

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Steve Smith presided over the meeting. Pastor Matthew Wald led the prayer.

Members answering roll call were Kathy Burrier, Jeff Smith, Don Wallick, Liz Dreher, Dustin Briggs, and Martin Zehnder. Other's present were Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger, Police Chief Dave Warrick, Police Sergeant Brandon Warman, Fire Chief Steve Laskey, Zoning Inspector Ted Foster, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Michael Rosenberry, Pastor Matthew Wald, Pastor Marcus Weaver, Bonnie Jones, Nathan Wood, Jacyn Wood, Larry Wood, Lisa Wood, Rod Rothacher, Kerri Wood, Cherylanne Stead, Kaden Wood, Susan Rothacher, and Brynlee Wood.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2022 council meeting. At roll call, all members voted approval.

The August financial statement, August Unified bank statement, August 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 August financial statement, August Unified Bank Statement, August SSB Worksheet, and the list of bills in the amount of \$ 277,543.71. At roll call, all members voted approval.

ORDINANCE O-43-2022

Ordinance O-43-2022 was given its first reading by title only. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Don Wallick, to suspend the rules of the mandatory three readings. At roll call, all members voted approval. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Don Wallick, to approve Ordinance O-43-2022, AN (EMERGENCY) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING POLICE CHIEF TO HIRE NEW POLICE OFFICER. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately. Mayor Steve Smith swore in Police Officer Nathan Wood.

Mayor Steve Smith thanked the Street Department employees for their help with the prep work for the paving of Wooster Avenue. Mayor Smith reported that he has been contacted by residents and that there has been discussion on social media about putting the traffic lights on blinking in the evening to help with traffic backing in the village. Zehnder noted that it will not help because of the traffic lights at the south end of town at 9th Street, Fort Laurens Road and the interstate. Zehnder noted that we had tried that before and it does not help. Dustin Briggs noted that his concern would be pedestrians crossing at the park at that time. Zehnder noted that students are to cross at the traffic lights and not at the park. Council held a discussion on painting a crosswalk on Wooster Avenue at 4th Street SW and Zehnder noted that if we paint the crosswalks at the park, it will give students the false sense of safety. Briggs noted that he sees students and residents cross at the park and we need to make that area as safe as possible. Jeff Smith noted that the crosswalk is on the drawing that we passed in May. Briggs suggested installing safety lights at the crosswalk to make it safe for people crossing Wooster Avenue. Police Chief Warrick noted that if there is a painted crosswalk, traffic is supposed to yield to pedestrians. Briggs noted that he contacted a company today about safety lighting and suggested only one crosswalk on Wooster at the south of 4th Street. Briggs noted that in Jackson Twp they have push lights for pedestrians. Warrick noted that after the football games there are students crossing Wooster at the park entrance and it is very dark. Briggs noted that there are lights that shine on the crosswalk. Zehnder suggested talking to the school about instructing students to cross only at the traffic light at 1st Street and not to cross at the park entrance and suggested reducing the speed limit to 25mph at the park entrance. Warrick noted that it would have to be rezoned to business. Fire Chief Laskey noted that where he lives, they placed a crosswalk after someone was hit at the entrance of a park and that there has been no problem now that there is a crosswalk. A brief discussion was held on reducing the speed, painting one crosswalk, and get safety lighting for the crosswalk. A motion was made by Martin Zehnder, seconded by Liz Dreher, to not place a crosswalk at the park entrance until the school is contacted regarding the entrance. At roll call, the vote was as follows: Zehnder, yes; Wallick, yes; Smith, no; Dreher, yes; Burrier, no; and Briggs, no. Mayor Smith voted no. Briggs noted that the school is not responsible for the streets, the village is. Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger suggested a motion with the proposal of one crosswalk and safety lighting. Laskey noted that a crosswalk is better than none at all. Marcus Weaver noted that lights and reducing the speed limit would be the safest option and that a crosswalk is a great idea because there are a lot of people that cross at the entrance of the park. A motion was made by Dustin Briggs, seconded by Jeff Smith, to paint one crosswalk, install attention safety lighting, and look at reducing the speed limit to 25mph. At roll call, all members voted approval and Mayor Smith will contact the contractor to paint one crosswalk at this time, the Safety Committee will meet after the council meeting to discuss the safety lighting, and council will discuss a reduced speed limit with the Planning Commission.

