

MINUTES
SMITHTON VILLAGE
COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE MEETING
January 12, 2021

Due to an increase in Covid 19 cases, this meeting was held via teleconference. Mayor Smallwood called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Trustees Yoch, Becherer, Rogers, Elbe, Henning and Mourey attended via teleconference. Supervisor Klein, Engineer Saeger, and resident Mike Baldwin also attended the meeting via teleconference.

Mayor Smallwood informed the Board that Mike Baldwin would like to annex a portion of his property to the Village. His property is at the end of Willow Oak in the County. Baldwin would like the annexation fees to be picked up by the Village, and for the Village to waive the water and sewer tap fees. The trustees reviewed the plats of the property. Baldwin stated that he has put in some culverts for storm water and has extended the storm water drainage. He wants to put in a rock road for entry and exit. He thinks that there is no easement for the lift station, but he would be willing to allow an access road to maintain the lift station if he annexes the property. Saeger states that the property with the shed and the lift station on it has not been annexed, but the section with the house on it has been annexed in the past. There are two parcel numbers involved. Smallwood will check with Attorney Durso regarding an easement to the lift station. The trustees will review the information before making a decision. They will contact Baldwin when a decision is made.

VISU-SEWER/STORM PIPE

Supervisor Klein shared photos of Fieldview properties with sinkholes on them. There are utility lines over the top of the storm sewer pipe joints below the sites of the sinkholes. After researching the issue, Klein found out that Visu-Sewer could seal the joints from the inside. Klein would like to start budgeting to seal the joints to prevent/stop the joints from causing sink holes. Engineer Saeger stated that the cost could be budgeted for next year under MFT funds.

STREET DEPARTMENT VEHICLES

Supervisor Klein and the Board reviewed bids on vehicles for the Street Dept. The trustees agreed to vote on purchasing two new vehicles for the Street Dept. at the next Board meeting. The vehicles would be purchased from Morrow Bros. but the equipment would be from Woody's Municipal Supply.

PROPERTY

Mayor Smallwood informed the Board that he spoke to the owner of Two Twins and made an offer on the lot connected to Village Hall. Smallwood has not heard back from him yet.

BUDGET

The Mayor and Trustees reviewed a new budget worksheet. The Committee Chairs need to get their numbers turned in.

CD's

Trustee Becherer is still monitoring the interest rates for the Village CD's. There will be a motion made at next week's Village Board meeting.

RECYCLING

Mayor Smallwood and the Board reviewed the drafted letter stating that the Village will not renew the contract with Republic for the recycling bins. There will be a motion made at next week's Village Board meeting to approve Smallwood signing and sending the letter.

MAJOR CASE SQUAD

Trustee Elbe reported that Chief Neff asked if Officer Agles could become a member of the Major Case Squad. Agles had been involved with them when he worked in Cahokia. The neighboring municipalities have officers that participate. There is a \$75.00 annual fee. It would bring good experience to the officers. There would be minimal overtime if Agles had to go out during the day since Neff can cover for him. Agles would not have to go out for every call, it would depend on whether there is manpower to cover the position here in the Village. Elbe will ask Neff to check on whether the FOP would allow Agles to use comp time to make up for any overtime that he would work with the Major Case Squad. This will be discussed again at the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

SENIOR CENTER

Trustee Henning reminded the Board that the Senior Center is getting charged more for data usage with Mediacom since the security cameras for the park have been added. Henning and Engineer Saeger checked with Barcom. The Barcom rep suggests purchasing a flat rate plan for higher gigabyte usage from Mediacom which would cover the Senior Center and the camera usage. Henning will check with the Senior Center members to see if they would be agreeable to this plan and to split the cost of the increased data. The Trustees agreed to vote on this at the next Village Board meeting. Henning will work with the Senior Center and the Village Clerk to work out the details.

VEHICLE STICKERS & ANIMAL TAGS

Mayor Smallwood informed the Board that Freeburg is waiving the fee for Business, Liquor and Gaming licenses this year. Smallwood asked the Board their opinion on ending the vehicle stickers and animal tags. He thought this would financially impact more residents. He still thinks that UTV's need to be inspected and get a permit. The Trustees agreed and will bring it to a vote at the next Village Board meeting.

Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to adjourn. All were in favor. Motion was granted. Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.