

MINUTES OF THE SMITHVILLE TOWN BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2026 BUDGET  
NOVEMBER 6, 2025

The special meeting of the Smithville Town Board was called to order at 6:30pm Wednesday November 6, 2024 by Supervisor John Cammarata. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a Public Hearing on the Fire Contracts with the Geneganslet Fire Company, the proposed 2025 Town Budget, and the 2% tax cap override for 2026.

The following were present:

Supervisor John Cammarata

Board members: Dakota Warren (absent)

Shane Butler

Russell Wark

Fred Heisler

ALSO:

Alison Owens, Town Clerk

Bob Whitmore, incoming Hwy Sup't

Deirdre Purdy, Deputy Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:30. Supervisor Cammarata brought up some correspondence he had received, that Judge Jordan Lilley retired effective November 1st. Rachel Miller from Hammerle Rd is interested in filling the position and may be appointed until December 31, 2026 at which point whoever is elected judge in the 2026 election will take over.

**RESOLUTION #55 (2025): ACCEPT JORDAN LILLEY'S RESIGNATION**

On a motion by Mr. Butler, 2nd by Mr. Wark, the following Resolution was approved

AYES: Heisler, Wark, Butler, Cammarata

NAYES: 0

ABSENT: Warren

RESOLVED to accept Jordan Lilley's resignation from the position of Judge.

Supervisor Cammarata asked Mr. Whitmore if he had any plans for S. Tyner Rd. Mr. Whitmore said he was waiting til after winter to make a decision on what to do with it. Mr. Cammarata then read aloud a letter of complaint from Sheila Stanbro on S. Tyner road, detailing her complaint about the condition of her road, her dissatisfaction with how town officials have handled road care, and her request for an audit.

At 6:45, the Public Hearing for the Geneganslet Fire District Fire Contract with the Geneganslet Fire Company was called to order.

The legal ad for the Public Hearing as advertised in the Evening Sun was noted. The Public Hearing for the Geneganslet Fire District Fire Contract with the Geneganslet Fire Company was declared OPEN.

Supervisor Cammarata presented a verbal outline of the Geneganslet Fire District Fire Contract for discussion. The contract with the Geneganslet Fire Company, Inc. for fire protection within the Geneganslet Fire District (Smithville portion) is for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. The amount to be raised by tax is \$102,045.00

**RESOLUTION #56 (2025): ACCEPT GENEGANSLET FIRE COMPANY'S FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT WITH GENEGANSLET FIRE DISTRICT (SMITHVILLE PORTION).**

On a motion by Mr. Wark, 2nd by Mr. Butler, the following resolution was approved

AYES: Heisler, Wark, Butler, Cammarata

NAYES: 0

ABSENT: Warren

RESOLVED to accept the Geneganslet Fire Company's Fire Protection Contract with Geneganslet Fire District (Smithville Portion).

There was a motion to close the Public Hearing for the Geneganslet Fire District Contract with the Geneganslet Fire Company by Mr. Butler

At 6:50, the Public Hearing for the Smithville Center Fire Contract with the Geneganslet Fire Company was called to order.

The legal ad for the Public Hearing as advertised in the Evening Sun was noted. The Public Hearing for the Smithville Center Fire Contract with the Geneganslet Fire Company was declared OPEN.

Supervisor Cammarata presented a verbal outline of the Smithville Center Fire Contract for discussion. The contract with the Geneganslet Fire Company, Inc. for fire protection within the Smithville Center Fire District is for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. The amount to be raised by tax is \$13,131.00

**RESOLUTION #57 (2025): ACCEPT GENEGANSLET FIRE COMPANY'S FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT WITH SMITHVILLE CENTER FIRE DISTRICT.**

On a motion by Mr. Wark, 2nd by Mr. Butler, the following resolution was approved

AYES: Heisler, Wark, Butler, Cammarata

NAYES: 0

ABSENT: Warren

RESOLVED to accept the Geneganslet Fire Company's Fire Protection Contract with Smithville Center Fire District.

There was a motion to close the Public Hearing for the Smithville Fire District Contract with the Geneganslet Fire Company by Mr. Butler

At 7:00, the Public Hearing for the 2026 Preliminary Budget was called to order.

Supervisor Cammarata presented a verbal outline of the 2026 Preliminary Budget:

The amount to be raised by tax for the General side of the 2026 Budget is \$96,557.00 and on the Highway side of the Budget for 2025 the amount to be raised by tax is \$510,442.00.

The following salaries for 2025 are being established:

Highway Supt: \$40,500.

Councilmen: (4) \$ 6,400. (\$1600. ea)

Town Clerk: \$ 11,000.

Town Justice: \$ 4,500.

Town Assessor: \$12,075.

Tax Collector: \$ 6,000.

There were no questions and no further discussions. The Public Hearing was declared CLOSED.

**RESOLUTION #58 (2025): ADOPT THE 2025 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AS THE FINAL 2025 BUDGET**

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

AYES: Butler, Wark, Cammarata, Heisler

NAYES: 0

ABSENT: Warren

RESOLVED to adopt the 2025 Preliminary Budget as the Final 2025 Budget for the Town of Smithville

A short discussion then ensued to adopt Local Law # 1 2025 which would be to Override the Tax Cap for 2026

**RESOLUTION #59 (2025): ADOPT LOCAL LAW # 1 2025 to OVERRIDE THE TAX CAP ON THE 2026 BUDGET**

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

AYES: Butler, Wark, Cammarata, Heisler,

NAYES: 0

ABSENT: Warren

RESOLVED to adopt Local Law # 1 2025 to Override the 2% Tax Cap on the 2026 Budget.

Town Clerk Owens will prepare the paperwork to send in to the Department of State.

Town Clerk Owens shared an update on the status of the Wilcox cemetery. Someone thinks they found a sign to the cemetery over the bank, so Town Clerk Owens is going to try to find someone to go pick it up and put it in a safe place. Furthermore, Town Clerk Owens is trying to raise money thru the Smithville Historical Society to help fund the new fence for the Wilcox cemetery.

In regards to the missing cemetery stone, Town Clerk Owens sent a letter out on Tuesday November 4th requesting that the purchaser of the stone send it back to the town.

A motion to adjourn was made by Board member Butler, 2nd by Board member Wark. Adjourned until November 17, 2025.

Deirdre Purdy  
Smithville Deputy Clerk