

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 September 1, 2026

Mayor Michael Smallwood called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees Jason Becherer, Jim Elbe, 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, Lexie Osborn, and Mike Edwards were also in attendance.

CLERK'S REPORT – A motion was made by Trustee Becherer which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting held on August 18, 2026. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – No report.

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

Trustee Mourey arrived at the meeting. Lexie Osborn from Lone Star Flower Farm spoke about the upcoming Vendor Fair at the corner of 159 and Douglas. There will be 20 vendors. She requested Dean assist with barricades like last year. Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Hopkins to approve the Vendor Fair on 9/26/26 from 7:00am-2:00pm. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. Motion carried.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Neff said he will be at the academy graduation on Friday.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT –
159 TURN LANE – George is hoping for a November bid letting.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – Draft received.

PARK MASTER PLAN – George let Farnsworth know the updated haunted trail dates.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – There will be a Safety Committee Meeting on October 1, 2026, at 10:00 am, if needed.

ZONING BOARD REPORT –

HUNTER’S POINT SUBDIVISION – The engineer from Volkert Brian Jennings said things are proceeding slowly.

3011 SOUTH ILLINOIS SPECIAL USE PERMIT – George said Rowana at IDOT is reviewing the proposal. It is pending approval.

PLANNED DEVELOPMENT & SUBDIVISION APPLICATION PROCESS – This can be removed from future agendas.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT – Supervisor Klein reported they replaced the lights at the tennis court. They sealed cracks in the parking lot at the Senior Center. They will continue on another Wednesday since there are no events after breakfast. There is a quote for the muffin monster for \$38,416.70 in the packet. No vote needs to be taken since it is a maintenance issue. Dean has a couple of quotes for the transfer switch. He is waiting for a couple more quotes to come in. George reported that the insurance company is not being responsive on the claim, but they will keep on it.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT – Attorney Bruckert reported that Mike Edwards would like title insurance, and he will start the process with the title company. He also has information for executive session.

Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to accept the Officer’s reports as given. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, 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 25, 2026. Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to approve the Committee as a Whole meeting minutes. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

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

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

POLICE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ELBE-

PART-TIME POLICE PERSONNEL- Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to approve Officer Ryne Fithian to work part-time. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe,

yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Mourey, 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- No update. Trustee Mourey has a family that would like to donate a flag to be placed likely in centerfield of Field 4 at the ball diamonds in the park. He will work with Dean to have it put up and lights hooked up. He would also like to replace the fans that used to be in the grandstand because it gets very hot. He will check the budget.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE HOPKINS –

ORDINANCE NO. 1071 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SALE OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED REAL ESTATE- Trustee Hopkins made a motion that was seconded by Trustee Reyling to approve Ordinance No. 1071 Authorizing the Sale of Municipally Owned Real Estate. Roll call was taken: Trustee Hopkins, yes; Trustee Reyling, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; and Trustee Mourey, yes. The motion was carried.

ANNEXATION & BUILDING COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE REYLING

BRIA PROPERTY – Trustee Reyling made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to authorize the invoice from SOIL Excavating for \$173,707 for the Bria demolition to be paid. We are keeping 10% until reseeding is completed later this fall. Roll call was taken: Trustee Reyling, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; and Trustee Hopkins, yes. The motion was carried.

AMEREN IL ENERGY EFFICIENCY- Nothing to discuss.

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 Elbe to authorize the Finance Clerk to pay the bills. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee 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 – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Hopkins to suspend regular order of business and enter executive session for purposes of litigation Section 2(c)(11). All Trustees approved. The motion was granted at 7:34pm.

Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Hopkins to suspend executive session and enter regular session. All Trustees approved. The motion was granted at 7:40pm.

Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Hopkins to adjourn the meeting. All Trustees approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.