

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

August 3, 2021

7:30PM

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

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 July 20, 2021. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, absent; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes. Motion was granted.

TREASURER'S REPORT – No report.

GOOD OF THE VILLAGE

MIKEY'S PUB OUTSIDE MUSIC PERMIT – 8/6/21, 8/7/21, 8/8/21, & 8/13/21, 8/14/21 & 8/15/21
A motion was made by Trustee Rogers which was seconded by Trustee Hopkins to approve outside music request for Mikey's Pub for 8/6/21, 8/7/21, 8/8/21, & 8/13/21, 8/14/21 & 8/15/21. Roll call was taken: Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; Trustee Elbe, absent; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes. Motion was granted.

Resident Charlie Parke addressed the Board regarding the citation that was issued to him regarding storm water going into the sewer in his yard. He apologized for the delay in fixing the problem, stated that he is working to resolve the issue and asked the Board for leniency on the citation. Mayor Smallwood asked Engineer Saeger if he was satisfied with Parke's plan to resolve the issue. Saeger replied that he was. Trustee Hopkins made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to drop the charges against Parke, with the condition that he will complete the work needed within 90 days. Roll call was taken: Trustee Hopkins, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, absent; Trustee Rogers, abstain; Trustee Henning, yes. Motion was granted. Attorney Durso will have the court case cancelled.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Neff reported that the PD received 124 calls for the month of July. He stated that the Alarm Company will be installing the keycard entry system at the PD and Village Hall this week. Officer Adams Police car has had the new markings put on it. Officer Diecker's car will be next. Officer Sherman's car will be repaired by the end of this week.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

5672 Sand Rock Road

Engineer Saeger reminded the Board that the property owner at 5672 Sand Rock Road asked the Village to consider putting in a culvert in front of his property. Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to deny the request for a culvert at 5672 Sand Rock Road. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, absent; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes. Motion was granted.

405 S. HICKORY STORM WATER CONNECTION TO SANITARY SEWER

This item was discussed under Good of the Village.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT INCOME SURVEY

Engineer Saeger reported that he gave the Mayor and the Board information on streets in the Village which could qualify for the survey and do not have curbing and guttering – which was the project done from the last grant money. This item will be put on the agenda for the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY PARKS GRANT – No update.

MFT OIL & CHIP BIDS

Engineer Saeger reviewed the bids for the Village streets oil and chipping for this year. Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to accept the bid from Don Anderson Company for street oil at the price of \$24,448.31. Roll call was taken: Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, absent; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes. Motion was granted.

Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to accept the bid from Beelman Logistics for slag and its application at the price of \$13,519.65. Roll call was taken: Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, absent; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes. Motion was granted.

Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to accept the bid from Wolfmeier Truck Service for CA6 and its application at the price of \$1,978.00. Roll call was taken: Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, absent; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes. Motion was granted.

Engineer Saeger reported that the street oiling and chipping is scheduled for August 26th & 27th.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – Health Officer Rogers was not present but sent a message with Trustee Rogers that since the Delta Variant of Covid is spreading, everyone should get vaccinated.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

There will be a Safety Committee Meeting August 5, 2021, at 10:00am if needed.

ZONING BOARD REPORT

ZONING BOARD HEARING JULY 26, 2021

Engineer Saeger reported a hearing was held on July 26th where a 9-foot variance for side setback was approved by the Zoning Board for 210 and 212 S. St. John's Drive. The property owner withdrew a second variance request for a 3-foot variance request for a rear setback.

Engineer Saeger reported that there is a Zoning Hearing scheduled for August 23, 2021, to review 3 property owners variance requests for setbacks for fence placement.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Klein reported that they are working on street patching and repair prior to the street oiling and chipping.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

17 N. HIGH STREET

Attorney Durso reported that the court date for this property was July 29th. Durso stated that the property owner did not appear but has cleaned the property. A default judgement was set for \$100.00.

Attorney Durso also attended a court date for illegal dumping of concrete at the park. The defendant was fined \$250.00 which he paid that day. He was apologetic.

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 July 27, 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 July 27, 2021. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, absent; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes. Motion was granted.

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to authorize the purchase of 3 CD's using \$50,000.00 from Final Plat Fund, \$50,000.00 from Surcharge Fund, and \$100,000.00 from Road & Bridge Fund. The CD's will be at Citizen's Bank for one-year terms.

Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, absent; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes. Motion was granted.

FUND BALANCES

This item was included with the previous item.

OFFICE PERSONNEL

Clerk Parker will advertise for a full-time office position to be divided between Village Hall and the PD.

STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE

STREET DEPARTMENT VEHICLES

Trustee Rogers reported that the new truck has been picked up.

STREET DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS

Trustee Rogers would like to discuss this item at the next Committee As a Whole meeting.

POLICE COMMITTEE

POLICE VEHICLE MARKING

Officer Adams Police car has had the new markings put on it. Officer Diecker's car will be next.

POLICE VEHICLE DAMAGE

Officer Sherman's car will be repaired by the end of this week.

PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE

FIELD 5 MODIFICATIONS – No update.

PARK CAMERAS – No update.

SAA/PARK BUILDING

Trustee Henning stated the Park Commission will meet in September to decide on grants.

SAA BATTING CAGE REQUEST – No update.

TRAIL STUDY GRANT

Trustee Henning reported that a public meeting will be held Wednesday, September 15th 7:00pm at the Smithton Senior Center.

911 DEDICATION

Trustee Henning reported that plans are still being made. Henning would like to discuss this at the next Committee As a Whole Meeting.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Mourey reported that violation notices are having good results. He stated that Officer Wilson and Chief Neff are doing a great job.

ANNEXATION AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

WILLOW OAK PROPERTY

Attorney Durso reported that the property owner involved wants annexation documents drawn up but will not commit to signing them in case he sells the property and the new owner does not want to annex. Durso advised against this and the Board agreed.

GROCERY STORE

Trustee Hopkins reported that he spoke to someone involved with the grocery store regarding progress. He was told that the project is still moving forward.

SALT STORAGE BUILDING – This item will be on hold for now.

VILLAGE HALL GENERATOR

Trustee Hopkins reported that the generator is on order. The mechanical contractor will work with Ameren.

CAMERA FOR VILLAGE SHED

Supervisor Klein reported that the camera is working but better WiFi is still needed.

VILLAGE HALL ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM

This item was discussed under Police Chief's Report.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to authorize Clerk Parker to pay bills and the payroll from July 10th, 2021 through July 23rd, 2021. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, absent; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes. Motion was granted.

COMMUNICATIONS – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – No items.

NEW BUSINESS – No items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to adjourn. All Trustees were in favor. Motion was granted to adjourn at 8:13pm.