

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board  
25 May 2022

**OPENING** of Town Board meeting by Supervisor John Cammarata 6:30PM  
ROLL CALL/PLEDGE/LATE ADDITIONS:

**ATTENDANCE:**

Supervisor John Cammarata  
Councilman Bob Whitmore  
Councilman Shane Butler  
Councilwoman Pam Holcomb  
Councilman Russell Wark

**ALSO:**  
Alison Owens, Town Clerk  
Vince Witkowski, Hwy Sup't

The purpose of the specially called meeting was to discuss the situation with the Town Hwy 1994 JD grader which has a failed transmission. It was taken to 5 Star where it was determined there were too many metal fragments in the transmission for it to be repaired. Preliminary estimates to replace the transmission run in the \$60K-100K range. A price quote of around \$50K was given to remanufacture the transmission. Additional work to be done included adding oil, changing the filters, brake work, rear end work. This is an essential piece of equipment which the Hwy needs to have in order to work on the roads.

Discussion ensued on renting a grader from the only vendor around doing so-- Beck Equipment. A rental can be written off. Or, a used grader could be purchased. One was found at a cost of approx. \$85K and is perhaps a 2009/2010. It has a new transmission and the same # of hours as the 1994 JD.

Supervisor Cammarata explained the 2022 Budget has approx. \$125K in the machinery fund, the rest would come from unexpected balance to help with the purchase of the new hwy truck. ARPA funds cannot be used for equipment.

Witkowski feels it's best to spend the \$50K for the remanufactured transmission and additional work which would take about 3 weeks. Councilmen Whitmore and Wark felt the transmission should be remanufactured. That would give the Hwy Dept solid equipment that could be used without ongoing breakdowns.

**RESOLUTION # 24 (2022): MOVE FORWARD WITH REMANUFACTURING THE TRANSMISSION ON THE JD GRADER AT 5 STAR EQUIPMENT FOR AN APPROX. COST OF \$50K.**

On a motion by Councilman Whitmore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Wark, the following Resolution was ADOPTED

Holcomb: aye  
Butler: aye  
Wark: aye  
Whitmore: aye  
Cammarata: aye

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RESOLVED to move forward remanufacturing the transmission on the 1994 JD grader and other minor work to be done at 5 STAR Equipment at a cost of approximately \$50K.

Other:

The Hwy Dept has a lot of work which needs to be done and only 3 hwy workers to do it. It was asked if it is cheaper to pay overtime or pay another guy to work?

Councilman Whitmore feels another Hwy worker should be hired. Town Clerk Owens will place an ad in the Pennysaver, on the website and also have it placed on the electronic signboard.

It was also recommended to send the '17 Mack truck obtained from Sherburne to be serviced at Cook's.

The Supervisor cannot get NBT online for ACH deposits for CHIPS

Point Broadband has been installed and is working well.

Maximum Security's fire alarm system is working fine at the CC. The security system cameras are old and need to be replaced as they are analog and not digital with the control unit in the Pavilion being damaged. The new quote, will have capacity for 16 cameras on wifi. One camera would be put on the light pole facing the Pavilion and one facing the driveway. ARPA funds can be used for this improvement. It is projected to use ½ building ARPA funds and ½ out from the Park funds.

There was no other business to come before the Board. Supervisor Cammarata declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43pm. The next meeting will be June 20, 2022

Alison B. Owens

Smithville Town Clerk