

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday July 18, 2023, at 6:00 pm. Mayor Steve Smith presided over the meeting. Emily Crilley led the prayer.

Members answering roll call were Kathy Burrier, Liz Dreher, Don Wallick, Jeff Smith, Dustin Briggs, and Martin Zehnder. Others present were Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger, Village Administrator Ron Lambert, Fire Chief Steve Laskey, Police Officer Kayla Willer, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Mike Rosenberry, Emily Crilley, Kathleen Metzger, Randy Zehnder, Jerry Schultz, Curtis Hartline, Stacy Carmany, Cuyler Trachsel, and Patsy Schrupp.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve the minutes from the July 5, 2023, council meeting. At roll call, all members voted approval.

The June financial statement, the June Unified Bank Statement, the June SSB Worksheet, and the list of bills was presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve the June financial statement, the June Unified Bank Statement, the June SSB Worksheet, and the list of bills in the amount of \$ 370,495.16. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Mayor Steve Smith reported that Newton Asphalt will be paving Weber Avenue and other streets the week of August 7, 2023, reminded residents the rules of the compost site and noted that someone placed railroad ties in the compost site that are not permitted, reported that the police have answered many calls to the 714 Studio Apartments, and asked residents to please call the police if they see abuse at the compost site or anything suspicious in the village. Mayor Smith asked the council to come up with a list of future projects to submit to the office of Congressman Balderson by Friday, July 28, 2023, for the meeting on Thursday, August 31, 2023. Mayor Smith reported that the senior center satellite center is moving along and will open in September and reported that the village received notification that we will receive our second Safe Routes to School grant.

Cuyler Trachsel, Kathleen Metzger, and Curtis Hartline addressed the council regarding the discussion on installing sidewalks on their properties on Weber Avenue. Trachsel, Metzger, and Hartline noted that they are all opposed to the proposed sidewalk on their properties. A lengthy discussion was held on the proposed sidewalk and Mayor Smith and council assured them that they cannot be forced to install the sidewalk. Mayor Smith noted that the proposed sidewalk was addressed as a safety issue to get pedestrians off village streets. Jeff Smith noted that the village was surveyed for safety of walkers and safe routes to school and the design plan is to get more activity and more progress and entertain sidewalks in Sandalwood. Mayor Smith noted that the council will have a first reading on a proposed ordinance to implement a sidewalk replacement program in the village to replace deteriorating sidewalks in the village for safer walking. Village Administrator Ron Lambert gave an update on the Weber Avenue project and Metzger noted that Street Superintendent Matt Miller is a very valuable employee and does the job of three people every day. Hartline noted that Miller was very good to work with on the project. Mayor Smith and the council thanked them for their input.

Mayor Smith read Zoning Inspector Ted Foster's report which included a permit for a demolition at 123 E 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Lambert reported that Stout Alley will be shut down temporarily for the demo.

Fire Chief Steve Laskey read his report that included 23 calls, preplanning of our more difficult areas for water supply is taking place, hosted a search and rescue training on July 9, 2023 that Dover Fire and Mineral City Fire attended, department has been invited to speak at a Women's Group meeting in August, took part in a final testing of the fire alarm system at ProVia which is now online for the new addition, the departments Community Education/Engagement and EMS workgroups are looking at ideas to hold a monthly BLS provider (CPR) class as well as a monthly Blood Pressure screening, and as we get closer to the election of this year would like to invite anyone with questions about the fire department, the fire department budget, and what is currently happening and that the future plans are please reach out to him at 330-827-4026 to schedule a meeting.

Finance – Chairman Jeff Smith reported that OMEGA reached out about a grant opportunity for sidewalks with an application deadline of August 31, 2023. Smith provided the council with the information from OMEGA and noted that it would be a grant to be used for sidewalks on the east side of Tiger Drive with a commitment from the village for half of the cost. Smith noted that the safe routes to school and Tap grant approvals are good for the scorebook for this grant. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to commit \$120,000 for the Tiger Drive sidewalk project. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Safety – Chairwoman Kathy Burrier reported that the committee met and reviewed estimates for new tornado sirens for the village. Burrier noted that she will be applying to the Rosenberry Foundation, the Reeves Foundation, and looking for FEMA funds for assistance on the proposed sirens to be placed at the north, south, and west sides of the village. Dustin Briggs suggested asking the Franklin Township Trustees for assistance for the funding of the tornado sirens.

**RESOLUTION 2023-9**

Resolution 2023-9 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 Resolution 2023-9, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG, OHIO TO APPLY FOR THE OHIO MID-EASTERN GOVERNMENTS ASSOCIATION (OMEGA) REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RTPO) CAPITAL ALLOCATION PROGRAM. At roll call, all members voted approval and this resolution shall take effect immediately.

**ORDINANCE O-9-2023**

Ordinance O-9-2023, An Ordinance declaring Wooster Avenue South from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South to 9<sup>th</sup> Street South to be a business district and adjusting speed limit thereon, was given its second reading by title only.

**ORDINANCE O-10-2023**

Ordinance O-10-2023, An Ordinance authorizing rezone of Village Hall from B-3 to S-1, was given its second reading by title only.

