

MINUTES
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
February 16, 2021
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 February 2, 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The Board received a copy.

GOOD OF THE VILLAGE – The Mayor and the Board thanked the Street Supervisor and his department for the wonderful job they have been doing clearing the streets of snow.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Neff reported that the new all-wheel drive police vehicles are handling well in the winter weather and thanked the Mayor and the Board again for allowing the purchase of the vehicles.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Saeger reported that he has spoken with Mark Sutherland from SAA about the shed project at the park. Saeger reviewed the plans and will do inspections during the project.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – No report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mayor Smallwood reported that there is a Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for March 4th, 2021, at 10:00am if needed.

ZONING BOARD REPORT

ZONING HEARINGS

Zoning Administrator Saeger reported that there were two hearings February 3, 2021. One for a wall height variance, which was approved. The other was a zoning change request for property on the North end of town. A motion was made by the Zoning Board to recommend that the property be zoned agricultural if annexed.

GEROLD ANNEXATION

A motion was made by Trustee Yoch which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to accept the Zoning Boards recommendation for 3137 South Illinois Street to be zoned agricultural if annexed into the Village. 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.

210 & 212 S. ST. JOHN'S DRIVE

Engineer Saeger reported that the property owner of 210 & 212 S. St. John's Drive wants to move her mobile home from her current address to these lots. The existing ordinance requires any mobile home that is moved be 7 years or newer. Trustee Yoch proposed a revision to the ordinance. This item will be discussed at the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

HUNTERS POINT

This item will be addressed when in-person Zoning hearings return to Village Hall.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Klein stated that they have been busy with the winter weather. The new F150 is here and the F450 has been delivered to Woody's for a new bed to be installed. A couple of the older trucks and the spreader needed work done last week. Everything is operational now.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

17 N. HIGH STREET

Chief Neff reported that a new letter of ordinance violations has been served to the property owner. The property owner spoke to Neff and assured him that he will address the issues when the weather permits.

Attorney Durso stated that he will start the annexation paperwork for the Gerold property.

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 February 9, 2021. Smallwood stated that Paul Bickford from Waste Management presented a proposal to the Board. They will be sending out information to the residents. 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 February 9, 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.

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

VEHICLE STICKERS AND ANIMAL TAGS – The revised ordinance will be voted on during the Ordinance Committee report.

BUDGET

Trustee Becherer asked Committee Chairs with adjustments for their line items to send them to Clerk Parker this week so that all information is current before discussion at next week’s Committee As a Whole meeting.

STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE

VISU-SEWER/STORM PIPE – This will be discussed at the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

STREET DEPARTMENT VEHICLES

This was discussed under Supervisor’s Report.

RECYCLING CENTER – No update.

POLICE COMMITTEE

FOP

Trustee Elbe reported that the Police Committee will be meeting with the FOP this Thursday evening for contract negotiations.

PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE

VILLAGE CLEANUP/DUMPSTERS

Trustee Henning made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to discontinue the Village Cleanup/dumpsters in the Park for 2021 and beyond, due to issues with noncompliance of the rules for the dumpsters. Roll call was taken: Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Yoch, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes. Motion was granted.

PARK SWING

Clerk Parker has ordered the swing. Trustee Henning issued a work order to install the swing when it arrives in March. A plaque will be ordered also.

SAA/PARK BUILDING – No update.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE 958 – VEHICLE LICENSE

Trustee Yoch reported that the Board decided to eliminate the purchase of vehicle stickers and animal tags. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers for Clerk Parker to read Ordinance 958 by title only. 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. After Clerk Parker read Ordinance 958 by title only, Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to pass Ordinance 958 – An Ordinance Amending, Repealing and Deleting Chapter 39, “Vehicles”, Article I, “Vehicle License” Sections 39-1-1 Through 39-1-5 in Their Entirety for the Village of Smithton, St. Clair County, Illinois. 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 959 – ANIMAL TAGS

Trustee Yoch reported that this ordinance will eliminate the purchase of animal tags. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer for Clerk Parker to read Ordinance 959 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 959 by title only, Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to pass Ordinance 959 – An Ordinance Amending, Repealing and Deleting Chapter 3, “Animals”, Article VI, “Licenses” Sections 3-6-1 Through 3-6-6 in Their Entirety, for the Village of Smithton, St. Clair County, Illinois. 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 960 – RENTAL PROPERTY

Trustee Yoch reported that this ordinance will be amended to eliminate the requirement of vehicle stickers for the residential rental property application. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers for Clerk Parker to read Ordinance 960 by title only. 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. After Clerk Parker read Ordinance 960 by title only, Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to pass Ordinance 960 – An Ordinance Amending, Repealing and Deleting Chapter 6, “Building Regulations”, Article IV, “Residential Rental Property License” Sections 6-4-5E, for the Village of Smithton, St. Clair County, Illinois. 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 961 – EMPLOYEES/ONCALL COMPENSATION

Trustee Yoch reported that this ordinance will be amended to reflect on call compensation for the Street Supervisor. Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers for Clerk Parker to read Ordinance 961 by title only. 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. After Clerk Parker read Ordinance 961 by title only, Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to pass Ordinance 961 – An Ordinance Deleting Chapter 12, “Employees”, Article I, “General Regulations” Sections 12-1-13, “On-Call Compensation/Public Works Department”, for the Village of Smithton, St. Clair County, Illinois. 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.

ANNEXATION AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

PROPERTY PURCHASE UPDATE

Trustee Mourey reported that the Village will not be pursuing the purchase of this property.

WILLOW OAK PROPERTY

Attorney Durso reported that he has not received results on the title search for this property. He will check with the title company again.

GROCERY STORE

Trustee Mourey reported that construction plans are moving forward. The owners would like a ceremony when it's time for the opening. Engineer Saeger has received the site plan to review.

CONCRETE FLOORS AT VILLAGE SHED

Trustee Mourey reported that they have started preparations for the concrete floors in the shed.

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 the payroll from January 23, 2021 through February 5, 2021. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Yoch, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes. Motion was granted.

COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Parker shared a thank you note from St. John the Baptist Catholic School. Last week was Catholic Schools Week. They thanked the Board and the Trustees for everything that is done for the School.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – No items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – No.

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Motion was granted to adjourn at 8:05pm.