

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 April 2, 2024

Mayor Mike Smallwood called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees Charlie Rogers, Jim Elbe, Jim Mourey, Tim Hopkins, and Todd Reyling answered roll call. Trustee Jason Becherer was absent. 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 Joe and Lauren Skortz were in attendance in the audience.

CLERK'S REPORT – A motion was made by Trustee Rogers which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting held on March 19, 2024. Roll call was taken: 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 – Nothing to report.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Neff reported that there were 150 calls for service, 76 traffic stops, 2 traffic crashes and two ordinance violations for dogs at large for the month of March. St. Clair County will be starting on replacing our tornado sirens within the next few days. After all the new sirens for certain municipalities have been replaced then we will get the additional hardware for our sirens. Mayor Smallwood witnessed one of our police officers stopping some vehicles that were not stopping at stop signs and he asked Chief Neff to commend that officer for doing a great job.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT –

BUILDING PERMITS CONTRACTED – Administrator Speir and Trustee Mourey are going to reach out to Anne Markezich for information.

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

1 N. MAIN – Administrator Speir reported that some work has been done and the permit expires on April 8, 2024. This will be discussed at the next Committee as a Whole meeting.

VACANT PROPERTIES –

115 S. St. Johns – The liens have been waived for this property.

206 S. St. Johns – We are waiting until September when the property is able to be sold.

310 S. Smith – Speir will get the information to Attorney Bruckert to decide what the next steps will be.

Derelict vehicles on High Street have been taken care of.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RESIDENT COMMITTEE – We received proposals back for the Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Smallwood reported that as soon as we have determined who will be doing our Comprehensive Plan, then we can ask them how they would like the resident committee to be formed.

159 TURN LANE – Speir has sent a response back to Volkert regarding the Village not wanting to pay the additional requested costs.

The lead service line inventory has been completed and sent to the EPA. We have 1,771 service lines and none of those are lead lines.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – There will be a Safety Committee Meeting on April 4, 2024, at 10:00am if needed.

ZONING BOARD REPORT –

2 HEARINGS (4/4/24) – (1) REZONING HEARING (2) VARIANCE AND SPECIAL USE – ACCESSORY BUILDING WITH SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING HEARING – The rezoning hearing will be to discuss changing the zoning for a property from mobile home to multifamily and the other hearing is to discuss a special use permit request for a single family dwelling in an accessory building.

HYDAC PROPERTY – 7/26/24 (Fence) – The fence has been installed and progress has been made in cleaning up the property.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – Supervisor Klein reported the work has been completed for the yard waste facility at the park and it is now open for residents.

There has been an issue around the Sand Rock and Autumn Ridge Subdivision areas where there have been “wet wipes” being deposited into our sewer system and causing blockage. We are asking residents not to flush these wipes due to the problems it’s causing.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Attorney Bruckert reported that he and Administrator Speir discussed 1 N. Main and he recommends our inspector go back in and give us a thorough inspection.

Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to accept the Officer's reports. Roll call was taken: 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 March 26, 2024. The items will be discussed further under Committee Reports. Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to approve the minutes from the Committee As a Whole meeting on March 26. Roll call was taken: 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 – This will be discussed further at the next Committee as a Whole meeting.

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION PACKAGE – This will be discussed further at the next Committee as a Whole meeting.

STREET & UTILITY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ROGERS –

WHITE OAK DR. – This will be discussed further at the next Committee as a Whole meeting.

POLICE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ELBE

TORNADO ALARM SYSTEM – An update was given by the Chief earlier in the meeting.

PARK & CEMETERY COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE MOUREY

TRAIL PHASE 1 – PARK TRAIL UPGRADES – The bollards will be installed along the trail in the next few days.

TRAIL PHASE 2 – No report.

BALLFIELD LIGHTS – No report.

FENCING ALONG TRAIL FROM PARK TO SAND ROCK RD. – The new fencing will be installed soon.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE HOPKINS

No report.

ANNEXATION & BUILDING COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE REYLING

BRIA BUILDING & PROPERTY – Trustee Reyling and Attorney Bruckert gave an update on the negotiations. The Seller originally wanted the Village to pay all of the 2023 and pro-rated 2024 taxes. Now they are wanting the Village to forgo the Village's portion of the taxes. This will be discussed further at the next Committee as a Whole meeting.

MAIN STREET FUNDING AND PLANNING – No update.

VILLAGE HALL ROOF REPAIR – No update.

MULTI USE TRAIL & MAIN STREET COMMITTEE – TRUSTEE ROGERS

PROPOSED TRAIL ROUTES – No update.

MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS – No update.

BILLS AND PAYROLL - Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to authorize Clerk Parker to pay the bills and payroll from March 2 through March 15. Roll call was taken: Trustee Rogers, yes; Trustee Elbe, yes; Trustee Mourey, yes; Trustee Hopkins, 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 – 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 7:30 pm.