

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 September 7, 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 Mayor Smallwood, 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 August 17, 2021. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; 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 – 9/10/21, 9/11/21, 9/12/21, 9/18/21, 9/19/21

A motion was made by Trustee Rogers which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to approve outside music requests for Mikey's Pub for 9/10/21, 9/11/21, 9/12/21, 9/18/21, 9/19/21. Roll call was taken: Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes. Motion was granted.

9-11 DEDICATION PROCLAMATION

Mayor Smallwood read the Dedication Proclamation for the 9-11 Memorial dedication that will be on September 11, 2021. Trustee Henning made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to allow the Mayor to sign and adopt the Proclamation for the 9-11 Dedication to be held on September 11, 2021. Roll call was taken: Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes. Motion was granted.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Neff reported that the Police Department received 117 calls in the month of August. Pyramid Electric will be called to repair the warning siren outside of Wildwood Subdivision.

Neff reported that the cameras have been installed at Village Hall. Two Police Officers will be present to represent the Police Department at the 9-11 Memorial Dedication this Saturday.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE AND PAINT TRIAL

Engineer Saeger reported that the paint on the water tower is 18 years old. An estimate was obtained from a paint manufacturer. The wet (water holding) area inside of the tower would need to be drained, sand blasted, and repainted, the dry interior ladders and platform areas would be touched up with paint as needed, and the exterior would need light sandblasting and repainting. The estimate for this would be \$214,000.00. Saeger stated that this project could be sent out for bids and have a contractor do the work, or the Village could research contracting with a management company that would take care of maintenance of the water tower. Saeger was contacted by a management company that could come and give a presentation to the Mayor and the Trustees. Saeger stated that if the project is put off too long then the exterior would require heavier sandblasting which would increase the price of the project. The Trustees asked Saeger to move forward with scheduling a presentation. Saeger said that the paint representative would like to do some test patches of a new product/process on the water tower. The test areas would be put on now and checked in the spring. If the tested product/process works well it would lower the cost of the project. Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to allow Tnemec Technical Services to apply test patches to the water tower at no cost to the Village. 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. Saeger will notify Tnemec Technical Services that they can proceed.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Engineer Saeger reported that the Village received the first half of the funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. The money must be spent by December 31, 2024. One of the categories for eligible spending is water, sewer, stormwater infrastructure, which would include painting the water tower. Saeger has a list of eligible expenses for the received funds. He will share the list with the Mayor and the Trustees.

VILLAGE HALL HVAC BIDS

Engineer Saeger reported that Funk will give him the model numbers for the furnaces that will be installed so that Saeger can submit them to Ameren for preapproval in order to obtain the \$3000.00 incentive.

405 S. HICKORY STORM WATER CONNECTION TO SANITARY SEWER

Engineer Saeger reported November 1, 2021, would be 90 days from when the property owner must have the sump pump installed. Saeger will monitor the progress.

CDBG INCOME SURVEY

Engineer Saeger reported that the surveys have been sent out to residents.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY PARKS GRANT – No update.

Engineer Saeger reported that he received paperwork for the Safe Routes to School grant proposals. The grant application would be due by September 30, 2021. An engineering firm would have to be chosen to work with on the project. Saeger reported that there isn't enough time to get the information needed to apply for the grant. The Trustees agreed but would like a plan with information prepared for a future grant opportunity.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – No report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

There will be a Safety Committee Meeting October 7, 2021, at 10:00am if needed.

ZONING BOARD REPORT

ZONING BOARD HEARINGS AUGUST 23, 2021

Engineer Saeger reported that three hearings were held on August 23, 2021 for fence variances. All three variance requests were approved. No action is needed by the Trustees. There is a hearing scheduled on September 27, 2021 for a fence variance.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Klein reported that the street oiling has been completed. Street sweeping for the excess rock will be done within the next two weeks. The Mayor complimented the Street Crew for the great job that they did.

Trustee Mourey complimented the Street Crew on the landscaping and addition of the benches around the 9-11 Memorial.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Durso reported he dismissed the citation for the property owner at 405 S Hickory.

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 – No meeting was held.

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE BECHERER

OFFICE PERSONNEL

Trustee Becherer reported that interviews are being scheduled.

STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ROGERS

STREET DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS

Supervisor Klein reported that Aramark contacted him about extending the current uniform contract. Klein told them that the Village would be getting bids when the current contract is up.

POLICE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ELBE

POLICE VEHICLE MARKING

Trustee Elbe reported that the Police Department has one more vehicle that needs to be marked.

PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE HENNING

OSLAD PARK GRANT

Trustee Henning reported that the OSLAD Grant would not cover lights under infrastructure. Trustee Mourey stated that Ameren has a matching grant available if the Village would receive a grant. Trustee Elbe reported that there is infrastructure work that would need to be done before lights could be put in. This item will be removed from the agenda for now.

FIELD 5 MODIFICATIONS

Trustee Hopkins shared a sketch of the proposed modifications for field 5 at the park.

PARK CAMERAS – No update

SAA/PARK BUILDING – No update

SAA BATTING CAGE REQUEST – No update

TRAIL STUDY GRANT

Trustee Henning reported a public meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2021. Complete Streets Group will be participating. The meeting will be to get resident input and ideas.

911 DEDICATION

Trustee Henning reported that the Dedication will start at 7:30am this Saturday.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE MOUREY

Trustee Mourey reported that the notices being sent are working.

ANNEXATION & BUILDING COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE HOPKINS

WILLOW OAK PROPERTY

Engineer Saeger reported he talked to the property owner and told him that if he would move forward with a surveyor to draw up a legal description of the easement and an annexation plat, then we could move forward with the annexation paperwork. Attorney Durso said to let him know when he should proceed with the annexation paperwork.

GROCERY STORE

Saeger reported that a revised drawing was submitted and has been approved. Currently a building permit application has not been submitted.

SALT STORAGE BUILDING – No report

VILLAGE HALL GENERATOR

Engineer Saeger reported that the back parking lot has been marked for bollards to be installed. He contacted Ameren but they will not upgrade the gas meter until the regulators are installed on the furnaces in Village Hall, so Saeger informed BEL-O to do proceed with that.

VILLAGE HALL ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM

Trustee Hopkins reported that the access control system has been installed. This item will be removed from the agenda.

CAMERA FOR VILLAGE SHED

Trustee Hopkins reported that the camera is working. This item will be removed from the agenda.

CAMERA FOR VILLAGE HALL

Trustee Hopkins reported that the cameras have been installed. This item will be removed from the agenda.

BACK-UP INTERNET PROVIDER

Engineer Saeger reported that Compu-type will finish installing the back-up internet this week.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to authorize Clerk Parker to pay payroll from August 8, 2021, through August 20, 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.

COMMUNICATIONS – No items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – No items.

NEW BUSINESS

Nancy Rogers stated that she has heard complaints of the roads being blocked near the school during drop off. Chief Neff will monitor it, but he hasn't received any complaints.

Trustee Mourey asked Supervisor Klein about the mud build up around the bridge on the walking trail in the park. Klein will see what can be done about it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – No session called.

Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Motion was granted to adjourn at 8:25pm.