

Village of Smithton

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SMITHTON, ILLINOIS 62285

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 15, 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 Clerk Annette Parker, Chief Jason Neff, and Supervisor Dean Klein. Attorney Durso was absent.

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 August 1, 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 – The Board received a copy.

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

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Neff reported that one of the new police cars at Datatronics is being worked on and we should be getting it soon.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – KARI SPEIR

BUILDING PERMITS – We will be looking into getting a contract with an outside company to conduct inspections for building permits.

ISSUED BUILDING PERMITS – There have been 2 building permits issued since the last meeting.

MEPRD GRANT – Trustee Reyling has drafted the grant application for everyone's review before submitting.

159 TURN LANE STU APPLICATION – No report.

NORCOM 2000 EQUIPMENT ON THE WATER TOWER– Mayor Smallwood reported that he has talked with Mr. Norton about the removal of the equipment on the water tower. He stated that he will have it removed before the end of August. He also stated that he will notify his customers that they will no longer have Norcom services once the equipment has been removed from the water tower.

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

DOUGLAS SANITARY SEWER STUDY – We are waiting for the final copy of the contract for us to sign.

3774 STATE RTE 159 (Kunevich entrance and sewer) – Attorney Durso has drawn up the paperwork and filed it.

208 SUN MEADOW – No report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – There will be a Safety Committee Meeting September 7, 2023, at 10:00am if needed.

ZONING BOARD REPORT –

A zoning hearing will be held on August 24 for a variance and special use request for 13 S. Main Street.

HYDAC PROPERTY – No update.

SUPERVISORS REPORT – Supervisor Klein reported that work is continuing on the new park trail. Asphaltting is complete. Benches will be put back in place. Backfilling along the trail will be done soon.

PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL – Supervisor Klein suggested Drake Koderhandt as a part time grass mower.

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. We will need to purchase flow test equipment.

VILLAGE HALL FOUNTAINS – Supervisor Klein reported that the removal of the fountains will take place soon.

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

COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE – No meeting was held.

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE BECHERER - No report.

STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ROGERS

LIGHTING ON MILL ST. – A request has been made by Pete's Hard Stop for a streetlight to be installed for his parking lot area. Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Hopkins to install a streetlight on Mill Street. Roll call was taken: Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

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. They will be installed as soon as we receive them.

TRAIL PHASE 1 – PARK TRAIL UPGRADES – The trail has been asphalted.

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. We will be applying for a grant for this project. Adding lights for Field 5 was suggested.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE HOPKINS – No report.

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 more bids.

MULTI USE TRAIL & MAIN STREET COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ROGERS –

PROPOSED TRAIL ROUTES – We are currently looking at 2 routes to Southwoods subdivision and speaking with nearby property owners.

MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS – We are looking at 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 payroll from July 22 through August 4, 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.

COMMUNICATIONS – The Southwestern Illinois Council of Mayors meeting will be held August 24.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS – Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

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 8:06 pm.