

# 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 August 1, 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 Mourey, Tim Hopkins and Todd Reyling answered roll call. Also present were Clerk Annette Parker, Chief Jason Neff, Supervisor Dean Klein, and Attorney Durso. Trustee Jim Elbe was absent. Kari Speir was in attendance in the audience.

**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 July 18, 2023. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, 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 and Grill to play outside music on the dates requested. Roll call was taken: Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Mourey which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to hire Kari Speir as the Village Administrator. Roll call was taken: Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT** – Chief Neff reported that they had 163 calls for service for the month of July. 63 traffic stops, 2 accidents, 2 criminal trespassing, and 1 criminal damage. All Village employees participated in CPR and AED training today. Chief reported that we have received the body cameras and in car cameras. He and Investigator Agles are working on implementing policies and procedures for both of these.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT – ENGINEER SCOTT SAEGER**

**ISSUED BUILDING PERMITS** – There have been 4 building permits issued since the last meeting.

MEPRD GRANT – RESOLUTION NO. 2023-02 - A motion was made by Trustee Mourey which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to sign and submit Resolution No. 2023-02 for the MEPRD Grant. Roll call was taken: Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

159 TURN LANE STU APPLICATION – No report.

NORCOM 2000 EQUIPMENT ON THE WATER TOWER–Attorney Durso has talked with Mr. Norton about the removal of the antenna pod mount assembly and notifying the Norcom 2000 customers that their service will be terminated.

1 N. MAIN – October 3 is the date the property owner will be back to update the Board.

DOUGLAS SANITARY SEWER STUDY –Tim Pruett with Volkert is working on this pending a signed contract.

3774 STATE RTE 159 (Kunevich entrance and sewer) – Attorney Durso is working on the language for vacating the property.

208 SUN MEADOW – No report.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** – There will be a Safety Committee Meeting August 3, 2023, at 10:00am if needed.

**ZONING BOARD REPORT –**

HYDAC PROPERTY – No update.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT** – Supervisor Klein reported that work is continuing on the new park trail. Asphaltting the trail is scheduled for August 7. Eliminating the prime before the asphaltting was discussed. It was determined that the prime would not be needed on the trail because there will not be vehicle traffic on the trail.

712 LUNCH ROAD DITCH – Supervisor Klein reported that this has been taken care of on the East side of the ditch but on the West side some work needs to be done.

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

FIRE HYDRANT FLOW TEST AGREEMENT – We are still waiting for the Smithton Fire Department’s attorney to review the contract.

VILLAGE HALL FOUNTAINS – Supervisor Klein reported that the removal of the fountains will take place either at the end of this week or next week.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT** – No report.

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 Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

**COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE** – Mayor Smallwood reported on the Committee As a Whole meeting from July 25. 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 July 25. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

**FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE BECHERER** - No report.

**STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ROGERS**

2 SOUTH MAIN SIDEWALK – This work is complete.

**POLICE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ELBE**

TORNADO ALARM SYSTEM – No update.

POLICE PERSONNEL – No report.

**PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE MOUREY**

SMITHTON LIBRARY STORY WALK IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – Trustee Mourey reported that the Library has ordered the signs and the stands for the story walk.

TRAIL PHASE 1 – PARK TRAIL UPGRADES – On August 7 asphalt will be put down for the new trail.

TRAIL PHASE 2 – We are working on options for Phase 2.

SMITHTON BALL FIELDS 3 AND 4 LIGHTS – We will be testing some poles that we currently have to see if they will work for installing lights.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE HOPKINS –**

ORDINANCE NO. 1020-CH. 12 EMPLOYEES - Trustee Hopkins made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to have the Village Clerk read Ordinance No. 1020-Ch. 12 Employees by title only. Roll call was taken: Trustee Hopkins, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, 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. 1020-Ch. 12 Employees. Roll call was taken: Trustee Hopkins, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

**ANNEXATION & BUILDING COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE REYLING**

VILLAGE HALL SIGN – The concrete pad has been completed and ready for the sign.

BRIA BUILDING & PROPERTY – We are waiting to hear back from the Bria representative attorney.

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

VILLAGE HALL WALL REPAIR – We are waiting for another bid.

Trustee Reyling reported that he has started the MEPRD Grant for ballfield lights at the Park.

**MULTI USE TRAIL & MAIN STREET COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ROGERS –**

PROPOSED TRAIL ROUTES – We are currently looking at 2 routes to Southwoods subdivision. The ability to talk with property owners was granted from the Mayor.

MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS – We are looking at ideas from a board member for Main Street improvements.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 2.

**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 July 8 through July 21, 2023. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – We received a thank you from the Smithton Senior Center for the maintenance we performed at the Senior Center.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to accept Mayor Smallwood’s appointment of Kari Speir as Zoning Administrator. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Smallwood reported that he has submitted the requested letter to Dollar General. The letter included the reasons why the Village didn’t want the development in the proposed location and the 2 zoning requests that it would take for the secondary location to work for Dollar General.

Trustee Reyling mentioned to Supervisor Klein a concern about damage to the pitching mound from a lawn mower and other concerns at the Park that need attention.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None.

Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to adjourn the meeting. All Trustees were in favor. The motion was granted to adjourn at 8:12 pm.