

# Village of Smithton

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

## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 15, 2022 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 February 1, 2022. 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** – Board received a copy

### **GOOD OF THE VILLAGE**

### **POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Neff reported that Code Red training was completed last Thursday. Telephone numbers are being transferred to the new system and should be ready to launch in a week. Notifications will go out on Facebook and the Village of Smithton Website about the new Code Red system. Discussion was had about putting an article about the Code Red system in the Freeburg Tribune.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

#### **ISSUED BUILDING PERMITS**

Engineer Saeger reported that one building permit has been issued.

### **DCEO GRANT**

Engineer Saeger reported that DCEO has received, reviewed, and accepted the Village of Smithton application. The next step will be budget approval. No time frame can be given when this will happen.

WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE AND PAINT TRIAL – No update

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT – No update

VILLAGE HALL HVAC BIDS – No update

**405 S. HICKORY STORM WATER CONNECTION TO SANITARY SEWER**

Engineer Saeger reported that the date of June 1, 2022, is the deadline.

**CDBG INCOME SURVEY**

Engineer Saeger reported that the County reached out with an update on the survey. High Street and Douglas area did not receive enough responses and was thrown out. The rest of the remaining streets were tabulated together and came up with a 45% response and 50% is needed. The County will now review those streets individually to see if they can qualify.

**HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT** – No report.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE**

There will be a Safety Committee Meeting March 3, 2022, at 10:00am if needed.

**ZONING BOARD REPORT**

Engineer Saeger reported that three hearings are scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2022.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT**

Supervisor Klein reported that the concrete was poured at the park for the SAA project. The inlet project located on S Main Street was completed this week.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

Attorney Durso reported on his findings about building regulations for the Village of Smithton ordinance. Building Regulations will be added to Committee As a Whole agenda.

Durso also stated that the Tow Fees ordinance needs to be amended. Tow Fees will be added to Committee As a Whole agenda.

Durso reported that he has a court date scheduled next week for 17 N. High. Once the court date has taken place Durso can further discuss what action can be done per the judge’s decision. Durso has received the petition for annexation and easement for Willow Oak property. Discussion was had. Willow Oak property will be added to Committee As a Whole agenda.

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

**COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE**

Mayor Smallwood reported that there was a Committee As a Whole meeting on February 8, 2022. 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 February 8, 2022. 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**

Mayor Smallwood reported that an updated budget will be provided at Committee As a Whole Agenda. Any changes need to be given to Clerk Parker before next weeks meeting.

**STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ROGERS**

**PICKUP TRUCKS**

Trustee Rogers reported that Supervisor Klein is getting bids together.

**VACUUM TRUCK**

Trustee Rogers reported that Supervisor Klein went to review the vacuum truck. Issues are being addressed on it and will be delivered once ready.

**SIDEWALK – 205 S MAIN ST**

Supervisor Klein reported that the catch basins project was started but not completed.

**STREET DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS – No update**

Supervisor Klein reported that they are having issues with the backhoe. A valve and front bucket seem to be the issue. Klein is getting bids to repair.

**POLICE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ELBE**

**CODE RED SYSTEM**

Chief Neff already reported on Code Red system.

Trustee Elbe requested to put insurance on the Committee As a Whole agenda.

**PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE HENNING**

**PARK REFUSE DUMP CONTROLS**

Trustee Henning made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to allow resolution of support for Midland to Ameren to place a camera on an Ameren pole. Barcom will install camera on the pole. 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.

**FIELD 5 MODIFICATIONS – No update**

PARK CAMERAS

Trustee Henning reported that we are waiting for Midland Banks to send a letter to Ameren for approval and then we can move forward with placing a camera on the pole. The board agreed that the Village of Smithton will get an irrevocable letter of credit from Midland States Bank and authorizes the Mayor to sign the necessary documents.

SAA/PARK BUILDING

Trustee Henning reported that Supervisor Klein had the concrete poured this week.

SAA BATTING CAGE REQUEST – No update

TRAIL STUDY GRANT – No update

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE MOUREY**

ORD 977 CHAP 24 – TOW FEES

Trustee Mourey reported that this will be tabled and discussed at Committee As a Whole.

ORD 978 CHAP 6 – BUILDING REGULATIONS

Trustee Mourey reported that this will be tabled for legal updates and discussed at Committee As a Whole.

BUILDING CODES – No update

**ANNEXATION & BUILDING COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE HOPKINS**

VILLAGE HALL FOUNTAINS

Trustee Hopkins reported that he will have an estimate from Mr. Wolf for the next board meeting. Mayor Smallwood reported that Mr. Sprengel would like to submit a bid to the Village of Smithton.

WILLOW OAK PROPERTY

Willow Oak Property will be added to Committee As a Whole agenda.

GROCERY STORE – No update

SALT STORAGE BUILDING – No update

VILLAGE HALL GENERATOR

Trustee Hopkins made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey authorize Funk to install gas pressure regulators on generator not to exceed \$500. Roll call was taken: Trustee Hopkins, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Henning, yes. Motion was granted.

PROPERTY APPRAISAL – No update

**BILLS AND PAYROLL**

Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to authorize Clerk Parker to pay the bills and payroll from January 22, 2022, through February 4, 2022. 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**

A Mayors meeting will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at the Sheraton located in Fairview Heights, IL.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to adjourn. All trustees were in favor. Motion was granted to adjourn at 8:15pm.