

# 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 15, 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 Luke Behme. Reporter Hans Carpenter, Ashley Pfeil, Finance Clerk Lynn Biehl, and Officer Joshua Pea 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 September 1, 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** – Report was in meeting packet.

### **GOOD OF THE VILLAGE –**

**ORDINANCE CH 12 EMPLOYEES-** Trustee Hopkins had the Clerk read Ordinance No. 1072 by title only. He made a motion to sign Ordinance No. 1072 to hire Ashley Pfeil for the office starting October 19, 2026 which was seconded by Charlie Rogers. Roll call was taken: Trustee Hopkins, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. Motion carried.

**OUTSIDE MUSIC PERMIT REQUESTS-** Terra at the Roost sent in the outside music requests for the end of September. Chief Neff said no issues were reported last month. Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to approve the outside music requests. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. Motion carried.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT** – Chief Neff said things are going well with the new officers.

### **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT –**

159 TURN LANE – Mayor Smallwood directed the board to George’s report in the packet in his absence. Awaiting confirmation from IDOT on 9.3 Project Compliance Checklist submittal for 11.6 bid opening.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – Suggested revisions to draft version submitted to Farnsworth 9.1.

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

**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 – Awaiting agreement & connector road concept for Phase 2.

3011 SOUTH ILLINOIS SPECIAL USE PERMIT – WDG reviewing engineered drawings for pavement and stormwater. Awaiting additional details for entrance to be approved by IDOT, proposed new sign & storage container near entrance.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT** – Supervisor Klein reported Mitch was on vacation this past week, and Matt was off the week before. He has done more socket locates. Socket Fiber hit a gas line this week that was mismarked. They also hit a water line, but that has been fixed. He put in the fans at the park grandstand. He has finally located the meter valve for the water fountains that have been off since 2020 due to COVID. It is plastic instead of metal. There has been interest in adding a water bottle filler to the park.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT** – AMENDMENT OF 17 N HIGH STREET CLOSING - Attorney Behme explained the amendment was updating the contract to reflect Mr. Edwards wanting an escrow closing and warranty deed. Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to approve the amendment of the contract for the sale of 17 N High St. 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.

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-** Nothing to report.

**PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE MOUREY**

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

PARK MASTER PLAN - Nothing to report.

MEMORIAL BENCH - Trustee Hopkins is discussing tomorrow.

PARK PROPERTY – Trustee Mourey said the fans were installed and being enjoyed by the baseball fans. He also said a few soccer teams were practicing in the grassy area, which he was glad to see. Dean mentioned that the walking trail will need to be sealed next year.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE HOPKINS** – Trustee Hopkins pointed out that the part-time police pay needed to be updated.

**ANNEXATION & BUILDING COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE REYLING**

BRIA PROPERTY – Nothing to report.

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 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** – None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None.

Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to suspend regular order of business and enter executive session for purposes of personnel Section 2(c)(1). 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 granted at 7:22pm.

Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to suspend executive session and enter regular session. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was granted at 7:46pm.

Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to adjourn the meeting. All Trustees approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.