

Minutes of the
Smithville Town Board
August 19, 2024

OPENING of Town Board meeting by Supervisor Cammarata 6:30PM

ROLL CALL/PLEDGE/LATE ADDITIONS:

Added: C1, a 2023 Highway report on the top 5 roads needing work

ATTENDANCE:

Supervisor John Cammarata

ALSO: Alison Owens, Town Clerk

Board members: Bob Whitmore

Shane Butler

Marie Kehl, PB Chair

Russell Wark

later: Bruce Kinney, Enforcement Officer @ 7:28pm

Fred Heisler

FIRE CONTRACT PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 5 YR CONTRACT WITH THE VILLAGE OF OXFORD FIRE DEPT 6:35PM

After some initial discussion on previous negotiation efforts for the Oxford Fire Contract amount, it was noted the figures as advertised in the Evening Sun were correct. It was also noted that for properties in the previous Brisben Fire Dept., the cost of fire protection/ems with the Village of Oxford Fire District would increase about 200% over the next 5 years. The Village of Oxford is also ordering a new fire truck. The Public Hearing for the 5 yr contract with the Village of Oxford Fire Dept. was declared open. Town Clerk Owens read the Legal Notice as posted in the Evening Sun. There were no additional comments. The 5 year contract amounts for Fire Protection and EMS service will be as follows:

2025	\$24,183.00	2028	\$26,507.00
2026	\$25,067.00	2029	\$27,083.00
2027	\$25,876.00		

A motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Board member Butler, 2nd by Board member Wark; all 5 Board members: Heisler, Butler, Wark, Whitmore and Cammarata were in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2025 CONTRACT FOR SMITHVILLE FIRE DISTRICT 6:40PM

This was opened in a motion by Board member Butler, 2nd by Board member/Whitmore. Town Clerk Owens read the legal notice as advertised in the Evening Sun. The amount to be raised by tax is \$100,044.00 for properties within the Town of Smithville Fire District covered by the Genegantslet Fire Co. Inc.. There were no comments. A motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Board member Butler, 2nd by Board member Heisler; 4 Board members: Heisler, Butler, Wark, and Cammarata were in favor, Whitmore abstained, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2025 CONTRACT FOR SMITHVILLE CENTER FIRE DISTRICT 6:45PM

This was opened in a motion by Board member Butler, 2nd by Board member Whitmore. Town Clerk Owens read the legal notice as advertised in the Evening Sun. The amount to be raised by tax is \$12,874.00 for properties within the Smithville Center Fire District covered by the Genegantslet Fire Co. Inc. There were no comments. A motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Board member Butler, 2nd by Board member Wark; 4 Board members: Heisler, Butler, Wark, and Cammarata were in favor, Whitmore abstained, motion carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE

6:45PM

C1) Supervisor Cammarata found a road update from 2023 identifying the Top 5 problem roads in Smithville:

1. Stone Quarry. Needs to have culverts enlarged, underdrain piping, other sections of road dug up and replaced with larger stone in bed. Binder, oil/chip. CHIPS \$ cannot be used for another 7 years. Cost: 1.5 mil
2. Buckley Hollow: remove and build up existing road, install new culverts, binder, oil/chip \$575K.
3. Pollard Rd: new culvert, build up ¼ mile of road, ditching, binder oil/chip. Cost: \$250K-300K. Lamont Engineering has applied for 5 grants over a 5 year period for this road but has not received any awards.
4. Kinsman/Fry Rd: remove and fill in parts of both roads, ditching, culvers, binder oil/chip. Cost \$400K
5. Winner Rd.: replace some of road with rock, widen mouth of road by County 3, pave 1st ¼ mile, binder, oil/chip. Cost: \$70-85K.

Note that this is 2023 pricing.

The preparatory 2025 Budget has been updated and is balanced for 2025. The Highway side has been adjusted and does not include the utilities as previously planned. Board members encouraged the Supervisor to move forward removing the Highway expenses to the Highway side of the budget. The Town will stay within the 2% budget tax cap. New account #'s have been assigned for Highway payroll. Supervisor Cammarata will continue revisions.

