

Village of Smithton

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SMITHTON, ILLINOIS 62285

MAYOR,
MIKE SMALLWOOD

VILLAGE CLERK,
ANNETTE PARKER



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

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES December 21, 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 December 7, 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

Doug Jameson a local realtor attended the meeting to learn more about the Village of Smithton. Wavey Lester was also in attendance. Mr. Lester is running for the Illinois State Senate and wanted to attend to better understand the needs for the Village of Smithton.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Neff reported that all fulltime employees completed and passed the AED/CPR training class. The training is good for two years.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

DCEO GRANT

Engineer Saeger reported that he submitted the DCEO grant on December 9, 2021. No time frame could be given on when we will hear something back.

WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE AND PAINT TRIAL – No update.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT – No update.

VILLAGE HALL HVAC BIDS

Engineer Saeger reported that both furnaces have been installed. The air conditioning units are currently in storage. Funk Heating & Cooling is planning on scheduling equipment in the next couple of weeks depending on weather to move the air conditioning units. Saeger submitted the invoice and paperwork to Ameren for the \$3,000 incentive. Ameren responded stating that it will be about twelve weeks before receiving a check. A motion was made by Trustee Mourey which was seconded by Trustee Hopkins to authorize Funk invoice of \$15,933 for A/C at Village Hall and to withhold \$1000 until the project is completed. Roll call was taken: Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Henning, yes. Motion was granted.

405 S. HICKORY STORM WATER CONNECTION TO SANITARY SEWER

Engineer Saeger reported that he called and left a message for the property owner to get an update. Saeger has not heard back from him. The board indicated that the property owner will have to come to the board if another extension is requested.

CDBG INCOME SURVEY

Engineer Saeger reported that Lisa Ludwig sent a letter from St. Clair County to residents that have not turned in a survey. This will be the final letter sent, only two more surveys are needed to be completed.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – No report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

There will be a Safety Committee Meeting January 6, 2021, at 10:00am if needed.

ZONING BOARD REPORT

Engineer Saeger reported that a hearing was held on December 16, 2021. The Zoning Board has made a recommendation to the Trustee Board to approve the special use permit for 3011 S Illinois St. A motion was made by Trustee Becherer which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to approve a motion for the Special Use Permit include: that the Special Use Permit for buildings 3 & 4 cannot be transferred to new owners upon sale of the property; new owners wishing to continue operating the facility for vehicle storage will have to apply for a new Special Use Permit; no outside storage or overnight parking in or around the two new proposed buildings; the new storage facilities will be at least 25 feet off the property lines; operation of these buildings for storage is contingent on placement of at least a 6-foot tall fence to be erected between the two north side buildings(existing small storage building and the proposed Camper/RV storage building) and in the northwest corner by the two new buildings; fire extinguishers must be place in each unit of the Camper/RV building; a 2x4 wall (steel or plywood) must separate each unit in the Camper/RV building; no electric outlets should be installed in the Camper/RV building. 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.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Klein reported that he will be focused on filling some personnel vacancies within the street department. All snowplows are ready for any inclement weather that may come, and the Klein drive project should be completed next week. Klein will be having apprentices from the school coming out to complete the concrete pad for the SAA building. Mayor Smallwood requested that Street Department Personnel be added to Committee As a Whole agenda.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Durso reported that he has some court dates scheduled for early January for tickets that have been issued.

Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to accept the Officer's reports. All were in favor. Motion was granted.

A motion was made by Trustee Mourey which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to authorize the purchase of online access for the Illinois Institute for continuing legal education for Attorney Durso contingent on Durso using the trial version and wanting to continue use not to exceed \$60. 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.

COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE

Mayor Smallwood reported that there was a Committee As a Whole meeting on December 14, 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 December 14, 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

BUDGET

Trustee Becherer reported that Trustee Elbe submitted the Police Department budget.

CD'S

This will be added to Committee As a Whole Agenda.

STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ROGERS

VACUUM TRUCK

Trustee Rogers reported that they are still getting estimates. This will be added to Committee As a Whole.

SIDEWALK – 205 S MAIN ST

Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to allow our Street Department crew to raise the storm drain grates at 205 S. Main - create a work order (SAG). 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.

STREET DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS – No update

POLICE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ELBE

POLICE PERSONNEL

Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Henning to approve Travis LeRoy as a fulltime officer off probation after December 28, 2021. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes. Motion was granted.

Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to authorize Chief Neff to attend the Southern IL Criminal Justice Seminar on 2/23/21 & 2/24/21 and not to exceed \$500. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes. Motion was granted.

PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE HENNING

PARK REFUSE DUMP CONTROLS

Trustee Henning reported that to add this to Committee As a Whole agenda.

FIELD 5 MODIFICATIONS – No update.

PARK CAMERAS

Trustee Henning made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to authorize a security camera at the park refuse dump area not to exceed \$2000 from Barcom and \$185/month for the next 3 years. Roll call was taken: Trustee Henning, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes. Motion was granted

SAA/PARK BUILDING – No update

SAA BATTING CAGE REQUEST – No update.

TRAIL STUDY GRANT

Trustee Henning reported that the next public meeting will be in the spring.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE MOUREY

BUILDING CODES

Trustee Mourey requested to add building codes to Committee As a Whole agenda.

ANNEXATION & BUILDING COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE HOPKINS

VILLAGE HALL FOUNTAINS

Trustee Hopkins reported that he is still waiting on the rendering from Austin Wolf.

WILLOW OAK PROPERTY – No report.

Engineer Saeger reported that he spoke with Joe from TWM. Saeger has seen a draft, but nothing has been finalized yet.

GROCERY STORE

Trustee Hopkins reported that the plumbers were on site working today.

SALT STORAGE BUILDING – No report.

VILLAGE HALL GENERATOR

Trustee Hopkins reported that Glaenzer has been here this week working on electric for preliminary work. Power will be turned off Thursday December 23, 2021, to hook everything up.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to authorize Clerk Parker to pay payroll from November 13, 2021, through November 26, 2021, and November 27, 2021 through December 10, 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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