Village of Smithton

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JAMES ELBE
JIM MOUREY
TIM HOPKINS
TODD REYLING

COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
November 10, 2026

Mayor Smallwood called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Village Hall. Trustees Jason Becherer, Charlie Rogers, Jim Mourey, Tim Hopkins, and Todd Reyling were present. Village Administrator George Liyeos, Public Works Supervisor Dean Klein, Finance Clerk Lynn Biehl, and Treasurer Shelly Neff were also in attendance.

REVIEW OF CURRENT BILLS – The trustees reviewed the bills to be paid.

TAX LEVY – Treasurer Shelly Neff stayed under the 5%, so no hearing is needed. They maxed out corporate and police protection. The rest of the numbers are based on spending estimates. The IMRF fund had too much for years, so that number is still being brought down. The Tax Levy Ordinance will be on the December 1st agenda.

CHRISTMAS BONUSES – Trustee Elbe has issues with bonuses because the Village is a public entity and some residents don't receive a Christmas bonus. He doesn't want to do away with bonuses. He thinks Freeburg gives a $100 bonus. He would rather add it to the pay and not discuss it yearly. Trustee Reyling would also rather it be part of compensation. Mayor Smallwood believes it is a good way to show appreciation for hard work, and the Village, especially Police Department, is having retention issues. The board will vote, but further discussion is needed for the future regarding both the amount and how it is paid.

LAPTOPS/COMPUTERS- Mayor Smallwood thinks laptops/tablets are more secure than paper copies. Administrator Liyeos has a quote for the laptops, and he is waiting on a quote for monitors for the board meeting room. The recommendation is that they be hardwired. Todd thought if we have the monitors, we may not need the ipads. Mike would like this to remain on the agenda for discussion after the quote is received.

159 TURN LANE – Administrator Liyeos reported that Stutz had the low bid at $1.8 million. George is also getting a quote from CEI for engineering services, and he thinks the Village will be able to save money. He would like to have a construction manager secured by the end of the year.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – George believes the plan looks good. Farnsworth will come in January or February to discuss. Jim Mourey would like the board to meet before Farnsworth comes in.

STORMWATER AGREEMENT – Dean believes the issues will probably need to be dealt with on a case by case basis. You try to learn from the issues. Developers need to be held accountable, and it will be something to keep in mind with Hunter's Point. The Village is going to assume the material cost for the current issue.

HUNTER'S POINT SUBDIVISION – George said there are no engineered drawings and won't be for a couple of months per Volkert. Hunter needs to work on the bus turn and entrance issue. Hunter wants to take control of the well house. There is an LPR camera there, and the Village needs potable water. The application has not been filled out.

PARK TRAIL – Trustee Mourey is still discussing the park trail with the homeowners and would like to discuss at the next meeting.

Trustee Rogers made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Trustee Elbe. Approved upon voice vote unanimously at 8:22 pm.