

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 April 4, 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, Attorney Durso, Chief Jason Neff, and Supervisor Dean Klein. Smithton Police Officers and family of Andrew Hassel and Mr. David Brennan were present in the audience. A moment of silence was observed for former Mayor and Trustee Virgil Becker who passed away on April 1.

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 March 21, 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 – No report.

GOOD OF THE VILLAGE –

POLICE PERSONNEL – A motion was made by Trustee Elbe which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to dismiss Officer Tanner Selph as a Police Officer from the Village of Smithton. 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Elbe which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to move up Ryne Fithian's start date to April 4 effectively immediately from his original date of April 28. 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Elbe which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to hire Andrew Hassel as a Police Officer for the Village of Smithton. 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.

Andrew Hassel was sworn in by Clerk Parker.

1 N. MAIN – Mr. David Brennan attended the Board meeting at the Board’s request to discuss the status of his property at 1 N. Main. The Board decided that they would like Mr. Brennan to come back to the Board in 6 months with an update on the property and progress.

SMITHTON LIBRARY REQUEST - A motion was made by Trustee Elbe which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to approve the Smithton Library request for Goat Yoga to be held at the Smithton Park. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Hildreth, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; and Trustee Hopkins, yes. The motion was carried.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT – No report.

ENGINEER’S REPORT -

ISSUED BUILDING PERMITS – There were 4 building permits issued since the last meeting.

159 TURN LANE STU APPLICATION – A meeting will be held on May 1 at IDOT and Mayor’s of St. Clair County are invited. East West Gateway staff categorize the applications and score them, and they present this at the meeting. Engineer Saeger will be in attendance for Mayor Smallwood.

ENGINEERING ASSISTANT – No update.

NORCOM 2000 – No update.

1 N. MAIN – Discussed earlier in the meeting.

DUMPSTER SCREENING – Engineer Saeger will put his proposed language in an ordinance form for the next board meeting.

Engineer Saeger reported that the bids for the asphalt at the Park trail are due April 11. He has requested 5% bid bond.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – There will be a Safety Committee Meeting April 6, 2023, at 10:00am if needed.

ZONING BOARD REPORT – No report.

SUPERVISORS REPORT – Supervisor Klein reported that they have been working at the park on the trail upgrades and replacing culverts. Work will begin soon on the retaining wall at the park.

304 EUGENIA PIPE REPLACEMENT – This is on hold until the park trail widening is complete.

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 meeting from March 28. 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 meeting on March 28. 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 made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to accept the 2024 Budget (Revenues \$4,636,400 and Expenses \$4,560,650). 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.

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION PACKAGE – This item will be discussed further at the next Committee as a Whole meeting.

STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ROGERS

SOUTH MAIN PROPERTIES – No update.

POLICE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ELBE

HY-DAC PROPERTY – A status hearing is scheduled.

TORNADO ALARM SYSTEM – No update.

PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE HILDRETH

PARK RETAINING WALL – Public Works Department will be working on this project soon.

TRAIL PHASE 1 – PARK TRAIL UPGRADES – Our Public Works Department is continuing work to widen the existing trail at the park.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE MOUREY – No report.

ANNEXATION & BUILDING COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE HOPKINS

FULFORD ANNEXATION - It was reported earlier in the meeting that a hearing will be scheduled for the Fulford Annexation.

VILLAGE HALL SIGN – Mr. Sprengel will be bringing a contract in the next week.

BRIA BUILDING & PROPERTY – Mayor Smallwood reported that he has requested access to the building.

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 March 4, 2023 through March 17, 2023. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Hildreth, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes and Trustee Hopkins. The motion was carried.

COMMUNICATIONS – The Southwestern Illinois Council of Mayor’s meeting will be April 27 in Smithton.

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 8:17 pm.