

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Steve Smith presided over the meeting. Pastor Jason Rissler 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, Village Administrator Ron Lambert, Police Sergeant Brandon Warman, Fire Chief Steve Laskey, Zoning Inspector Ted Foster, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Michael Rosenberry, Jerry Schultz, Pastor Matthew Wald, and Pastor Jason Rissler.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Don Wallick, to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2022 council meeting. At roll call, all members voted approval.

A brief discussion was held on the new police levy that will be on the ballot in November. Jeff Smith explained that the new levy could be used for payroll unlike the current police levy. Jeff Smith explained that currently the police payroll comes out of the General Fund. Legal Counsel explained that if the new police levy passes that council would ask the Tuscarawas County Auditor to cancel the current policy levy. Mayor Smith explained that council approved six full time police officers for the department and that currently we have five full time police officers on the department and three part time police officers. Smith noted that the new levy would cost a property owner with a home value of \$ 100,000.00, \$ 130 per year but remember that the old levy would be cancelled. Barb Limbacher noted that property owners tax bills show the amounts for levies and that she feels that this new levy is very important for the safety of our village.

Pastor Jason Rissler thanked Barb Limbacher and the library for the very informational walk-through history of the Village of Strasburg event. Rissler noted that it would be wonderful to have some of that history written down. Limbacher noted that it was very enjoyable evening.

Joanne Fox addressed council regarding the speed limit on some village streets and asked if police officers have to have lights on when watching traffic for speed. Police Sergeant Brandon Warman noted that side streets are 25 mph and that there is no law that police officers have lights on their vehicles when parked and monitoring streets for speed. Mayor Smith noted that speeding is one of the number one complaints of residents in their neighborhoods and that is why you will see officers monitoring speed on streets.

Mayor Steve Smith noted that he talked to the school superintendent regarding the proposed crosswalk on Wooster Avenue at 4th Street SW and that the school will convey to students that they are to cross at the traffic light on Wooster Avenue at 1st Street when going to the park for activities. Mayor Smith noted that the no parking signs on Wooster will be installed soon by the street department employees and that six parking spaces and turn arrows will be completed by the contractor on the ODOT project. Martin Zehnder suggested sending a letter to ODOT regarding the need for a turn lane at the intersection of Fort Laurens Road and Wooster Avenue.

Village Administrator Ron Lambert noted that in regards to the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger will prepare a statement of qualifications. Seeberger noted that to advertise and solicit for bids, there is a need of a motion from council. Seeberger noted that he can prepare the request of qualifications and that under Ohio law we need to announce the project and seek a statement of qualifications and then negotiate a design. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to authorize Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger to prepare a statement of qualifications. At roll call, all members voted approval. Seeberger noted that the statement of qualifications will be advertised in the newspaper, the national society of engineers, and the builder's exchange.

Zoning Inspector Ted Foster reported one permit to Cornerstone Design, one certificate of occupancy to the fire department, and included in the report notices that have been sent to property owners. Foster reported that four of the property owners are making progress and that one property owner has not communicated that the safety concern is a rotten retaining wall and that he will be getting a cost estimate on replacing the wall and report at the next council meeting.

Police Sergeant Brandon Warman reported 199 calls for the month of September, including 23 citations and 12 incident reports.

Fire Chief Steve Laskey supplied council with a report that included moving into the new dayroom and dorm area, and the shower being installed. Laskey reported 28 calls from 9/20 – 10/2. Laskey reported that the promotion process is complete and tentatively preparing in for swearing in the officers on Friday, November 11, 2022 in the evening. Laskey noted that Chief 12 vehicle was purchased with funds from a generous donation and is still in need of emergency lighting and siren, all new hires are either on shift or in various stages of their orientation. Laskey reminded everyone that the State of Ohio Burn Ban is in place from 10/1/22 through 11/31/22 in effect from 6am to 6pm every day. Laskey reminded everyone of the upcoming open house on October 15, 2022, looking for indoor storage for Engine 1203 and that the new AEDS have arrived. Laskey noted that we will have training of the new AEDS and then they will be placed in village buildings.

Finance – Chairman Jeff Smith scheduled a finance meeting for Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 4 pm., reported the need to amend appropriations because of miscellaneous revenues received this year, reported the Sewer plant expansion will be in the 2023 budget, and looking at applying for the TAP grant again. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve the installation of electric on the green space. At roll call members voted approval. Lambert will get estimates for a concrete pad for the green space.

Street and Alley – Chairwoman Liz Dreher scheduled a street and alley meeting for Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 5:15 pm. A brief discussion was held on the Maple Avenue project and Lambert noted that he met with Engineer Don Dummermuth and Street Superintendent Matt Miller and at this point of time the recommendation is to put some crack sealer in. Lambert suggested meeting there with the general contractor and invited council members. Lambert noted that there is still retainage money for the project. Seeberger suggested a dated written notice to the contractor.

Park – Chairman Dustin Briggs suggested the park and safety committee have a work session to decide placement of the AED's.

ORDINANCE O-39-2022

Ordinance O-39-2022 was given its third reading by title only A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Don Wallick, to approve Ordinance O-39-2022, AN ORDINANCE OF ASSESSMENT FOR NEW CONCRETE CURBS, GUTTERS, AND NEW PAVEMENT. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-41-2022

Ordinance O-41-2022 was given its second reading by title only. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Liz Dreher, to suspend the mandatory three readings. At roll call the vote was as follows: Zehnder, yes; Wallick, yes; Smith, yes; Dreher, yes; Burrier, yes; and Briggs, no. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Don Wallick, to approve Ordinance O-41-2022, AN (EMERGENCY) ORDINANCE AMENDING STRASBURG MUNICIPAL REGULATION 97.05 (ORD. O-03-2013). At roll call the vote was as follows: Zehnder, yes; Wallick, yes; Smith, yes; Dreher, yes; Burrier, yes; and Briggs, no. The ordinance passed and shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-42-2022

Ordinance O-42-2022 was given its second 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 Liz Dreher, to approve Ordinance O-42-2022, AN (EMERGENCY) ORDINANCE RATIFYING STRASBURG MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS 50.01 – 139.20. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately

RESOLUTION R-2022-13

Resolution R-2022-13 A RESOLUTION APPROVING STARK-TUSCARAWAS-WAYNE JOINT SOLID WASTE DISTRICT 2023 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN was given its first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Martin Zehnder, seconded by Jeff Smith, to adjourn at 7:26 pm. At roll call, all members voted approval.