

Village of Smithton

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MAYOR,
MICHAEL SMALLWOOD

VILLAGE CLERK,
ANNETTE PARKER

TRUSTEES,
JASON BECHERER
CHARLES ROGERS
JAMES ELBE
JAMES MOUREY
TIM HOPKINS
TODD REYLING

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES October 3, 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 Mourey, Tim Hopkins, and Todd Reyling answered roll call. Also present were Administrator Kari Speir, Clerk Annette Parker, Chief Jason Neff, Supervisor Dean Klein, and Attorney Terry Bruckert. In attendance in the audience were George Smith, Sharon Yocks, Brian Kunevich, and David Brennan.

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 September 26, 2023. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – No report.

GOOD OF THE VILLAGE – A motion was made by Trustee Mourey which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to allow CJ's Pub & Grill to play outside music on the dates requested. Roll call was taken: Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Smallwood called the Public Hearing to order for the Ordinance Vacating Mill Street. George Smith was sworn in. He asked for some clarification on the vacation of Mill Street. Administrator Speir stated that it is a 50 foot by 85 foot wide strip of property wherein 25 feet by 85 feet will go to Brian and Katherine Kunevich and 25 feet by 85 feet will go to George Smith and Sharon Yocks. No other comments or questions were raised. Mayor Smallwood closed the Public Hearing.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Neff reported that they had 90 calls for service for the month of September. There were 90 traffic stops, 1 DUI, 4 accidents, 3 assists to other agencies, and 3 ordinance violations.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT –
BUILDING PERMITS CONTRACTED – No update.

ISSUED BUILDING PERMITS – There was 1 building permit issued since the last meeting.

1 N. MAIN – Mayor Smallwood asked David Brennan what the progression of his property is? Mr. Brennan stated that the property is still listed for sale. Attorney Bruckert stated that he and Administrator Speir will be working together on this matter. Mr. Brennan verified that his building permit is null and void. He also asked for his building plans to be given back to him. Mayor Smallwood stated that when we find the plans we will give them back to Mr. Brennan.

MAINTENANCE WORK ON WATER TOWER – The logo and wording as well as the interior painting have been completed. The paint cure time is 7 days, then we will be refilling the tank. We will have 2 water tests done and once they are all clear we will be back in service.

WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT – Our current contract expires December 31. The RFP went out to Waste Management and Reliable. They are due back on November 6.

ENGINEERING SERVICES – Administrator Speir has met with representatives from Volkert.

159 TURN LANE STU APPLICATION – No update.
DOUGLAS SANITARY SEWER STUDY – No update.

FIRE HYDRANT FLOW TEST AGREEMENT – Hecker Fire Department requested a change to the Intergovernmental Agreement. This will be reviewed and discussed further.

MEETING COMPENSATION – No update.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – There will be a Safety Committee Meeting on October 5, 2023, at 10:00am if needed.

ZONING BOARD REPORT –
HYDAC PROPERTY – 1/5/24 (Fence)

SUPERVISORS REPORT – Supervisor Klein reported that they are adding rip rap along the creek at the Park.

The damaged asphalt area at the park near the water tower was discussed. We will be receiving a quote for repairing the damaged area. This area will be blocked off once the water tower work is completed and the asphalt can be repaired.

Looking at the stored light poles as well as the inspections for these poles at the Park was discussed.

304 EUGENIA PIPE REPLACEMENT – The pipe has been delivered. Work will start on the installation soon.

SMITHTON COMMERCIAL CLUB – HAUNTED TRAIL – We are coordinating with the Commercial Club in preparation for the haunted trail.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT – Terry Bruckert stated that he met with Village personnel as well as Attorney Durso to review all open matters. He will be working on these matters.

Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to accept the Officer’s reports. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE – No report.

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE BECHERER – No report.

STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ROGERS –

STOP SIGNS AT CASS & HIGH STREETS – This will be discussed further at the next Committee meeting.

POLICE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ELBE

TORNADO ALARM SYSTEM – No update.

SECURITY CAMERAS (POLICE DEPT., & VILLAGE HALL) – No update.

PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE MOUREY

SMITHTON LIBRARY STORY WALK IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – No update.

TRAIL PHASE 1 – PARK TRAIL UPGRADES – No report.

TRAIL PHASE 2 – Discussion is still ongoing for feasible routes.

YARD WASTE DUMP – This will be discussed further at the next Committee meeting.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE HOPKINS –

Trustee Hopkins made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to have the Village Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 1023 - Vacating Mill Street, Douglas Area. Roll call was taken: Trustee Hopkins, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

Trustee Hopkins made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to adopt Ordinance No. 1023 - Vacating Mill Street, Douglas Area. Roll call was taken: Trustee Hopkins, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

ANNEXATION & BUILDING COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE REYLING

VILLAGE HALL SIGN – The new sign has been installed.

BRIA BUILDING & PROPERTY – We are reviewing our requested documents.

ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (ITEP) FUNDING AND PLANNING – No update.

VILLAGE HALL WALL REPAIR – This will be discussed further at the next Committee meeting.

MULTI USE TRAIL & MAIN STREET COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ROGERS

PROPOSED TRAIL ROUTES – Discussion is still ongoing for feasible routes.

MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS – We are looking at various improvement ideas for Main Street.

BILLS AND PAYROLL - Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to authorize Clerk Parker to pay the bills. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

COMMUNICATIONS – Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS – Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Trustee Mourey made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to enter into Executive Session to discuss purchase of property. Roll call was taken: Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to adjourn Executive Session. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to go back into regular session. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to adjourn the meeting. All Trustees were in favor. The motion was granted to adjourn at 8:25 pm.