

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 August 18, 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/Zoning Administrator George Liyeos, Village Clerk Heather Hagene, and Attorney Terry Bruckert. Reporter Hans Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Tutterow, and Terris Stahl were 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 August 4, 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 – The Board received a copy.

GOOD OF THE VILLAGE – Terra at the Roost sent in the outside music requests for the end of August. 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; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to approve the appointment of Jason Tutterow as a full-time police officer starting 9/21/26. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. Motion carried.

Village Clerk Heather Hagene swore in Jason Tutterow as the new full-time police officer.

Terris Stahl from ATS asked the board for permission to put up a sign on Fridays and Saturdays to advertise his new card gaming room tournaments. The board asked him to provide a photo of the sign and placement to see if it will be allowed. He also asked to hold wrestling matches on Saturday night from 6:00 pm to roughly 10:00 pm on a mat behind ATS. Mayor Smallwood

asked him to get the board information about the wrestling group, and they will discuss it at a Committee as a Whole meeting and research how other towns have handled it and see if it is possible here in Smithton.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Neff directed the board to the July monthly statistics sheet in the packet.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT –

159 TURN LANE – George said Gonzalez is working with IDOT regarding easement work.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – A draft should be ready in September. Farnsworth wants to meet with workers and attendees at the haunted trail for the Park Master Plan.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – There will be a Safety Committee Meeting on September 3, 2026, at 10:00 am, if needed.

ZONING BOARD REPORT –

HUNTER'S POINT SUBDIVISION – No update.

3011 SOUTH ILLINOIS SPECIAL USE PERMIT – George said Rowana at IDOT is reviewing the proposal. The home will be office space. The entrance is still being reviewed.

PLANNED DEVELOPMENT & SUBDIVISION APPLICATION PROCESS – George is reviewing the changes Columbia, IL has recently made.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – Supervisor Klein reported they completed mowing outside of town from 8/3 to 8/7. The backhoe had a fuel line go out, and it has been repaired. Several meters were checked for leaks for high usage. Dean's brakes were repaired. The Muffin Monster at the sewer plant needs to be replaced. It will be around \$30,000. The Wildwood Lagoon lift station has had issues when the power goes out when it rains. The generator was likely struck by lightning. George and Dean are making a claim with the insurance company. The dugouts at the park were cleaned, and the crosswalks near the school were painted. Trustee Mourey requested the grandstands at the ball fields be power washed.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT –

17 N HIGH STREET BID APPROVAL - Trustee Reyling made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to accept the 17 N High Street Bid from Mike Edwards for \$10,000. Roll call was taken: Trustee Reyling, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; and Trustee Hopkins, yes. The motion was carried.

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 – Mayor Smallwood reported on the Committee as a Whole meeting from August 11, 2026. 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; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE BECHERER-

CD- Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to authorize the renewal of the Cemetery CD at Citizens for 60 months at 3.45%. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Smallwood let the board know that the authorized signers at Citizens Bank will be updated to himself, Finance Clerk Lynn Biehl, and Village Clerk Heather Hagene.

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

POLICE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ELBE-

POLICE PERSONNEL- Nothing to report.

VACATION- This will be removed from future agendas.

PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE MOUREY

PARK TRAIL – PHASE 2 DISCUSSION AND PLAN – Nothing to report.

PARK MASTER PLAN- George reported on this already.

MEMORIAL BENCH- No update.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE HOPKINS – Nothing to report.

ANNEXATION & BUILDING COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE REYLING

BRIA PROPERTY – This will be discussed at Committee as a Whole.

AMEREN IL ENERGY EFFICIENCY- George is waiting to hear back from Illinois Electric, who Scott had dealt with in the past.

FARM LEASE BID APPROVAL- Trustee Reyling made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to approve the Farm Lease Bid from Aaron Birkner for \$160 per acre for 14.3 tillable acres (\$2288). 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.

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 – The next Mayor’s meeting is in Grafton. Please RSVP by Friday, August 21, 2026 at noon.

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. All Trustees approved. The motion was granted at 7:51pm.

Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to suspend executive session and enter regular order of business. All Trustees approved. The motion was granted at 7:54pm.

Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to adjourn the meeting. All Trustees approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.