

Village of Smithton

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MAYOR,
MIKE SMALLWOOD

VILLAGE CLERK,
ANNETTE PARKER



TRUSTEES,
JASON BECHERER
CHARLES ROGERS
JAMES ELBE
PHIL HENNING
JIM MOUREY
TIM HOPKINS

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES MAY 18, 2021 7:30PM

The meeting at Village Hall was called to order at 7:30pm. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees Becherer, Rogers, Elbe, Henning, Mourey and Hopkins answered roll call. Also present were Clerk Parker, Engineer Saeger, Supervisor Klein, Chief Neff and Attorney Durso.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Board received a copy. A motion was made by Trustee Becherer which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to approve the minutes from the board meeting held on May 4, 2021. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes. Motion was granted.

TREASURER'S REPORT - The Board received a copy.

GOOD OF THE VILLAGE - No items.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Neff thanked an anonymous donor for a donation of \$20,000.00 towards a K-9 unit. Neff will report on his research into starting a K-9 unit at the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

BAEDERWOOD CT. DRAINAGE

This item was discussed at the Committee As a Whole meeting. There will be no action taken and this item will be removed from the agenda.

Engineer Saeger reported that he is getting bids on cleaning the outside of the water tower and a generator for Village Hall. Illinois Electric Works will be completing a project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT - No report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mayor Smallwood stated there will be a Safety Committee Meeting June 3, 2021, at 10:00am.

ZONING BOARD REPORT

ZONING BOARD HEARINGS MAY 5, 2021 and May 12, 2021.

Zoning Administrator Saeger reported that the zoning hearings held on May 5, 2021 were to decide on a variance for wall and roof height, which was approved. The other hearing was to renew the approval of the Preliminary Plat for Hunters Point and the Special Use Permit for an Assisted Living Facility at Hunters Point. Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to uphold the recommendation of the Zoning Board to approve the Special Use Permit for an Assisted Living Facility to be developed on Lot 1 at Hunters Point and approve the Preliminary Plat for Hunters Point based on the contingency that they start the annexation proceedings for the Phase 2 property-the southern 40 acres; adhere to the request of the Zoning Board of direct access to Highway 159 prior to Phase 2; street creep precautions; and the stipulation from the Village Board to add sidewalks. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes. Motion was granted.

Zoning Administrator Saeger stated that no action is required by the Board for the Zoning hearings held on May 12,2021. The Zoning Board approved a variance for wall and roof peak height, and a fence installation.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Klein reported that work is progressing on the 911 Monument drainage problem. The additional layer of concrete has been poured and most of the ground built up around the concrete. Klein will build it up a little more and then have the area hydroseeded. Austin Wolf is doing some work on the lighting in the monument. Klein stated that they will be doing some curb work and replacements in the Village.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

17 N. HIGH STREET

Attorney Durso reported that there was a court date on May 5th for the ordinance violations on this property. The property owner, Gabe Ritter, did not show up. A default judgement of \$250.00 was issued. Durso will see how the Village can go about removing the items from the property. Durso is drawing up a new notice to send with a citation after 30 days. The Trustees asked why this is still going on when there was a judgement issued in the past for Ritter to clean up the property. Durso said that he is trying to go through the court system to get everything done.

Durso asked the Board for clarification on whether he should be involved in writing notices on ordinance violations. If a notice is sent for violations and

the issues are resolved, then a citation is not issued. If not, then a citation and court case may be needed. The Board stated that Durso can work with Chief Neff on other ordinance violations.

Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers 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 May 11, 2021.

The items will be discussed under the Committee Reports. Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to approve the minutes from the Committee As a Whole meeting on May 11, 2021. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes. Motion was granted.

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Becherer reported that the final budget shows \$149,558.69 in the black. Mayor Smallwood stated that everyone did a great job of spending responsibly while still accomplishing great projects.

STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE

STREET DEPARTMENT VEHICLES

Trustee Rogers reported that the new vehicle is still waiting for the truck bed.

POLICE COMMITTEE

POLICE EQUIPMENT

Trustee Elbe reported that there will be a Police Committee meeting May 20, 2021. He will report on it at the Committee As a Whole meeting next week.

PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE

PARK SWING

Trustee Henning reported that the new swing has been installed at the park.

SAA/PARK BUILDING

Trustee Henning reported that he has an updated bid on the park building. This will be discussed at the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

SAA BATTING CAGE REQUEST - No update.

TRAIL STUDY GRANT

Trustee Henning reported that the MEPRD grants has been approved. The next step will be decided on at the Committee As a Whole meeting.

911 MONUMENT DRAINAGE - This was reported on under the Supervisor's Report.

MULCH PURCHASE

The Village has been offered some rubber mulch from one of the businesses in town. This could be used at the park. This item will be discussed at the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Mourey reported that there are a few ordinance violation notices that have been sent out. This will be discussed at the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

ANNEXATION AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

WILLOW OAK PROPERTY

Trustee Mourey reported that he and Engineer Saeger are still waiting to hear back from the property owner.

GROCERY STORE

Trustee Mourey reported that Jr. Koerber is ready to proceed with construction. There will be a groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for next week. The Mayor and the Trustees will attend.

Trustee Mourey asked since Koerber is putting in the sidewalk in front of his building, does a motion need to be made for the Street Dept. to extend a sidewalk to Sunset Court. Smallwood stated that a motion is needed. Trustee Mourey made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to authorize the expense-not to exceed \$3500.00- of extending a four-foot-wide sidewalk with cutouts, from the new grocery store to Sunset Court, in the IDOT right of way. Roll call was taken: Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes. Motion was granted.

SALT STORAGE BUILDING - No update.

VILLAGE HALL GENERATOR

Trustee Mourey reported that he should have three bids to discuss at the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

CAMERA FOR VILLAGE SHED

Trustee Mourey reported that the Ring camera equipment has arrived. It will be installed soon.

WELCOME BANNER PURCHASE

Trustee Mourey made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to authorize the purchase of a large banner welcoming the new business, not to exceed \$350.00. Roll call was taken: Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes. Motion was granted. Trustee Rogers will contact Advanced Engraving to order the banner.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to authorize Clerk Parker to pay the payroll from April 17, 2021 through April 30, 2021. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes. Motion was granted.

COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Parker shared an invitation to the May 27th Mayors meeting which be held virtually, and the June 24th meeting which will be held in person. Anyone wishing to attend should inform Parker.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - No items.

NEW BUSINESS - No items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None.

Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Motion was granted to adjourn at 8:26pm.