**ORDINANCE O-12-2023**

Ordinance O-12-2023, An Ordinance enacting new sections 55.01 through 55.15 of Strasburg Municipal Regulations, Sidewalk Program, was given its first reading by title. Mayor Smith suggested a change of November 1, 2023, instead of October 1, 2023, to allow for more time in the year for installation of sidewalks. Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger will amend the ordinance for the second reading at the next meeting. A brief discussion was held on this program being retroactive for any resident that has started a sidewalk before the ordinance is approved. Seeberger noted that per the ordinance a resident must file an application.

Legal Counsel Seeberger reported that we are on track for a joint public hearing at 5:30 on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, with the trustees for the fifth amendment to the JEDD for the proposed Campbell Oil Bellstore four-million-dollar project at 250/21 which will employ 18 employees with an annual payroll of \$550,000.00.

Mayor Smith asked the Village Administrator to get cost estimates for trees to plant around Haswell Circle Pond to replace the ones that were removed because of disease.

Police Officer Kayla Willer reported that applications for crossing guards for the 2023-2024 school year are due Friday, July 21, 2023, and that two have been received so far.

Jeff Smith noted that at the safety meeting they reviewed information on rolling speed humps and discussed areas in the village to slow traffic including Dale Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Street SW, and 6<sup>th</sup> Street NW. Mayor Smith suggested to the Safety Committee that stop bars should be painted at the new three way stop at the 8<sup>th</sup> and Fernsell Avenue intersection.

Mayor Smith suggested a work session to get a topic list together to submit to Congressman Balderson's office. A work session is scheduled for Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 4:30 pm at village hall.

Liz Dreher commended Kathy Burrier on her past and present grant writing applications.

Mike Rosenberry questioned Fire Chief Laskey regarding train derailments and the siren at the station. Laskey noted that he has met with the new EMA director at the county and discussed their hazardous plan and is working on a plan for the village, and noted that the electronics on the siren are very old and must be manually set off at this time.

Patsy Schrupp asked if fire hydrants are flushed anymore, and Lambert noted that they will be flushed this year.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to adjourn at 7:11 pm. At roll call, all members voted approval.

**STRASBURG VILLAGE CORPORATION  
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2023**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>CASH BALANCES ON 1-01-23</b>	<b>APPROPRIATION 2023</b>	<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>YEAR-TO-DATE RECEIPTS</b>	<b>YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENDITURES</b>
GENERAL					157,700.76			357,989.89
POLICE					46,044.33			279,204.68
FIRE					35,132.29			242,077.15
SERVICE					22,671.30			135,214.60
GENERAL BAL.	422,175.59	2,251,828.96	551,019.89	134,922.49	261,548.68	424,393.70	1,016,704.43	1,014,486.32
POLICE LEVY	5,818.47	57,818.47	10,455.89	366.00	3,487.70	7,334.19	34,501.88	32,986.16
FIRE LEVY	373,459.57	546,459.57	354,090.13	11,901.17	29,484.13	336,507.17	186,911.97	223,864.37
STREET	18.30	220,018.30	2,398.11	17,380.17	19,731.13	47.15	106,109.38	106,080.53
HIGHWAY	12,158.37	29,158.37	2,740.80	1,281.90	224.68	3,798.02	7,900.55	16,260.90
PARK	135,208.62	264,208.62	174,267.32	14,529.45	9,776.36	179,020.41	81,389.11	37,577.32
LAW ENFORCEMENT	251.50	251.50	251.50	0.00	0.00	251.50	0.00	0.00
JEDD	1,625,989.17	2,625,989.17	1,998,020.69	178,902.99	0.00	2,176,923.68	551,084.51	150.00
FIRE DEBT SERVICE	14.31	14.31	14.31	0.00	0.00	14.31	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL IMPR.	33,992.04	213,992.04	100,433.88	21,194.18	16,156.55	105,471.51	114,787.46	43,307.99
WATER FUND	121,436.27	552,436.27	84,167.35	34,773.39	41,318.61	77,622.13	211,915.57	255,729.71
SEWER FUND	292,231.93	1,012,231.93	316,241.38	57,504.75	43,232.88	330,513.25	351,529.03	313,247.71
SSI	381,235.83	417,235.83	395,877.28	2,937.75	0.00	398,815.03	17,579.20	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	1,153,365.90	1,398,365.90	1,227,586.06	14,872.87	30,986.81	1,211,472.12	89,093.03	30,986.81
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	3,054.58	1,303,054.58	2,957.60	141,294.50	144,118.83	133.27	736,593.98	739,515.29
PARK IMP TRUST	5,366.30	5,366.30	5,366.30	0.00	0.00	5,366.30	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,788,407.00</b>	<b>11,121,060.37</b>	<b>5,448,518.74</b>	<b>631,861.61</b>	<b>600,066.36</b>	<b>5,480,313.99</b>	<b>3,506,100.10</b>	<b>2,814,193.11</b>

JANUARY 2023 CASH BALANCE \$ 4,788,407.00