

Village of Smithton

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MAYOR,
MICHAEL SMALLWOOD

VILLAGE CLERK,
HEATHER HAGENE

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

VILLAGE OF SMITHTON BOARD MEETING MINUTES July 21, 2026

Mayor Michael Smallwood called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees Jason Becherer, Charlie Rogers, Jim Elbe, Jim Mourey, and Tim Hopkins answered roll call. Also present were Chief Jason Neff, Village/Zoning Administrator George Liyeos, Village Clerk Heather Hagene, and Attorney Terry Bruckert. Jason Chandler 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 July 7, 2026. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; and Trustee Hopkins, yes. The motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The Board received a copy.

GOOD OF THE VILLAGE – Terra at the Roost sent in the outside music requests for the end of July. Chief Neff said no issues were reported last month. Trustee Mourey made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to approve the outside music requests. Roll call was taken: Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; and Trustee Hopkins, yes. Motion carried.

Jason Chandler from Mon-Clair baseball came to request the use of Field 5 at the park for his new team. Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to approve Field 5 usage for Fridays and Sundays for Mon-Clair. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; and Trustee Hopkins, yes. Motion carried.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT – Directed the Board to the June monthly statistics sheet in the packet. Chief Neff has served Dollar General Market for grass, as well as the fence now, and everything must go through corporate now. Terry said Aviston has the same issues with their Dollar General.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT –

159 TURN LANE – Easement work completed Monday. George sent an email regarding changing the contract from working days to calendar days to avoid extended closures during the winter. They would start the project in spring and be completed in 6 months. Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to approve changing the contract from working days to calendar days. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; and Trustee Hopkins, yes. Motion carried.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – Farnsworth still modifying.

PARK MASTER PLAN – Park Master Plan kick off meeting was 7.17 and went well.

IPBC- Website issues mentioned in the weekly report.

MFT OIL & CHIP– Rock delivered to park & street sweeping streets in preparation for 7.27 start date. St. John’s church will reimburse the Village for the work on their parking lot.

FARM LEASE– Ad to run 7.23 & updated lease.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – There will be a Safety Committee Meeting on August 6, 2026, at 10:00 am if needed.

ZONING BOARD REPORT –

HYDAC – Village attorney.

HUNTER’S POINT SUBDIVISION – Reviewed details on turning radius for school bus. Awaiting agreement for connector road concept for Phase 2. Discussion was held regarding whether the agreement is needed if Phase 2 never happens.

3011 SOUTH ILLINOIS SPECIAL USE PERMIT – Awaiting updated information on improvements for entrance on 159 (including IDOT approval) and surfacing details with stormwater plan.

PLANNED DEVELOPMENT & SUBDIVISION APPLICATION PROCESS – Draft distributed to mayor & board. The application can be easily revised to apply to other developments.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT – George reported that the street crew filled cracks in concrete on streets. The curb and gutter work are complete at Graner and St. John. Flags were removed from the Turner picnic. Barcom fixed the park and senior center cameras, and a plan is in place to clean the cameras seasonally. Street sweeping has been completed in advance of Oil and Chip beginning Monday.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT – Terry said bids will be received in the next 2 weeks for the property. Also, the Hydac property has been cleaned up.

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

COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE – Mayor Smallwood reported on the Committee as a Whole meeting from July 14, 2026. The items will be discussed further under Committee Reports. Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to approve the Committee as a Whole meeting minutes. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; and Trustee Hopkins, yes. The motion was carried.

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE BECHERER-
IPBC – George reported.

Trustee Becherer spoke on the upcoming CD coming due. The new rates were released today, and he suggested moving the CD from Citizens to 1st National. Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to approve moving the CD to 1st National at 3.80% for 24 months. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; and Trustee Hopkins, yes. Motion carried.

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

POLICE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ELBE-
POLICE PERSONNEL- Nothing to report. Police Committee meeting will be Thursday at 5:00.

PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE MOUREY
PARK TRAIL – PHASE 2 DISCUSSION AND PLAN – No report.

PARK MASTER PLAN- No report.

MEMORIAL BENCH- No report.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE HOPKINS –
2027 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE-- Trustee Hopkins made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to approve Ordinance 1070 for the 2027 Annual Appropriation Ordinance. Roll call was taken: Trustee Hopkins, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; and Trustee Mourey, yes. Motion carried.

ANNEXATION & BUILDING COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE REYLING
BRIA PROPERTY – No report. Absent.

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 and Treasurer to pay the bills. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; and Trustee Hopkins, yes. The motion was carried.

REVIEW OF PAYROLL – Payroll was in packet.

COMMUNICATIONS – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to adjourn the meeting. All Trustees approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.