

Village of Smithton

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MAYOR,
MIKE SMALLWOOD

VILLAGE CLERK,
ANNETTE PARKER

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

COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE MEETING MINUTES May 14, 2024

Mayor Smallwood called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Village Hall. Trustees Becherer, Rogers, Elbe, Mourey, Hopkins, and Reyling were in attendance. Also in attendance was Chief Jason Neff and Public Works Supervisor Dean Klein.

DRAINAGE –

712 Lunch

Supervisor Klein stated that the property owner would like a curb at the street in front of the property near the ditch. Klein stated that he will put a little bit of hot patch fix there to help the area. There are currently no curbs on Lunch Road. Klein said they jetted the culvert and cleaned the ditch out. Mayor said it sounds like Klein reasonably resolved the issue.

218 Sunset area

There have been many complaints in this area. Klein says he doesn't know all the history on the drainage issues. Mayor stated that this drainage issue started with two property owners not agreeing. The Village policy is that we don't do work on private property. Mayor said the easement area is not labeled as a drainage easement. Mayor asked all the Trustees if they are not familiar with the area in question to take a drive over there and look at it. Mayor says you can see where the elevation changes.

215 Cortner

Notices from the Police Department for unlawful garbage and/or debris or trash, Notice of unlawful weed, plant, or grass growth, and Notice of derelict trailer with expired plates have been served to the property owner. Hopefully removing the items will help the drainage issues.

POLICE VEHICLES – Chief Neff was in attendance to discuss the purchase of a F150 truck. He had originally budgeted for two new vehicles. He has decided to only get the F150 and the additional budgeted money for the second vehicle would be available to aid with the ballfield lights project.

159 TURN LANE – A Resolution as well as an Engineering Services Agreement with Gonzalez Companies will need to be voted on at the next regular board meeting.

DOUGLAS SEWER EXTENSION – An Agreement for Professional Services with Gonzalez Companies for preliminary engineering was discussed. It was determined to put this on hold until the Administrator position is filled.

MFT – The Board discussed the Resolution for Maintenance, the General Maintenance Estimate of Maintenance Costs, and the Maintenance Engineering from Gonzalez Companies and all of these will be voted on at the next regular Board meeting.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE – The Board decided to take a step back and hold off on the Comprehensive Plan until we get a new Administrator.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION – The Board reviewed the job summary and agreed with the updated changes for the position. Mayor Smallwood stated that he had a few updates to add and will get those to Clerk Parker.

BALLFIELD LIGHTS – Trustee Mourey said we should be receiving a couple more bids for the work. Obtaining a scope of the project and putting together an RFP were discussed.

BRIA BUILDING AND PROPERTY FUTURE PLAN – It was suggested to ask Attorney Bruckert if we can rezone property that the Village now owns. Ideas for the future of this property were discussed. Rehabbing the buildings or demolition of the buildings were discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL – No executive session was held.

Trustee Rogers made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Elbe to adjourn. All Trustees were in favor. The motion was granted. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.