

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 6, 2024

Mayor Mike 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 Administrator Kari Speir, Clerk Annette Parker, Chief Jason Neff, Supervisor Dean Klein, and Attorney Terry Bruckert. Reporter Hans Carpenter as well as residents from the Autumn Ridge Subdivision were in attendance in the audience.

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 January 16, 2024. 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 –

Ridgestock – Representatives from the Autumn Ridge Subdivision were in attendance to let everyone know that they are planning to hold their neighborhood party, Ridgestock on September 14, 2024.

Smithton Commercial Club Christmas Pole Decorations – A motion was made by Trustee Mourey and seconded by Trustee Rogers to agree to partner with Smithton Commercial Club to purchase Christmas pole decorations for an amount not to exceed \$10,000. 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.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Neff reported that for the month of January there were 151 calls for service, 22 traffic stops, 3 accidents, and there were investigations into burglaries of vehicles in Wildwood Estates subdivision.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT –

BUILDING PERMITS CONTRACTED – We are waiting for information from St. Clair County.

ISSUED BUILDING PERMITS – There have been two building permits issued since the last meeting.

1 N. MAIN – Administrator Speir reported that the property owner has received his building permit, and this permit will expire April 8, 2024.

VACANT PROPERTIES – No update.

LAND ACQUISITION -- A motion was made by Trustee Becherer and seconded by Trustee Mourey to pay Hubbard Enterprises LLC \$28,311.17 which are all the expenses incurred with developing site one that the Village will own. Roll call was taken: Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – There will be a Safety Committee Meeting on March 7, 2024, at 10:00am if needed.

ZONING BOARD REPORT –

ZONING BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT – Mayor Smallwood appointed Matt Patterson to the Zoning Board.

HYDAC PROPERTY – 7/26/24 (Fence) – Administrator Speir reported that the building permit for a fence was issued on January 26, and he has 6 months from issuance to complete the fence.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – Supervisor Klein stated that there were some issues with the mixers at the wastewater treatment plant. They are working to get these issues resolved.

The fence along the trail from the Park to Sand Rock Rd. has been removed. Work will be done to address some drainage issues on the trail and then new fencing will be installed.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Attorney Bruckert reported that he cannot get the attorney for the Bria property to return his calls.

Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to accept the Officer's reports. 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 January 23, 2024. The items will be discussed further under Committee Reports. Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to approve the minutes from the Committee As a Whole meeting on January 23. 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 –

BUDGET – No update.

STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ROGERS –

ROTARY CUTTER PURCHASE -- Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to purchase a rotary cutter not to exceed \$13,000. Roll call was taken: Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

CONCRETE BUNKER BLOCKS – Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to purchase concrete bunker blocks not to exceed \$3,200. Roll call was taken: Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Hopkins, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

SIDEWALKS (MEMORIAL DR.) – No update.

POLICE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ELBE

SRO AGREEMENT -- Trustee Elbe made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mourey to give the Mayor the approval to sign the SRO Agreement. 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 carried.

TORNADO ALARM SYSTEM – Trustee Elbe reported that they are currently working on the Belleville sirens and in the next couple of weeks they will be moving to the next phase which will be Millstadt, Hecker, and Smithton.

PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE MOUREY

YARD WASTE DUMP – Rock will be delivered, blocks will be installed, and new security cameras will be added.

TRAIL PHASE 1 – PARK TRAIL UPGRADES – No report.

TRAIL PHASE 2 – No report.

BALLFIELD LIGHTS – No report.

FENCING ALONG TRAIL FROM PARK TO SAND ROCK RD. – The fence has been removed and new fencing will be installed.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE HOPKINS

ORDINANCE NO. 1030 - Final Plat – Park Addition – Clerk Parker read the Ordinance by title only. Trustee Hopkins made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Becherer to adopt Ordinance No. 1030 Final Plat Park Addition. Roll call was taken: Trustee Hopkins, yes; Trustee Becherer, yes; Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 1031 – Ch. 7 Solicitors – Clerk Parker read the Ordinance by title only. Trustee Hopkins made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to adopt Ordinance No. 1031 Ch. 7 Solicitors. Roll call was taken: Trustee Hopkins, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Becherer, Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; and Trustee Reyling, yes. The motion was carried.

ANNEXATION & BUILDING COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE REYLING

BRIA BUILDING & PROPERTY – Attorney Bruckert is waiting to hear from the Seller.

ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (ITEP) FUNDING AND PLANNING – This will be discussed at a future Committee as a Whole meeting.

VILLAGE HALL WALL REPAIR – Trustee Reyling stated that Sangialo will be here next week to fix the wall.

MULTI USE TRAIL & MAIN STREET COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ROGERS

PROPOSED TRAIL ROUTES – No update.

MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS – No update.

BILLS AND PAYROLL - Trustee Becherer made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rogers to authorize Clerk Parker to pay the bills and payroll from January 6 through January 19. 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.

COMMUNICATIONS – We received a thank you from the Mertens family. The Mayor's meeting will be held on February 22 at the CAVE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS –Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Nothing to report.

Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to adjourn the meeting. All Trustees were in favor. The motion was granted to adjourn at 7:36 pm.