NEW BUSINESS

6:45PM

NB1) none

OLD BUSINESS (UPDATES IF ANY)

6:45PM

OB1) Town Clerk position: no new potential candidates or employees

OB2) Records Management storage: Board member Heisler is working with a sole proprietor to control the costs of "prevailing wage" and feels he can work within the budget amount given to him.

OB3) water system: There will be a Community Service agreement between the Town of Smithville and Public Facilities Grant. All of the canvassing has been done.

Brandon from Lamont Engineering is waiting on prices from Sergi for well drilling (costs not covered for well drilling in the original grant funding) EFC grant funding may also be available to help

REPORTS

7:00PM

R1.) Highway: report submitted:

- Hwy Sup't Witkowski noted that Rick Grainger can get culverts
- Finished N. Tyner 1st phase. Waiting on Vestal Asphalt to continue the rest. MidWest Company has been great to work with on N. Tyner.
- One truck down for repairs; other equipment is doing well
- 1 employee gave a 2 week notice
- ADM finished roofing/addition on the TB roof
- Waste oil tanks are full

R2) Assessor: report submitted.

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R3.) Enforcement Officer: gave verbal report

- Roods on Winner Rd : no septic this year but Enforcement Officer Kinney told them they would have to go back to the Planning Board for any septic proposal
- Round Pond Rd. property between Zimmer's and Owens' was discussed. Owner was told he needed to go to the Planning Board for a Site Plan Review but so far has not made the effort.

R4.) Planning Board: June minutes previously submitted.

- Presentation and review of proposed Junk and Refuse Collection Local Law
 - Supervisor Cammarata asked about the definition of height of grass. The problem is going to be enforcement
 - Any fees should be on the fee schedule and not listed in the Local Law; lower junk vehicles
 - Board member Butler made some suggestions which will be reviewed by the Planning Board
 - PB Chair Kehl noted the three younger members on the Planning Board are very helpful.
 - The proposed local law will continue to be updated by the Planning Board

R5.) DCO: no report submitted;

R6.) vacant R7.) vacant

R8.) Custodian: no report submitted

R9.) Playground Committee: report submitted.

- Supervisor answered the question that there will not be an additional hire for the Playground

R10) Town Clerk: report submitted. Town Clerk Owens received a card in the mail promoting a minutes program. After viewing the website, she recommended the free 30 day free trial period. Board members were in agreement. If purchased, it would be \$1000. Per year for up to 5 meetings a month.

R11) vacant

R12) Supervisor's Report: submitted

- Sales tax check of \$53K received
- Accounts are in the clear
- Coughlin/Gerhart new Att'ys, contact person Robert McKertich; no retainer
- Counselor from Coughlin/Gerhart says we can pay the truck off. Monies in a CD account will be available in May to do so.
- FEMA \$114K for N. Tyner roadwork; to be applied for in CHIPS
- AC units for upstairs have been installed
- A motion to accept the Supervisor's report was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilman Heisler. All 5 Board members were in favor, motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL for July 15th and 31st

7:35PM

The minutes of the two meetings were reviewed. Councilman Whitmore asked for a change of the road name on the July 15th minutes to reflect that millings on S. Tyner are shortened. A motion to approve the minutes with the correction was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilman Wark, all 5 Board members in favor, motion carried.

WARRANTS

7:40PM

General Warrant # 8, Vouchers # 117-133 claims in the amount of \$4402.82 were submitted for payment. A couple of vouchers were noted to have corrections to account #'s. An additional voucher (#134) to Maximum Security in the amount of \$650. will be written up this weekend and will be on the September warrant but needs payment now. A motion to pay these claims with corrections was made by Councilman Butler, 2nd by Councilman Heisler. All 5 Board members in favor, motion carried.

Highway Warrant # 8, Vouchers # 78-90, claims in the amount of \$127,207.04 were submitted for payment. A motion to pay these claims was made by Councilman Whitmore, 2nd by Councilman Wark. All 5 Board members in favor, motion carried.

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NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Budget work for 2025 was done earlier in the meeting

OTHER: Next monthly Board meeting is September 16th

CLOSE: by Supervisor Cammarata

8:00PM

Alison Owens

Smithville Town Clerk