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JAMES ELBE
JAMES MOUREY
TIM HOPKINS
TODD REYLING

VILLAGE OF SMITHTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 2026

Mayor Michael Smallwood called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Chief Jason Neff, Public Works Supervisor Dean Klein, Village Clerk Heather Hagene, and Attorney Terry Bruckert. Reporter Hans Carpenter was also in attendance.

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 15, 2026. 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 –
OUTSIDE MUSIC PERMIT REQUESTS- Terra at the Roost did not have any new requests and is planning to be indoors the rest of this year.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Neff said the new police car should be ready by the end of the week. Joshua Pea is doing very well and ready to be released from FTO in the next 10 days.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT –
159 TURN LANE – Village Administrator Liyeos said there is an IDOT bid letting for the 11.6 opening.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – Request for final revisions for review.

PARK MASTER PLAN – Public input hearing post @ Haunted Trail. Discussion with Board before the end of the year.

WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT – Awaiting details in Draft Renewal Contract which hopefully can be discussed on the 10/13 Committee as a Whole (CAW) meeting.

STORMWATER AGREEMENT – Developed for the resident at 5705 Seasons Ridge to address drainage issue problems at the high point for the 30' wide easement that extends for a block. This will be further discussed at the next CAW meeting.

FSH STANDPIPE & PROPERTY – Offering transfer of ownership of .7 acres. Board decided to pass on the offer because of the expense of removing the standpipe.

COMMUNITY SOLAR – Good Energy in reference to Community Solar program with estimated savings of $13k with a 5-year commitment. Participants include many local municipalities. This will be further discussed at CAW as well.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – There will be a Safety Committee Meeting on November 5, 2026, at 10:00 am, if needed. Supervisor Klein had a free safety inspection from Cintas. He has ordered a cabinet for aerosols and updated the first aid kits in the vehicles. He is going to start working on the rest of the list and has checked it against previous RMA suggestions.

ZONING BOARD REPORT –
HUNTER'S POINT SUBDIVISION – Agreement received in packet and will be discussed at upcoming CAW meeting.

3011 SOUTH ILLINOIS SPECIAL USE PERMIT – Set up silt fencing in preparation for planned work.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – Supervisor Klein reported they have been working on the Wildwood stormwater drainage going east to Cypress Oak. The pipe quote is $10,000. Public Works has been flushing hydrants and doing flow tests. They have poured concrete in Seasons Ridge. The pipe has been delivered for Stahl Drive and installation has been started. Dean has seen an increase in Socket Fiber, AT & T, and Frontier locates. Dean said Ridenhour, working for Socket, has been good to work with.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT –
NOVEMBER 3RD BOARD MEETING CHANGE IN DATE DUE TO ELECTION - Attorney Bruckert explained that the new Illinois law does not allow meetings on election days. Mayor Smallwood said we would change the meeting to Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 7:00pm. Attorney Bruckert will have the Village Clerk put notice in the Freeburg Tribune to make the public aware of the change.

Attorney Bruckert also mentioned that the Hunter's Point Subdivision agreement should be discussed at Committee as Whole.

Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to accept the Officer's reports as given. 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.

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE BECHERER- Nothing to report.

STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ROGERS- Nothing to report.

POLICE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ELBE-
POLICE PERSONNEL – As Chief Neff mentioned, the new guys are doing well.

RENEE SHERMAN'S RESIGNATION – Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to accept Officer Renee Sherman's resignation. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE MOUREY
PARK TRAIL – PHASE 2 DISCUSSION AND PLAN – Nothing to report.

PARK MASTER PLAN - Nothing to report.

MEMORIAL BENCH – Still pending.

PARK PROPERTY – Supervisor Klein mentioned that he is having trouble finding parts for the broken water fountain, so they will likely have to purchase a whole new fountain next year. SAA requested a water bottle filler as well, which they can't find to fit the old fountain either.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE HOPKINS – Nothing to report.

ANNEXATION & BUILDING COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE REYLING
BRIA PROPERTY – Trustee Reyling stated this would be discussed at CAW. Trustee Reyling made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to approve the final payment to SOIL for $7900. Roll call was taken: Trustee Reyling, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; and Trustee Hopkins, yes. The motion was carried.

AMEREN IL ENERGY EFFICIENCY- This will also be discussed at CAW next week.

MULTI USE TRAIL & MAIN STREET COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ROGERS
PROPOSED TRAIL ROUTES – No report.

MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS – No report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to authorize the Finance Clerk 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.

REVIEW OF PAYROLL – Payroll was in the packet.

COMMUNICATIONS – Mayor Smallwood stated there is a SWICOM meeting in Fairview Heights on Thursday, October 22, 2026. RSVPs are due to the Village Clerk by this Friday.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to suspend regular order of business and enter executive session for purposes of Section 2(c)(6). All Trustees approved. The motion was granted at 7:38pm.

Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to suspend executive session and enter regular session. All Trustees approved. The motion was granted at 7:49pm.

Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to adjourn the meeting. All Trustees approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.