

Strasburg Council and the Franklin Township Trustees held a public hearing at 5:00 pm at Wallick's building at 965 N Wooster Avenue on the petition to join the JEDD filed by Seth Miller.

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Mayor Steve Smith presided over the meeting.

Members answering roll call were Kathy Burrier, Jeff Smith, Liz Dreher, Don Wallick, and Martin Zehnder. Dustin Briggs was absent from the meeting. Other's present were Village Administrator Ron Lambert, Legal Counsel Richard Fox, Zoning Inspector Ted Foster, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Brian Herzog (Tuscarawas County Public Library), Michelle Ramsell (Tuscarawas County Public Library), Emily Crilley (Strasburg Library), Vickie Sullivan (Strasburg Library), Jerry Schultz, Joann Fox, Lynn Wilhelm, Chuck & Judy McNutt, Terry & Liz Miller, and Nancy Cregan.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2021 council meeting. At roll call, all members present voted approval.

Mayor Steve Smith reported that the Eagle Scout flag pole project will be completed on Saturday, August 7, 2021. Mayor Smith noted that he prep work was done last Saturday and the raising of the flag will be at 12:30 on Saturday followed by an open house. Mayor Smith reported that we have an estimate of \$ 500.00 for a fire proof cabinet/safe for the Fiscal Officer's office. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to purchase the safe. At roll call, all members present voted approval. Mayor Smith reported that Jordan Boggs has accepted the position on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mayor Smith reported that David Dennison has submitted an estimate of \$ 300.00 to pressure wash the playground equipment by pavilion #5 at the park. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Liz Dreher, to approve the pressure washing. At roll call, all members present voted approval.

Finance – Chairman Jeff Smith reported that the finance committee met at the former village hall to discuss renovations for the police department. Smith noted that they will have estimates for new carpet, paint, and new metal doors for the next council meeting. Smith provided a sample of new signage for the village hall lighted sign from Wacker Signs in the cost of \$ 2,116.00. Mayor Smith will get other estimates for the sign.

Legal Counsel Fox noted that regarding the public hearing held before the council meeting, the village and the township will need to take action on the proposed amendment.

### **ORDINANCE O-23-2021**

Ordinance O-23-2021, An Ordinance approving fifth amendment of the Strasburg-Franklin Joint Economic Development District and map, by addition of territory, was given its first reading by title only.

Brian Herzog from the Tuscarawas County Public Library reported to council that the Wi-Fi for the hotspot has been installed in the kitchenette at village hall and provided a sign to be placed in the lawn at village hall. Herzog noted that the hot spot will reach a hundred-foot radius and is funded through a grant for one year. Herzog supplied council with general activity statistics from the Strasburg Library, noting that 67 children and 51 adults and teens participated in the summer reading program this year and that the monthly visitor and attendance to programs has been increasing. Herzog supplied council with photographs from past programs showing the space that was available in the past and asked council to please consider the space that is needed for the library when renovating the building on 5<sup>th</sup> Street SW. Herzog thanked the village for allowing the tent for story time this summer but expressed the need for a space for the Fall, Winter, and Spring programs. Mayor Smith noted that we are starting to get estimates for the renovations and hope to have them completed by the end of the year. Herzog noted that the library could assist with the renovations if the space will be available for library use. Liz Miller addressed council regarding the need for space for the library programs.

Chuck and Judy McNutt noted that they moved from Bolivar/Lawrence Township five years ago to Strasburg and that they had attended the public hearing. McNutt noted that they are asking council to consider all that is being said and noted that they realize the JEDD is trying to accomplish a goal, and would appreciate council to listen to everything that is being expressed. McNutt noted that he has lived through odor issues where they had lived and that problems do not go away and that he hopes that council gives enough time and thought to the proposal. Mayor Smith thanked them for their comments and input.

Joanne Fox asked for an explanation of the JEDD. Mayor Smith noted that it is the Joint Economic Development District that was created in 2018 between the village and the township. Legal Counsel Fox noted that it is a statutory entity that is created for economic development.

Fox noted that the benefit was when ProVia established a new location on 21 and paid for the extension of water and sewer along 21. Fox noted that these utilities are now available for other locations that want to join the JEDD. Fox noted that there is a JEDD board that meets at least twice a year and that businesses that join the JEDD have access to the utilities and pay village income tax.

Nancy Cregan addressed council regarding information that she was given regarding trucks from Miller Septic entering and dumping at the sewer plant after 2:30pm and also on Saturdays. Cregan noted that Speedie Septic has been told that they cannot come after 2:30pm and on weekends and that their trucks must sit overnight with sludge in them. Cregan noted that she has pictures and multiple witnesses that state that there were deliveries in the evenings while there were games going on at the park. Mayor Smith noted that he will look into this issue. A brief discussion was held on the issue.

Jeff Smith acknowledged everyone that worked hard to complete the new village hall, noting the building has turned out to be a very nice space and that we have received very favorable compliments on the new facility.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to enter into an executive session at 7:40 pm to discuss a pending legal matter. At roll call, all members present voted approval. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:04 pm. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to adjourn at 8:05 pm. At roll call all members present voted approval.

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MAYOR STEVE SMITH

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