Mayor Smith read a letter from ODOT regarding a closure of 93 in March/April 2023 for a culvert replacement project with a detour using US 250. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Liz Dreher, to allow the detour for the project. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Mayor Smith reported that at the work session at the green space there were discussions on installing an electric hookup for bands and installing Edison lighting on the front half of the space. Mayor Smith noted that the hope that is that the village could have entertainment on the green space in conjunction with BBQ's at the Village Garden. Mayor Smith reported that we are waiting on information from Engineer Don Dummermuth on the two lots on 1st Street for public parking.

Zoning Inspector Ted Foster reported a permit for the library for a new pavilion. Foster will add to the report properties that we have had issues with that are still pending action.

Police Chief Dave Warrick thanked Mayor Smith for swearing in Nathan Wood and reported that Officer Connor Bailey has completed his six-month probation.

Fire Chief Steve Laskey supplied council with a report that included being granted approval for use of the living area, the installation of the shower this week, and the new door should be delivered soon. Laskey reported on calls, the Canton Township training and getting information on a new apparatus. Laskey thanked Elaina Berry and Karla Gardner for putting together the booth for the fall fest and that the department received many positive comments at the fall fest and that he is very proud of the work that they did for the festival and very proud of the staff for the great work they do every day. Laskey noted that the department will hold an Open House on Saturday, October 15, 2022 and noted that information will be on the Fire Department's Facebook page.

Finance – Chairman Jeff Smith reported that the committee met last Wednesday to discuss upgrading to fiber optic and noted that Michael Rosenberry sat in on the meeting. Smith noted that it would provide a safer and faster service for the village departments. Rosenberry noted that it would provide a more reliable service, the ability to expand is endless, and would provide better service to residents and business in the future. Smith noted that the first step is to install the fiber optic and then the next step would be installing security cameras in the park and would help with our defibulator system in the future. Rosenberry noted that it will be good for the village and feels that the ten-year contract is good and that the contractor will work with the village for future service. Smith noted that we will be updating our email service to make it more secure. Smith noted that the initial cost for the village is \$ 23,000.00. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to authorize an ordinance for a contract with Pioneer and Horizon for the fiber optic service. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Safety – Chairwoman Kathy Burrier noted that the committee will meet following the council meeting to discuss flashing lights for the crosswalk.

Park – Chairman Dustin Briggs reported that he was contacted by Ed Dailey from the Baseball association noting that they are in favor of fixing up one of the north ballfields. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to recondition field #1 at a cost of \$ 11,867. At roll call, all members voted approval.

ORDINANCE O-37-2022

Ordinance O-37-2022 was given its third reading by title only. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve Ordinance O-37-2022, AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW SECTION 10.20 OF THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG CODIFIED MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS, REGARDING REPEAT VIOLATIONS OF ORDINANCES THAT REQUIRE NOTICE OF VIOLATION BEFORE PROSECUTION OR VILLAGE "SELF-HELP ACTION. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-39-2022

Ordinance O-39-2022, An Ordinance of Assessment for new concrete curbs, gutters, and new pavement, was given its second reading by title only.

ORDINANCE O-41-2022

Ordinance O-41-2022 was given its first reading by title only. O-41-2022, AN (EMERGENCY) ORDINANCE AMENDING STRASBURG MUNICIPAL REGULATION 97.05 (ORD. O-03-2013).

ORDINANCE O-42-2022

Ordinance O-42-2022 was given its first reading by title only. AN (EMERGENCY) ORDINANCE RATIFYING STRASBURG MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS 50.01 – 139.20.

ORDINANCE O-44-2022

Ordinance O-44-2022 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 mandatory three readings. At roll call, all members voted approval. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve Ordinance O-44-2022, AN (EMERGENCY) ORDINANCE ENACTING STRASBURG CODIFIED MUNICIPAL REGULATION 93.41. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately

ORDINANCE O-45-2022

Ordinance O-45-2022 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 mandatory three readings. At roll call, all members voted approval. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve Ordinance O-45-2022, AN (EMERGENCY) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH THE CHILLICOTHE TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR SPECIALIZED FIBER SERVICES. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Bonnie Jones addressed council regarding the flushing of hydrants in the village and if there are any broken hydrants in the village. Council reported that the hydrants have been flushed this year and Fire Chief Steve Laskey noted that there are three in the village that are broken at this time.

A brief discussion was held on Trick or Treat and council changed Trick or Treat to Sunday, October 30, 2022 from 6 to 7:30 pm because of a Booster Club fundraiser on Saturday, October 29, 2022.

