

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Steve Smith presided over the meeting.

Members answering roll call were Kathy Burrier, Jeff Smith, Liz Dreher, Don Wallick, Dustin Briggs, and Martin Zehnder. Other's present were Village Administrator Ron Lambert, Zoning Inspector Ted Foster, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Jerry Schultz, JoAnn Fox, and Brian Herzog.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2021 council meeting. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Mayor Steve Smith addressed council regarding improvements needed at the old village hall for the Police Department, noting the need for new carpeting, changing of locks, and painting. Jeff Smith suggested council meet with the Police Department at the site to review the needs for their department for the space. Mayor Smith noted that the safe was unable to be moved to the new village hall and that we will need to purchase a safe for the fiscal officer's new office. Mayor Smith noted that the Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 5:30 on an appeal filed for property at 805 Margo Drive. Mayor Smith also noted that Franklin Township Trustees and Village Council will hold a public hearing on a petition from Seth Miller to join the JEDD on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 5 pm at the Wallick Building.

Village Administrator Ron Lambert recommended to council to hire Kres Kiser as a laborer for Water/Sewer Department with a start date of July 21, 2021. Lambert noted that we had thirty-five applicants for the position. Legal Counsel Fox will prepare an ordinance for the July 20, 2021 council meeting.

Mayor Smith presented to council an estimate in the amount of \$ 5,076.00 for a counter for the printer and fax machine and table for the entrance for supplies. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve the purchase of the counter and table in the amount of \$ 5,076.00. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Finance – Chairman Jeff Smith noted that the finance committee will meet on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 4 pm to discuss Cares Act money, the green space, infrastructure, and renovations for the police department.

Safety – Chairwoman Kathy Burrier reported that the fire department received a resignation from Rakayla Bailey as of May 26, 2021. A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to accept the resignation of Rakayla Bailey. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Park – Chairman Dustin Briggs reported that the village of Barnhill is interested in our old playground equipment that will be removed at the park. Briggs noted that someone donated three acres to Barnhill. Briggs noted that they are coming on July 7th to look at the playground equipment. Lambert noted that we would need a release of liability on the equipment and council discussed donating the equipment to Barnhill. Burrier noted that the application has been submitted to the Rosenberry Foundation for the new playground equipment.

Zoning Inspector Ted Foster gave a report on permits from June 16, 2021 through July 6, 2021 including two fence permits. Foster supplied council with a draft letter to send to residents regarding the need for permits. Foster noted that he will be meeting with the new owner of 777 South Wooster Avenue to give him a business permit for an auto repair business.

ORDINANCE O-19-2021

Ordinance O-19-2021 was given its first reading by title only. A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Jeff Smith, to suspend the rules of the mandatory three readings. At roll call, all members voted approval. A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve Ordinance O-19-2021, AN ORDINANCE AWARDED RED MALCUIT, INC. THE CONTRACT FOR THE MAPLE AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Brian Herzog from the Tuscarawas County Public Library addressed council regarding a grant that the library has received to provide WIFI hotspots through T Mobile. Herzog asked council about placing a hotspot at the new village hall parking lot. Council agreed to the request.

Jerry Schultz reported that the next American Legion Chicken BBQ will be held on Sunday, July 11, 2021.

A motion was made by Marty Zehnder, seconded by Jeff Smith, to enter into an executive session at 6:35 pm to discuss police and fire personnel. At roll call, all members voted approval. Council reconvened into regular session at 6:50 pm.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve back wages to Fire Chief Andy Slemmer for an EMT run on June 21, 2021. At roll call, all members voted approval.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to adjourn at 6:55 pm. At roll call all members voted approval.

MAYOR STEVE SMITH

FISCAL OFFICER JENNIFER MAHONEY