

# 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 February 7, 2023

Mayor Mike Smallwood called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees Jason Becherer, Charlie Rogers, Jim Elbe, Jim Hildreth, Jim Mourey, and Tim Hopkins answered roll call. Also present were Clerk Annette Parker, Engineer Scott Saeger, Chief Jason Neff, Supervisor Dean Klein, and Attorney Carmen Durso. Several friends and family as well as Smithton Police officers were in attendance for soon to be Officer Ryne Fithian. County Board member Phil Henning was a guest in attendance also.

**CLERK'S REPORT** – A motion was made by Trustee Becherer which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting held on January 17, 2023. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Hildreth, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; and Trustee Hopkins, yes. The motion was carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – There is no report.

**GOOD OF THE VILLAGE** – A motion was made by Trustee Elbe which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to hire Ryne Fithian as a police officer effective April 28, 2023 when he completes the Police Academy. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Hildreth, yes; and Trustee Hopkins, yes. The motion was carried.

Ryne Fithian was sworn in by Clerk Parker and Chief Neff presented him with his badge.

Phil Henning spoke about the new Boeing production facility.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT** – Chief Neff reported that there were 135 calls for service for the month of January. 31 traffic stops (1 resulting in a warrant arrest), 4 accidents, and 8 mutual assist calls.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT -**

**ISSUED BUILDING PERMITS** – There were two building permits issued since the last meeting.

DCEO GRANT – VILLAGE HALL GENERATOR – Ameren will be replacing the gas service line to the meter once they receive a permit from IDOT to run the line under the highway.

WATER TOWER RESTORATION MAINTENANCE PLAN – Engineer Saeger is working through the details of the temporary pressure tanks that will be required. The additional costs will be \$30,000-90,000.

304 EUGENIA PIPE REPLACEMENT – A work order has been written for this job.

159 TURN LANE STU APPLICATION – Engineer Saeger reported that Volkert has finished this application. This would extend the turn lane project through where the grocery store is located and end at the entrance to Stonefield Drive. It's about 1200 feet. The total projected cost is about \$900,000. We can apply for a grant that would cover \$637,000 and our cost share would be \$277,000 for the project and this would be spread out over a few years. The application fee must be submitted with the grant application. It is refundable if you aren't awarded the grant. \$3,189 is the application cost.

A motion was made by Trustee Becherer which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to allow the expenditure of \$3200 for the application fee for the grant to extend the turn lane to Stonefield Drive. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Hildreth, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Hopkins, yes. The motion was carried.

ENGINEERING ASSISTANT – Engineer Saeger stated that he would like to have someone onboard in May, the new budget year.

NORCOM 2000 – No updates.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** – There will be a Safety Committee Meeting March 2, 2023, at 10:00am if needed.

**ZONING BOARD REPORT** – A Zoning Hearing is scheduled for February 16 for 5672 Sand Rock Rd for a variance for a shed.

FULFORD ANNEXATION – Mayor Smallwood reported that this can be removed from the agenda going forward because Mr. Fulford has talked with Engineer Saeger and he has pulled his request for the agreement he had submitted.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT** – Supervisor Klein stated that they are focusing on the park trail and the 304 Eugenia pipe replacement will be worked on when they have time. Klein also reported that the Street Department had a water leak followed by a boil order.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT** – No report.

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

**COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE** – Mayor Smallwood reported on the Committee As a Whole meetings from January 24 and January 31. The items will be discussed further under Committee Reports. Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to approve the minutes from the Committee As a Whole meetings on January 24, 2023 and January 31, 2023. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Hildreth, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; and Trustee Hopkins, yes. The motion was carried.

**FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE BECHERER**

BUDGET – Trustee Becherer asked all Trustees to look at the budget.

CDs – No report.

**STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ROGERS**

SOUTH MAIN PROPERTIES – No updates.

STREET DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS – We have received all uniform items.

**POLICE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ELBE**

POLICE PERSONNEL – Ryne Fithian was sworn in as a new police officer at the beginning of the meeting.

POLICE EQUIPMENT - Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to approve Chief Neff to purchase firearms for the new police officer from Staccato not to exceed \$2700. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Hildreth, yes; and Trustee Hopkins, yes. The motion was carried.

HY-DAC PROPERTY – No update.

TORNADO ALARM SYSTEM – No update.

**PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE HILDRETH**

Trustee Hopkins reported on the Park & Cemetery Committee.

BATTING CAGE LIGHTS – Trustee Hopkins stated they are working to set the pole and then it will be wired.

TRAIL PHASE 1 – PARK TRAIL UPGRADES – No updates.

POCKET PARK – No update.

FENCE REPAIR – We will be receiving a quote.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE MOUREY –**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1007 – SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLE – 2013 FORD TAURUS**

Trustee Mourey made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to have Ordinance 1007 read by title only. Roll call was taken: Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Hildreth, yes; and Trustee Hopkins, yes. The motion was carried.

Trustee Mourey made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to adopt Ordinance 1007. Roll call was taken: Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Hildreth, yes; and Trustee Hopkins, yes. The motion was carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1008 – SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLE – 1994 GMC 1 TON**

Trustee Mourey made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to have Ordinance 1008 read by title only. Roll call was taken: Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Hildreth, yes; and Trustee Hopkins, yes. The motion was carried.

Trustee Mourey made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to adopt Ordinance 1008. Roll call was taken: Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Hildreth, yes; and Trustee Hopkins, yes. The motion was carried.

**ANNEXATION & BUILDING COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE HOPKINS**

VILLAGE HALL SIGN – No update.

VILLAGE HALL GENERATOR – We are waiting on the replacement of the gas service line.

**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 7, 2023 through January 20, 2023. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Hildreth, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; and Trustee Hopkins, yes. The motion was carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Southwestern Illinois Council of Mayors meeting to be held on February 23.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None.

Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to adjourn. All Trustees were in favor. The motion was granted to adjourn at 8:03 pm.