

Village of Smithton

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SMITHTON, ILLINOIS 62285

MAYOR,
MIKE SMALLWOOD

VILLAGE CLERK,
ANNETTE PARKER



TRUSTEES,
JOSEPH YOCH
JASON BECHERER
CHARLES ROGERS
JAMES ELBE
PHIL HENNING
JIM MOUREY

MINUTES VILLAGE BOARD MEETING January 5, 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 December 15, 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 - No items.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Neff reported that the surplus 2008 Dodge Charger is for sale for a minimum bid of \$2000.00.

The Police Department received 902 calls in 2020 compared to 1148 calls in 2019. The lower number in 2020 is partially due to the fact that the Police did not assist with medical calls or go to Integrity due to Covid 19.

Chief Neff reported that he will work with Attorney Durso to proceed with new citations for the property owner of 17 North High and any other properties in violation of ordinances.

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 has not been scheduled yet. This item will be listed under Zoning in the future.

Engineer Saeger reported that the County Assessor's site now reflects the current information regarding the South Hickory Street parcel.

Engineer Saeger is working with Wissehr Electric to see what needs to be done at the treatment plant to get one of the mixers working correctly.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT - No report.

Trustee Henning asked if the Police Department have been offered the Covid 19 vaccinations. Chief Neff responded that they have been.

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

Zoning Administrator Saeger reported that there are two hearings being scheduled. One for a wall height variance and the other is a zoning change request for property outside of town.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Klein reported that they are taking down the Christmas lights. Vandevanter Engineering performed the annual review of the lift stations. Some repairs will be needed. Engineer Saeger will review bids for the repairs. A water leak was repaired next to Village Hall. Klein will do some research on equipment so that the Street Crew can repair leaks without needing to call in outside help.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

17 N. HIGH STREET

This item was discussed under the Police Chief's Report.

502 SOUTH HICKORY

Zoning Administrator Saeger reported that the property owner of 502 South Hickory has signed the agreement stating that he will be responsible for moving the shed from his property in the future if the need to work in the easement arises. Attorney Durso stated that the agreement will need to be recorded at the Courthouse so that it is attached to the parcel.

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 22, 2020. Property was on the agenda and will be discussed again at the next Committee As a Whole meeting. Street Dept. vehicles 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 December 22, 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 reported that he is continuing to check on interest rates to see if they go up. This will be on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

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 reported that a new locator has been purchased and training will begin tomorrow.

STREET DEPARTMENT VEHICLES

Trustee Rogers reported that Supervisor Klein is getting some final information on new vehicles. This will be discussed at the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

RECYCLING CENTER

Mayor Smallwood would like to discuss this item at the next Committee As a Whole meeting. A letter will need to be drafted to Republic informing them that we will not renew the contract.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Trustee Elbe would like to add Major Case Squad to the addenda for the next Committee As Whole meeting.

PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE

PARK SWING

Trustee Henning reported that a resident wants to donate a new park swing. He will work with Supervisor Klein and the front office.

SAA/Park Building

Trustee Henning reported that there are options through Mediacom for internet service at the Senior Center. He will check with Barcom to see what is needed for the camera system.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - No report.

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 their 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 28, 2020 through December 11, 2020 and December 12,2020 through December 25, 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.

Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to authorize payment of the December bills. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Yoch, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes. Motion was granted.

COMMUNICATIONS - None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS - None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - No.

Mayor Smallwood praised all of the Village employees for their hardwork during the last year.

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Motion was granted to adjourn at 8:08pm.