Pastor Marcus Weaver and Pastor Matthew Wald thanked mayor and council for the turn lane on Wooster Avenue and noted that Pastor Jason Rissler would also like to say thank you for the turn lane and the pastors reported that they all have had many positive comments on the turn lane from residents and members of the churches. Wald noted that when he lived in Wooster there was student that was hit crossing a street and that they installed a crosswalk and safety lights and there have been no more incidents.

Martin Zehnder reported complaints from residents regarding residents that are not putting their trash cans back and leaving them on curb strips or along alleys. Police Chief Warrick noted that they should be removed from curb strips and alleys within 24 hours but would need to review the contract regarding a penalty. Zehnder asked Zoning Inspector Ted Foster about a 3rd Street NW property. Foster noted that it is within the thirty days of the notification regarding the property. Zehnder noted that a resident contacted him that is not in favor of the turn lane and Zehnder noted that he feels that we should give the bays back to the school for their busses, Liz Dreher agreed. Zehnder asked about ordinance regarding dogs not being leashed if off of their properties.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to adjourn at 7:45 pm. At roll call, all members voted approval.

MAYOR STEVE SMITH

FISCAL OFFICER JENNIFER MAHONEY

**STRASBURG VILLAGE CORPORATION
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2022**

FUND	CASH BALANCES ON 1-01-22	APPROPRIATION 2022	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	ENDING BALANCE	YEAR-TO-DATE RECEIPTS	YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENDITURES
GENERAL					52,520.91			625,620.85
POLICE					37,519.06			302,658.14
FIRE					34,663.48			203,782.78
SERVICE					19,965.85			165,436.01
GENERAL BAL.	416,043.63	1,614,234.75	241,551.14	339,317.44	144,669.30	436,199.28	1,317,653.43	1,297,497.78
POLICE LEVY	19,863.46	67,863.46	6,491.94	19,050.27	7,633.79	17,908.42	52,532.15	54,487.19
FIRE LEVY	194,808.63	342,650.39	189,484.19	35,031.36	24,353.07	200,162.48	143,691.79	138,337.94
STREET	62,947.98	282,947.98	43,616.45	17,800.38	25,735.97	35,680.86	143,004.25	170,271.37
HIGHWAY	11,955.19	28,955.19	7,533.70	1,319.21	321.06	8,531.85	10,649.98	14,073.32
PARK	206,095.19	207,410.19	139,093.87	31,063.58	12,754.01	157,403.44	121,764.93	170,456.68
LAW ENFORCEMENT	251.50	251.50	251.50	0.00	0.00	251.50	0.00	0.00
JEDD	632,368.18	1,157,368.18	1,239,364.40	66,954.04	0.00	1,306,318.44	674,626.76	676.50
FIRE DEBT SERVICE	14.31	14.31	14.31	0.00	0.00	14.31	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL IMPR.	825.38	160,825.38	114,466.91	8,278.06	122,237.23	507.74	121,919.59	122,237.23
WATER FUND	93,968.38	503,968.38	115,980.77	36,678.23	38,454.87	114,204.13	287,565.30	267,329.55
SEWER FUND	434,918.84	1,204,918.84	370,599.07	62,067.95	69,184.52	363,482.50	487,235.15	558,671.49
SSI	345,610.27	380,610.27	366,280.28	3,050.41	0.00	369,330.69	23,720.42	0.00
SEWER RESERVE	72,804.13	72,804.13	72,804.13	0.00	0.00	72,804.13	0.00	0.00
WSI	1,044,647.81	1,219,647.81	1,108,668.45	15,552.09	0.00	1,124,220.54	161,181.05	81,608.32
WATER PLANT	6,634.29	6,634.29	6,634.29	0.00	0.00	6,634.29	0.00	0.00
SEWER PLANT	143,191.83	143,191.83	143,191.83	0.00	0.00	143,191.83	0.00	0.00
INCOME TAX	62,166.61	1,082,166.61	1,969.79	138,921.35	55,972.58	84,918.56	857,800.37	835,048.42
PARK IMP TRUST	5,366.30	5,366.30	5,366.30	0.00	0.00	5,366.30	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	3,754,481.91	8,481,829.79	4,173,363.32	775,084.37	501,316.40	4,447,131.29	4,403,345.17	3,710,695.79

JANUARY 2022 CASH BALANCE \$ 3,754,481.91