

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board
June 15, 2020

OPENING of Town Board meeting 6:30PM
ROLL CALL/PLEDGE/LATE ADDITIONS:

ATTENDANCE in addition to Supervisor Cammarata:

Councilman Mike Evans
Councilwoman Pam Holcomb
Councilman Bob Whitmore
Councilman Karl Ludwig

ALSO:

Alison Owens, Town Clerk
Vince Witkowski, Hwy Sup't.
Jeff Lowe, Assessor
Angelo Cioffi, BAR

CORRESPONDENCE 6:35PM
C1) none

NEW BUSINESS 6:35PM

B1) Stone/Oil for Nelson, Smith-Kinsmann Rd: A note from Mrs. Cole on Smith-Kinsmann Rd who wants stone/oil not calcium; 2 other requests on King and Hattie Clark

NB2) Discussion on plexiglass barrier for Town Clerk's Office. The extra measure of security would be appreciated by the Deputies. Supervisor Cammarata has not been able to find any plexiglass as it is in short supply and expensive but he will keep looking.

NB3) Port a John services for May and June are on the June warrant. Consider Resolution for 2020 Port a John service. This was so moved by the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION # 18 (2020): SECURE PORTABLE JOHN SERVICE THROUGH OCTOBER FOR \$80. PER MONTH

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Whitmore.

AYES Cammarata, Ludwig, Holcomb, Evans, Whitmore
NAYES 0

RESOLVED to secure Portable John for port-a-john service through October 2020.

OLD BUSINESS (UPDATES IF ANY) 6:35PM

OB1) additional information on "service request" form for Town website: Nothing was heard back from WoollyBear yet.

Other updates as needed:

REPORTS 7:10PM

R1.) Highway: report submitted: everything has been working good;

- finished Hattie Clark today with crowning (pot holes)
- Buddist property owners want drainage put in, and then they will hopefully help financially pave it
- FEMA project on Collyer Rd is finished except to blacktop the culvert crossings
- Talked with FEMA project coordinator who will be checking on projects shortly—FEMA is willing to pay the estimate costs on Stone Quarry
- Also FEMA projects on Art Lake and Lewis Hill Rd.

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- the small yellow JD mower has not yet been fixed, as the Hwy Sup't was hoping to find another one at an auction. Can get by for now.
- Special lock and bolt has come in for the steering box on the '02 International.
- Gradall is still a not working well so Hwy Supt. Witkowski is still hoping to sell it and buy a different piece of equipment.

R2) Assessor: no report submitted. Grievance Day was held, 6 people grieved. He cannot enter information into the computer as the tax program is frozen for the time being.

R3.) Enforcement Officer: no report. The Enforcement Officer was not present at the meeting. Supervisor Cammarata received another phone call concerning violations on the Fred Wilcox Rd property which has had continuous problems. Code Enforcement Kinney is not aware of the situation. Hwy Supt Witkowski has talked to the county recently about this concern.

R4.) Planning Board: no report

R5.) DCO: no report

R6.) Attorney: no report submitted

R7.) vacant

R8.) Custodian: no report submitted

R9.) Playground Committee: no report.

R10) Town Clerk: report submitted.

- The Town has a "No Refund" policy on CC rental form for those that rent either the CC or the Pavilion. There were 2 individuals who scheduled events in June at the Pavilion but both cancelled because of Covid concerns. They both asked about refunds and were offered a free rental this year or next but not a refund. Board members sad both parties should be offered a refund due to the Covid circumstances and made the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION # 19 (2020): OFFER 2 CANCELLED EVENTS A FULL REFUND IF THEY SO DESIRE

On a motion by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Whitmore.

AYES Cammarata, Ludwig, Holcomb, Evans, Whitmore

NAYES 0

RESOLVED to offer refunds (\$40. ea) to the 2 parties cancelling their events that were to be held at the Pavilion for June 2020. Such refunds would be vouchered by the parties involved if they choose to receive one.

- Town Clerk Owens also explained that Upstate NY has entered phase 3 of the plan to re-open NY. This means playgrounds can now be re-opened, but the Board would have to make the decision. Board members decided that restrictions on playground equipment could be removed, but that if phase 2 were to be put back in place, then the playground would have to be closed. Town Clerk Owens will put up a sign that the playground equipment is not sanitized.

R11) vacant

R12) Supervisor's Report: submitted.

- The Smithville Center sign is down, being replaced by Karl Ludwig
- Even though the Town funds are good for now, the Budget at the end of the year will be difficult. Governor Cuomo wants to cut back 22% on government funding to hospitals, schools and Municipalities. Our proposed share for 2021 is now down to 1.5%

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- JRC is due in June but it is unknown whether the schools are holding recreation this summer or not, so the check will be held until more information is forthcoming.
- A motion to accept the Supervisor's report was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilwoman Holcomb. All 5 Board members: Ludwig, Holcomb, Evans, Whitmore and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL for May 18th

7:30PM

The minutes of the May 18th meeting were reviewed. Councilman Ludwig asked that his title be corrected to Councilman from Councilwoman (on p. 1) and then to approve the minutes. A motion was made to that effect by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilman Whitmore. All 5 Board members: Ludwig, Holcomb, Evans, Whitmore and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried.

WARRANTS

7:35PM

General Warrant # 6, Claims # 78-87, in the amount of \$ 1,845.30 were reviewed for payment. It was questioned whether Toshiba could be paid for 1 full year to avoid the problem with check and invoices crossing in the mail. Town Clerk Owens will check with Toshiba 1st. A motion was made by Councilwoman Holcomb, 2nd by Councilman Whitmore to pay these claims in the amount of \$1845.30. All 5 Board members: Ludwig, Holcomb, Evans, Whitmore and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried.

Highway Warrant # 6, Claims # 56-67, in the amount of \$ 11,928.45 were reviewed for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Evans, 2nd by Councilman Whitmore to pay these claims in the amount of \$11,928.45. All 5 Board members: Ludwig, Holcomb, Evans, Whitmore and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried.

OTHER:

7:50PM

- NYSDEC wants to start the Fishing access walking path. It was mentioned the Town has not yet been paid.
- CHIPS may be cut 20% for 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Ludwig, 2nd by Councilwoman Holcomb to enter into an Executive Session to discuss 2 employee situations. All 5 Board members: Ludwig, Holcomb, Evans, Whitmore and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried. Into Executive Session @ 7:40pm.

A motion was made to come out of Executive Session by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilman Ludwig. All 5 Board members: Ludwig, Holcomb, Evans, Whitmore and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried. Out of Executive Session @ 8:20pm. No disciplinary action was taken.

2021 BUDGET work: Because of the potential loss of NYS budget support and until more information comes forth, Supervisor Cammarata feels tentative work on the Budget should be delayed.

Next meeting is Monday July 20th @ 6:30pm.

CLOSE

by Supervisor Cammarata

8:25PM

Alison B. Owens
Smithville Town Clerk