

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 November 2, 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 October 19, 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 – No report.

GOOD OF THE VILLAGE

Dr. Courtney Castelli Superintendent from Smithton Elementary explained to the board that they are currently working on a five-year strategic plan for the school. They are asking for our support to post a flyer at Village Hall along with posting the flyer online so they can have more feedback from the community. Mayor Smallwood agreed to help in anyway.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Neff reported that the Police Department received 70 calls for the month of October. Annual firearms training was completed last month within the department and Officer Diecker's vehicle has been completed with the new Police Department markings.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

IPWMAN – PUBLIC WORKS MUTUAL AIDE

A motion was made by Trustee Rogers which was seconded by Trustee Hopkins to authorize an agreement with Public Works Mutual Aide with a yearly cost of \$100 along with the Mayor being the contact person. Roll call was taken: Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; Trustee

Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes. Motion was granted.

WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE AND PAINT TRIAL – No update.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Engineer Saeger reported that the Vacuum truck would not be considered eligible under the American Rescue Plan Act. This will be added to Committee As a Whole agenda.

VILLAGE HALL HVAC BIDS

Engineer Saeger reported that Funk Heating & Cooling, Inc informed him that the equipment would be arriving mid-November.

405 S. HICKORY STORM WATER CONNECTION TO SANITARY SEWER

Engineer Saeger reported that he reached out to the property owner regarding the November 1, 2021 deadline. The property owner has a contract with Mr. Blomenkamp to install a pit and sump pump. Mr. Blomenkamp is currently back logged with jobs and unable to give a definite date to start the work. A motion was made by Trustee Hopkins which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to approve a 60-day extension to expire on December 31, 2021, for storm water connection to sanitary sewer. Roll call was taken: Trustee Hopkins, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, abstain; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Henning, yes. Motion was granted.

CDBG INCOME SURVEY

Engineer Saeger reported that letters have been continuously sent out along with phone calls to get the surveys completed and sent back. Currently 45% of the surveys have been returned, we need 80% completed by December 17, 2021.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY PARKS GRANT – No report.

HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT – No report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

There will be a Safety Committee Meeting November 4, 2021, at 10:00am if needed.

ZONING BOARD REPORT

ZONING BOARD HEARING OCTOBER 20, 2021

Engineer Saeger reported that two hearings were held for shed variances on N Julia Street and the SAA/Park Shed. Both variances were approved along with the requirement that the SAA/Park Shed must install fire extinguishers within the shed.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Klein reported that the SAA building has been torn down. They are working on repairing the runners on the red shed so that it can be relocated. Don Becker will be out later

this week to mark off the areas and then they can begin trenching. Calls have been placed to a few tree services to get quotes on the two big trees. The bathrooms have been winterized at the park along with winterizing the pumps. Klein explained that the concession stand bathrooms can be utilized for the Winterfest that will take place on Saturday, December 4, 2021.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Attorney Durso requested executive session to discuss a matter.

Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to accept the Officer’s reports as given excluding Supervisor’s report. All were in favor. Motion was granted.

Once Supervisor Klein arrived and gave his report Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to accept the Supervisors 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 October 26, 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 October 26, 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 – No agenda items.

STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ROGERS

STREETLIGHT REQUEST

A motion was made by Trustee Rogers which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to authorize the request for a streetlight at Knab Road and Lizzy Lane. Roll call was taken: Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Becherer, abstain; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes. Motion was granted.

Trustee Rogers asked Engineer Saeger to find out the cost on putting a streetlight at the end of Sun Valley Drive.

SIDEWALK – 205 S MAIN ST

This will be discussed in executive session.

STREET DEPARTMENT TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

Mayor Smallwood reported that he authorized Supervisor Klein to purchase replacement tools due to the deadline being Friday, October 29, 2021.

STREET DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS – No update

POLICE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ELBE

POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE

Will be added to Committee As a Whole agenda.

Trustee Elbe asked that Police Personnel be added to Committee As a Whole agenda.

PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE HENNING

PARK REFUSE DUMP CONTROLS

Will be added to Committee As a Whole agenda

PARK RED BUILDING

Trustee Henning reported that the building is in the custody of the Village.

FIELD 5 MODIFICATIONS – No update.

PARK CAMERAS

Will be added to Committee As a Whole agenda

SAA/PARK BUILDING

Trustee Henning reported that Supervisor Klein will be starting on the groundwork.

SAA BATTING CAGE REQUEST – No update

TRAIL STUDY GRANT – No update

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE MOUREY – No agenda items

ANNEXATION & BUILDING COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE HOPKINS

VILLAGE HALL FOUNTAINS

Will be added to Committee As a Whole agenda.

WILLOW OAK PROPERTY – No report.

Engineer Saeger reported that TWM submitted a plat of annexation for the property owner along with the legal description of the easement. The legal description did not include the lift station and Saeger sent it back for further review. Attorney Durso will wait before the description has been corrected to move forward on his end.

GROCERY STORE – 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 Rogers to authorize Clerk Parker to pay bills and payroll from October 2, 2021, through October 15, 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 – No items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to go into executive session with possible litigation 8pm. 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.

Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to return to regular session 8:49pm. 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.

Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Motion was granted to adjourn at 8:50pm.