

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

Village Board Meeting Minutes April 20, 2021 7:30pm

The meeting at Village Hall was called to order at 7:30pm. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees Yoch, Becherer, Rogers, Elbe, Henning and Mourey answered roll call.

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 April 6, 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

COMMERCIAL CLUB POKER RUN

Trustee Elbe reported that the Commercial Club is planning a fund raiser in the Village. They are hoping to work with the Chamber of Commerce to try to encourage resident support with the businesses in town. Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Yoch to support the Smithton Commercial Club to hold a Poker Run in 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.

Wildwood Lake Estates HOA president Regina Kaiser addressed the Board requesting that the Village install rip rap around the stilling basin from the lake on White Oak Drive. Kaiser asked if the Village could work with the HOA under one engineer to help control the erosion that she was told is present.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Neff reported that seven UTV owners showed up at Village Hall to renew their UTV stickers for 2021. Village Hall was open Saturday morning from 8 - 10am for the renewals.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

4509 BARLEYRIDGE DRIVE - EXPANSION JOINT

Engineer Saeger reported that he forwarded an agreement drawn up by Attorney Durso to the homeowner of 4509 Barleyridge Drive that must be signed and notarized before the Village will install an expansion joint in his driveway.

WHITE OAK DR. RIP RAP

Trustee Rogers stated that one of the concerns of adding rip rap to this stilling basin is that a portion of it is on private property. Regina Kaiser stated that the property owner is Doug Gerold, and that he has told the HOA that they could work on the property. Attorney Durso stated that the Village is not allowed to work on private property. Durso also stated that if the cost of the project is over \$25,000.00 then the project would have to go out for bid. Kaiser stated that she has spoken to TWM about the project and was given a bid of \$70,000.00. Kaiser stated that the drainage pipe is the property of Wildwood. Durso stated that the Village would not be allowed to divert the natural flow of water. This will be discussed further at the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT - No report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mayor Smallwood reported that there is a Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for May 6, 2021, at 10:00am if needed.

ZONING BOARD REPORT

ZONING BOARD HEARINGS MAY 5, 2021

Zoning Administrator Saeger reported that there are two zoning hearings scheduled for May 5th, and two more scheduled for May 12th, 2021.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Klein reported that the recycling bins and fencing have been removed. They will be working on some road patching. The part-time summer help are doing a good job.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

17 N. HIGH STREET

Attorney Durso reported that there is a court date set in May for the ordinance violations on this property.

GRANITE DRIVE

Trustee Mourey reported that there have been improvements made on this property. Attorney Durso informed Chief Neff that as long as improvements are being made, it is up to Neff's discretion whether or not to issue citations.

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 April 13, 2021.

Smallwood reported that Harvey Bunker informed the Trustees of the current rates for electrical aggregation for the Village owned properties. Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to contract with Homefield Energy for electric service for the Village owned Ameren electric properties for a 4-year term from June 2021 to June 2025. Roll call was taken: Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Yoch, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Henning, yes. Motion was granted. Smallwood also reported that a resident reported that paint was allegedly transferred onto his truck after driving through a street marking. He asked if the Village would reimburse his costs to clean the truck. The Trustees denied the request. 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 April 13, 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

BUDGET

Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to approve the 2022 budget which has \$3,783,800.00 in revenue, \$3,758,200.00 in expenses, with a difference of \$25,600.00. 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.

STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE

STREET DEPARTMENT VEHICLES - No update.

RECYCLING CENTER

Trustee Rogers reported that the recycling bins and the fencing have been removed.

PART-TIME SUMMER HELP - STREET DEPT.

Trustee Rogers reported that a new part-time summer Street Dept. employee has been hired.

PAVEMENT MARKING PAINT COMPLAINT

Mayor Smallwood reported on this.

SALT PURCHASE

Trustee Rogers reported that the price of street salt will be going up so the Village will purchase supplies now. Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Yoch to purchase salt, not to exceed \$7,500.00. 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.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to authorize the purchase of riot gear for the Police Department including helmets, shields, and batons; not to exceed \$2500.00. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Yoch, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Henning, yes. Motion was granted.

PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE

PARK SWING

The swing will be installed as soon as the Street Department is back to full staff.

SAA/PARK BUILDING

Trustee Henning reported that Engineer Saeger will be submitting an application for a Federal Grant.

SAA BATTING CAGE REQUEST

Trustee Mourey reported that he spoke to an SAA member who told him that they are rethinking the location for the new batting cage. They will inform the Board when they make a decision.

TRAIL STUDY GRANT

Trustee Henning reported that the MEPRD grants will be decided on in May 2021.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - No report.

ANNEXATION AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

WILLOW OAK PROPERTY

Engineer Saeger is still in communications with the property owner for details of an agreement.

GROCERY STORE - No update.

SALT STORAGE BUILDING - No update.

VILLAGE HALL GENERATOR

Trustee Mourey reported that he spoke to a representative from Glaenzer Electric about pricing for a generator. He will submit current prices to the Board.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Yoch to authorize Clerk Parker to pay the payroll from March 20, 2021 through April 2, 2021. 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.

COMMUNICATIONS - None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS - No items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None.

Trustee Yoch made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Motion was granted to adjourn at 8:14pm.