

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Steve Smith presided over the meeting.

Members answering roll call were Kathy Burrier, Jeff Smith, Don Wallick, Dustin Briggs, Liz Dreher, and Martin Zehnder. Other's present were Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger, Police Chief Dave Warrick, Assistant Fire Chief Shawn Zurfley, Zoning Inspector Ted Foster, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Jerry Schultz, Carl Newsom, Marcus Weaver, Abby Jo Reyes, Bob & Carol Royer, Nancy Cregan, Brandon Baker, Will Wolfe, and Dana Burlingame.

A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2022 council meeting. At roll call, all members voted approval.

The March financial statement, March Unified Bank Statement, March SSB Worksheet, and the list of bills was presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve the March financial statement, March Unified Bank Statement, March SSB Worksheet, and the list of bills in the amount of \$ 281,212.17. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Jerry Schultz, Nancy Cregan, Brandon Baker, and Marcus Weaver addressed Mayor Steve Smith and council regarding rumors on Facebook regarding the cancellation of the Corn Fest, Ox Roast and fish fry fundraisers. Mayor Smith noted that the corn fest will not be held because of the low profit margin, lack of volunteers, and the lack of food vendors. Nancy Cregan suggested forming a committee and stated that festivals give a great sense of community. Brandon Baker suggested food trucks for future festivals. Cregan volunteered to begin a committee. Mayor Smith noted that the last festival had food trucks but the local groups did not appreciate the competition. Jeff Smith noted that we have realized that over the years we need to look at another way to redo the festival. Mayor Smith noted that the social side of the fire department holds the fish fry's and the Ox Roast and that the only new restriction set by the new fire chief was that no alcohol is to be on the fire department premises. The social side of the fire department has made the decision to not hold fundraisers at this time. Mayor Smith instructed anyone asking about the fundraisers at the fire department will need to contact a member of the social side of the fire department, noting that Matt McPherson and Steve Joki could answer their questions. Martin Zehnder noted that we no longer have a location in town for fundraisers and that he is seeking donations to build a community center for groups to have fundraisers. Marcus Weaver noted that he is interested in helping with a corn fest committee.

Bob and Carol Royer addressed council regarding an ordinance requiring the fire chief to live in the corporation limit. Mayor Smith noted that the state of Ohio withdrew residency requirements years ago and noted that the new fire chief works at least forty hours a week at the station and does respond on calls.

Will Wolfe addressed council regarding the Maple Avenue NW project and asked if the condition of the street could be approved until the curbing and paving is completed. Mayor Smith noted that he will contact Malcuit regarding the condition. Wolfe asked about the new fence being installed by Rosalies. Mayor noted that they do have a permit for the fence.

Assistant Fire Chief Shawn Zurfley reported that the 24/7 staffing will begin on May 1, 2022 and the department will be renting a trailer for overnight staff. Zurfley reported that the hose testing is almost complete and the department will be getting a roll off dumpster to get rid of clutter in the station. Mayor Smith reported that renovations have begun in the social hall and that he met with the engineer today to discuss a requirement for a sprinkler system.

Zoning Inspector Ted Foster supplied council with a report including a permit for new siding for Cross Connections Church, new home construction on Fernsell Avenue, and a new shed in a rear yard. Foster reported that Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger has sent out two letters to property owners regarding trash.

Police Chief Dave Warrick thanked the fire department for their donation of vests and reported a purchase of software for the dash cams for \$ 550. Warrick reported that the suspect in the break-ins has been identified and will be tried on 7 counts. Warrick reported that Van Wallbrown has resigned from full time but will remain as a part time officer. Warrick noted that we have three full time and two part time officers.

Finance – Chairperson Jeff Smith reported that himself, Mayor Smith, Kathy Burrier, Don Wallick, Mike Durbin, and Jason Rissler attended a revitalization study presentation on Saturday. Smith noted that we are in the planning stage and that our street pattern and parking ideas are being discussed. Smith noted that we will be looking for input from business owners and will have a meeting in the future will residents for input. Smith noted that we received \$ 15,000.00 in donations and that we would like to use bed tax funds to pay the final payment to MMA. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Don Wallick, to use bed tax funds to make the final payment to MMA. At roll call the vote was as follows: Zehnder, no; Wallick, yes; Smith, yes; Dreher, yes; Burrier, yes; and Briggs, yes. Finance will meet on Wednesday, April 27 at 4 pm with Police and Fire.

Park – Chairperson Dustin Briggs reported that he will look into a grill for the pavilion, a permanent netting will be installed for safety for the soccer fields, a tree will need removed because the soccer fields have been moved to allow area for the mower, and that the soccer club will be installing a billboard to hang sponsorship banners. Mayor Smith reported that we had vandalism at the park restrooms again. Briggs reminded residents to keep golf carts off of the walking/bike trail at the park.

ORDINANCE O-6-2022

Ordinance O-6-2022 was given its fourth reading by title only. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve Ordinance O-6-2022, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN VILLAGE OF STRASBURG AND FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP RESOLVING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX WITH-HOLDING DISPUTE. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-15-2022

Ordinance O-15-2022, An Ordinance amending Zoning Ordinance, was given its second reading by title only.

ORDINANCE O-16-2022

Ordinance O-16-2022 was given its second reading by title only. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Don Wallick, to suspend the rules of the three mandatory readings. At roll call, all members voted approval. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Don Wallick, to approve Ordinance O-16-2022, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDMENT OF VILLAGE-TOWNSHIP AGREEMENT FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY PROTECTION. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-18-2022

Ordinance O-18-2022 was given its first reading by title only. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to suspend the rules of the three mandatory readings. At roll call, all members voted approval. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve Ordinance O-18-2022, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING TO CODIFY AND PLACE ON-LINE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION R-2022-4

Resolution R-2022-4, A RESOLUTION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO RE-STRIPE WOOSTER AVENUE (U.S.ROUTE 250), WITHIN VILLAGE OF STRASBURG AS THREE LANE HIGHWAY, was given its first reading by title only.

Martin Zehnder expressed his disgust and noted that council had decided last year to not move forward with the three-lane concept. Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger noted that the resolution was prepared at the request of the mayor and that a resolution can be prepared per the request of any council member or the mayor. Zehnder asked Liz Dreher if she was told about this proposed resolution and she said that yes, she was aware. Mayor Smith explained the three-lane concept and the parking spaces that would remain between the traffic lights. Mayor, council and attendees held a brief discussion on the proposed Resolution. Mayor noted ODOT has reached out regarding the three-lane concept and that the Franklin Township Trustees and ProVia agree that the three-lane concept will help with the traffic. Police Chief Dave Warrick noted the three-lane concept would reduce rear end accidents and people passing on the right accidents.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to enter into an executive session at 7:38 pm to discuss police personnel. At roll call, all members voted approval. Council reconvened into regular session at 7:59 pm. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to adjourn at 8:00 pm. At roll call, all members voted approval.