owned by the Village of Smithton. 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.

Trustee Elbe stated that the Blue Book value of the Charger is between \$4000.00 to \$6000.00. The trustees agreed to ask for a minimum bid of \$4500.00 and accept the highest bid over that amount.

ANNEXATION AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

PROPERTY

Trustee Mourey would like this item added to the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

SENIOR CENTER

Trustee Mourey is working with Clerk Parker to find the best way to pay the charges for the increased data usage for the cameras at the park that is showing up on the Senior Center’s bill.

GROCERY STORE – No update.

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 Mourey to authorize Clerk Parker to pay the payroll from November 14, 2020 through November 27, 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 – None.

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 8:11pm.