

# Village of Smithton

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MAYOR,  
MICHAEL SMALLWOOD

VILLAGE CLERK,  
ANNETTE PARKER

TRUSTEES,  
JASON BECHERER  
CHARLES ROGERS  
JAMES ELBE  
JAMES MOUREY  
TIM HOPKINS  
TODD REYLING

## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 18, 2025

Clerk Annette Parker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees Jason Becherer, Charlie Rogers, Jim Elbe, Jim Mourey and Todd Reyling answered roll call. Also present were Chief Jason Neff, Supervisor Dean Klein, Village/Zoning Administrator George Liyeos, and Attorney Luke Behme. Mayor Mike Smallwood and Trustee Hopkins were absent. Reporter Hans Carpenter was in attendance in the audience.

A motion was made by Trustee Elbe which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to appoint Trustee Becherer as the temporary meeting chairman in Mayor Smallwood's absence. Roll call: Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

**CLERK'S REPORT** – A motion was made by Trustee Elbe which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting held on February 4, 2025. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – The Board received a copy.

**GOOD OF THE VILLAGE** –  
OUTSIDE MUSIC PERMIT REQUEST – No request.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT** – No report.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** –  
ISSUED BUILDING PERMITS – There were 2 building permits issued since the last board meeting.

VACANT PROPERTY – 206 S. St. Johns – Nothing new to report.

159 TURN LANE – Nothing new to report.

KNAB ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT – Administrator Liyeos reported that we have received drawings and work to conform culvert should be completed in a month and construction will be scheduled thereafter. Trustee Reyling had concerns and stated that this may need to be pushed back until the summer when school is out.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** – There will be a Safety Committee Meeting on March 6, 2025, at 10:00 am if needed.

**ZONING BOARD REPORT –**

HYDAC PROPERTY – Attorney Behme reported that the next appearance is set for this Thursday, and he stated that Hydac has not done anything to their property as required.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT** – Supervisor Klein reported that they are continuing to work on cleaning at the maintenance shed and the trucks are all ready for plowing snow when needed.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT** – Attorney Behme reported earlier on the Hydac property. Occupancy permits were mentioned for Smithton residents and Attorney Behme will mention this to Attorney Bruckert for his review.

Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to accept the Officer’s reports as given. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

**COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE** – Trustee Becherer reported on the Committee As a Whole meeting from February 11, 2025. The items will be discussed further under Committee Reports. Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to approve the minutes from the Committee As a Whole meeting on February 11, 2025. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

**PARK AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE** - Trustee Becherer reported on the Park and Cemetery Committee meeting from February 12, 2025. The item will be discussed further under Trustee Committee Chairman Mourey’s report. Trustee Reyling made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to approve the minutes from the Park and Cemetery Committee meeting on February 12, 2025. Roll call was taken: Trustee Reyling, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; and Trustee Mourey, yes. The motion was carried.

**FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE BECHERER**

BUDGET – Work is continuing on the budget for the next fiscal year.

INSURANCE – Discussions are ongoing on this matter.

**STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ROGERS**

VILLAGE BEAUTIFICATION – This will be discussed further at future meetings.

**POLICE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ELBE**

POLICE VEHICLES – Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to purchase a 2024 Ford Police Interceptor from Morrow Ford for an amount not to exceed \$58,000. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

POLICE PERSONNEL – No report

TORNADO ALARM SYSTEM – No update.

**PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE MOUREY**

PARK TRAIL – PHASE 2 DISCUSSION AND PLAN – No report.

BALLFIELD SAFETY NETTING – No report.

BALLFIELD LIGHTS – Resolution No. 2025-03 - Trustee Mourey made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to pass Resolution No. 2025-03 – Bel-Clair Electric, pending review and approval by our attorney of a revised contract with Bel-Clair Electric. Roll call was taken: Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

SMITHTON ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION – No update.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE HOPKINS** – No report.

**ANNEXATION & BUILDING COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE REYLING**

BRIA BUILDING & PROPERTY FUTURE PLAN – The report from Realtor Payne is that the listing is getting more activity online.

**MULTI USE TRAIL & MAIN STREET COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ROGERS**

PROPOSED TRAIL ROUTES – No update.

MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS – No update.

**BILLS AND PAYROLL** – Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to authorize Clerk Parker to pay the payroll from January 18, 2025 through January 31, 2025. Roll call was taken: Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Nothing to report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Nothing to report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – No session held.

Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Reyling to adjourn the meeting. All Trustees were in favor. The motion was granted to adjourn at 7:17 pm.