

Minutes of the Organizational Meeting
Smithville Town Board
January 2, 2025

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

ATTENDANCE:

Supervisor John Cammarata ALSO: Donna Utter, Deputy Town Clerk
Board members: Dakota Warren (absent) BarbaraAnn Whitmore
Shane Butler
Fred Heisler
Russell Wark

New Business:

NB1) The Disqualification of newly elected Town Clerk BarbaraAnn Whitmore/Appointment was discussed. Mrs. Whitmore won the election in November 2024 for the position of Town Clerk/Tax Collector but subsequently moved out of Town as she could not find suitable housing in the Township. Mark Spinner, Att’y for the Town, indicated her elected position with the Town became in violation, null and void as of that date and that the Town Board would be able to appoint a Town Clerk/Tax Collection to replace her for the 2025 year. The Resolution names Alison B. Owens as the replacement, appointed Town Clerk/Tax Collector for the remainder of 2025 until 12/31/2025. The full Resolution is printed at the end of these minutes.

RESOLUTION # 1 (2025): ACCEPT RESOLUTION # 1, APPOINTMENT OF ALISON B. OWENS AS THE APPOINTED TOWN CLERK UNTIL 12/31/2025

On a motion by Board member Heisler, 2nd by Board member Butler the following Resolution was ADOPTED

AYES: Heisler, Butler, Wark, Cammarata
NAYES: 0
ABSENT Warren

WHEREAS the Resolution written by Att’y Mark Spinner and included on the next page of these minutes, identifies the reasons for invalidating the election of Town Clerk Elect BarbaraAnn Whitmore, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED to appoint Alison B. Owens as the Smithville Town Clerk/Tax Collector for 2025. The term will expire December 31, 2025 and will be placed on the election ballot for November 2025.

NB2) accept resignation of Kathy McLaughlin as Deputy Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 2(2025): ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF KATHY MCLAUGHLIN AS DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

On a motion by Board member Heisler, 2nd by Board member Butler the following Resolution was ADOPTED

AYES: Heisler, Butler, Wark, Cammarata
NAYES: 0
ABSENT Warren

RESOLVED to accept the resignation of Kathy McLaughlin as Deputy Town Clerk.

NB3) Planning Board considerations for re-appointment:

RESOLUTION # 3 (2024): APPOINT KEN WHITMORE TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR A 5 YR TERM UNTIL 12/31/2029

On a motion by Board member Butler, 2nd by Board member Wark the following Resolution was ADOPTED

AYES:	Heisler, Butler, Wark, Cammarata
NAYES:	0
ABSENT	Warren

RESOLVED to appoint Ken Whitmore to a position on the Planning Board for a 5 year term to expire December 31, 2029.

NB4) Other changes to the 2025 Roster included: a vacancy on the Board of Assessment Review as Brian Phetteplace did not want to be re-appointed; Att’y was changed to Coughlin & Gerhart; Custodian is Rachel Heisler, Clerk of the Court is Terri Bickford, Town Board member Dakota Warren will fill in on the Highway Committee, Personnel Search Committee and the Records Management contact. Also Debbie Mills has replaced Sandee Utter as a JRC representative.

Mileage rate is now \$.70 p/m

NB4) Approval of the 2025 Town of Smithville Roster as it currently stands with a couple of openings still available:

RESOLUTION # 4 (2025): APPROVE THE TOWN ROSTER FOR 2025 WITH EXCEPTIONS

On a motion by Board member Butler, 2nd by Board member Heisler the following Resolution was ADOPTED

AYES:	Heisler, Butler, Wark, Cammarata
NAYES:	0
ABSENT	Warren

RESOLVED to approve the 2025 Town roster with exceptions for (1) Board of Assessment Review member and the possibility of a Deputy Code Enforcement Officer. Others to be filled in as needed.

NB6) Review of the 2025 Town Fee Schedule for changes

- The SPCA and any potential contract is still up in the air so the redemption fee was left as is. The current fees were deemed excessive by members of the Town Board. DCO Roger Barrows can keep a dog for 24 hours at his residence. The dog license fees will remain the same for 2025.
- Other changes were to charge per page for a copy of a Local Law—\$.50 per page and \$2.00 for a 11x17 page. To mail a dog license tag will be changed to \$3.00.

RESOLUTION # 5 (2025): APPROVE THE TOWN FEE SCHEDULE FOR 2025

On a motion by Board member Butler, 2nd by Board member Wark the following Resolution was ADOPTED

AYES:	Heisler, Butler, Wark, Cammarata
NAYES:	0
ABSENT	Warren

RESOLVED to approve the 2025 Town Fee Schedule

Other items discussed: Utica Mac has indicated that January 1, a new State Law went into effect that large diesel trucks cannot be sold unless an electric vehicle is also sold: 1 electric vehicle for every 10 diesel trucks. The Town of Smithville's diesel truck order was cancelled for this reason. The Town will have to try and find a used truck.

There was no other business to come before the Board. Supervisor Cammarata declared the meeting adjourned at 7:09pm until the regularly scheduled meeting January 20, 2025.

Donna Utter
Deputy Town Clerk
&
Alison B. Owens
Smithville Town Clerk