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MAYOR,
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CHARLES ROGERS
JAMES ELBE
JAMES MOUREY
TIM HOPKINS
TODD REYLING

VILLAGE OF SMITHTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 4, 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.

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 October 20, 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- No requests.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Neff said there were no issues on Halloween. He sent an email to the board regarding the possible sale of a police vehicle to Chicago Motors.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT –
159 TURN LANE – Administrator Liyeos is following up on details from discussion at the 10.27 work session. The bid opening is Friday in Springfield, IL.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – Final Draft for review provided to the board.

PARK MASTER PLAN – Revisions from 10.27 discussion forwarded to Farnsworth 10.28.

WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT – George would like a motion to approve the signing of Resolution 2026-13 Waste Management contract with a 0% increase the first year, and 5% the next two years. A motion was made by Trustee Becherer which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to allow the Mayor to sign Resolution 2026-13 Waste Management contract. 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.

STORMWATER AGREEMENT – Still working on suggestions from 10.13 work session. Thoughts for discussion on 50/50 cost sharing for certain materials to be discussed at the 11.10 work session. Todd is waiting for a reply from Oates on Friday. The board would like a third bid to compare prices.

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

ZONING BOARD REPORT –
HUNTER'S POINT SUBDIVISION – Fees agreement signed with $5000 check submitted 10.28. George has a meeting with Junior Frentzel on Friday. He would like to discuss further at the Committee as a Whole meeting 11.10.

3011 SOUTH ILLINOIS SPECIAL USE PERMIT – Approval for grading work at entrance contingent upon monthly journal with weekly entries for IDOT approval.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – Supervisor Klein reported he is still doing numerous locates for Socket Fiber and AT & T. The guys have winterized the park bathrooms. They have repaired numerous water leaks the past few weeks. Dean is hoping to pour more concrete soon. Jacob is back from paternity leave, and Matt is off the rest of this week.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – No report.

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 October 27, 2026. The items will be discussed further under Committee Reports or the next CAW meeting on 11.10. 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-
CHRISTMAS BONUSES – This will be discussed at CAW on 11.10.

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 – Will be added to the CAW agenda. Jim Mourey thinks Southwoods could be connected to the park with just a trail, and no bridge or anything else needed. He is going to contact the land owner.

PARK MASTER PLAN - Nothing to report.

MEMORIAL BENCH – Still pending.

PARK PROPERTY – Can be removed from agenda.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE HOPKINS – Nothing to report.

ANNEXATION & BUILDING COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE REYLING
BRIA PROPERTY – Jim Mourey and George are awaiting reponses from the realtors.

AMEREN IL ENERGY EFFICIENCY- Can be removed from agenda.

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 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. Trustee Hopkins asked about the hours and pay for the street employees. Supervisor Klein explained that his employees earned comp time for the extra hours and were not paid out overtime. Trustee Reyling thought the board did away with comp time. Chief Neff read the ordinance regarding comp time. Village Clerk Hagene will see if comp time can be added to the payroll report.

COMMUNICATIONS – There was a letter in the packet from Carl Florczyk thanking the Village for the support of the Freeburg Cross Country meet and looking forward to the meet next year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –
RESOLUTION 2026-15 LIGHTED PARADE-- Trustee Mourey made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to allow the Mayor to sign Resolution 2026-15 Lighted Parade. Roll call was taken: Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to adjourn the meeting. All Trustees approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.