

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 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 Police Chief David Warrick, Legal Counsel Richard Fox, Zoning Inspector Ted Foster, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Attorney Terry Seeberger, Jerry Schultz, and Janet Rosenberry.

A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2021 council meeting. At roll call, the vote was as follows: Zehnder, yes; Wallick, yes; Smith, yes; Dreher, abstain; Burrier, yes; and Briggs, yes.

The November financial statement, November Unified Bank Statement, November SSB Worksheet, and the list of bills was presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve the November financial statement, November Unified Bank Statement, November SSB Worksheet, and the list of bills in the amount of \$ 466,332.42. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Police Chief David Warrick reported that part time officer Austen Hummel will get his physical and drug screen next week to begin employment.

Finance – Chairman Jeff Smith reported that Fiscal Officer Jennifer Mahoney provided information for the 2022 Temporary Appropriations for council to review. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to approve the 2022 Temporary Appropriations to be filed with the Tuscarawas County Auditor's office. At roll call, all members voted approval and Fiscal Officer Mahoney will file the temporary appropriations with the Tuscarawas County Auditor. Smith reported that the finance committee recommends to council to amend Ordinance O-09-2021 the 2022 pay ordinance with a \$.50 increase for all employees and propose a stipend of \$ 50.00 per meeting for Planning Commission members. Council reviewed a spreadsheet reflecting the proposed increases and a motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to authorize Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger to prepare an amended pay ordinance reflecting the new rates of pay for 2022. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Jeff Smith reported that there have been discussions with the Fire Department regarding the need for partitions and window coverings for the social hall. Smith noted that we are awaiting cost estimates for the proposed renovations.

Safety – Chairwoman Kathy Burrier read resignation letters from Fire Department members Josh Vargo (effective 12/17/21); and Jacob Fondriest just from the volunteer/social side of the department. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to accept the resignations. At roll call, all members voted approval.

ORDINANCE O-29-2021

Ordinance O-29-2021 was given its third reading by title only. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Don Wallick, to approve Ordinance O-29-2021, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 50.03 OF THE STRASBURG VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY FEE FOR GARBAGE, REFUSE, AND CURBSIDE RECYCLING SERVICES PROVIDED TO RESIDENTIAL UNITS AND DWELLINGS, COMMERCIAL AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS AND INSTITUTIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG, OHIO, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022. At roll call the vote was as follows: Zehnder, no; Wallick, yes; Smith, yes; Dreher, yes; Burrier, yes; and Briggs; yes. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-37-2021

Ordinance O-37-2021 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-37-2021, AN ORDINANCE HIRING ANDREW BRAHAM AS A PART-TIME MEMBER OF THE STRASBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 21, 2021, ESTABLISHING A RATE OF PAY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-38-2021

Ordinance O-38-2021 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-38-2021, AN ORDINANCE HIRING CHRISTOPHER PEKAREK AS A PART-TIME MEMBER OF THE STRASBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 21, 2021, ESTABLISHING A RATE OF PAY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-39-2021

Ordinance O-39-2021, An Ordinance creating the position of full time Village of Strasburg Fire Chief, approving job description, and setting compensation, was given its first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to advertise for the full time Fire Chief. Attorney Terry Seeberger will email ad information to Fiscal Officer Mahoney for the ad.

Dustin Briggs asked Legal Counsel Fox on the status of the delinquent payment for income tax from the Franklin Township Trustees. Fox reported that there has been no response to his letter dated December 6, 2021 and noted that the file will be given to Attorney Terry Seeberger for follow up on the issue.

Mayor Steve Smith and council members wished everyone a Merry Christmas Happy New Year and expressed appreciation to Legal Counsel Richard Fox for his over 40 years of work and dedication for the village, the Tiger Foundation, the school for running the clock, the Corn Fest for announcing the corn eating contest.

Legal Counsel Richard Fox thanked Mayor Smith, council members, and Press Representative Barb Limbacher for their commitment to the residents of the village and thanked everyone for the privilege to serve the residents of the village as Legal Counsel. Fox noted that Strasburg will always be his home and that he has enjoyed every moment. Fox wished good luck to Attorney Terry Seeberger and said God bless to everyone.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Don Wallick, to adjourn at 6:36 pm. At roll call, all members voted approval.

MAYOR STEVE SMITH

FISCAL OFFICER JENNIFER MAHONEY