

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Wednesday July 5, 2023, at 6:00 pm. Mayor Steve Smith presided over the meeting. Reverend Matthew Wald 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, Police Chief Dave Warrick, Fire Chief Steve Laskey, Zoning Inspector Ted Foster, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Jerry Schultz, Mike Rosenberry, Reverend Matthew Wald, Patsy Schrupp, Kim Hines, and Stacy Carmany from WJER.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2023, council meeting. At roll call, the vote was as follows: Zehnder, yes; Wallick, yes; Smith, yes; Dreher, yes; Burrier, yes; and Briggs, abstained from the vote.

Mayor Steve Smith reported that Newton Asphalt will be paving Weber Avenue the week of August 7th. Levco will be painting the parking spaces downtown and painting a center line on 6th Street NW from Wooster Avenue to the corporation limit, and suggested painting the center line on 3rd Street SW from Bodmer Avenue to corporation limit, 12th Street NW from Wooster Avenue to corporation limit, and 9th Street SW from Bodmer Avenue to corporation limit. Mayor Smith commended Nick Haswell on the flowers in the planters downtown. Mayor Smith reported that the income tax revenue is being spent on street paving and street improvement projects including Oak Avenue NW, Maple Avenue NW, Fernsell Avenue SW, and Weber Avenue SW, and that we will continue to use those funds for improvements in the future. Mayor Smith reported that attending the mayor's conference was very beneficial. Mayor Smith reported that on Thursday, Aug 31, 2023, Congressman Balderson will be at Village Hall to introduce himself and meet with village officials to discuss future projects the village will be working on. Mayor Smith noted that on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 5:30 pm the village council and the Franklin Township Trustees will hold a joint public hearing on adding territory to the JEDD.

Zoning Inspector Ted Foster read his report that included permits for a storage barn, and a new sidewalk. Foster reported that Harmon has cleaned up trash on the property but there are still issues to be resolved at the property.

Fire Chief Steve Laskey read his report that included 37 calls from 6/16 – 7/4, department received a grant for \$ 774.00 for EMS training and equipment, received a grant for \$ 85,000 for an exhaust system for the apparatus bays, awaiting word on a Regional Hose Grant, awaiting word on grants for a new brush truck and for gear, tools, and equipment, and that in the coming week two businesses will be contacted by the Fire Prevention Bureau to start scheduling the “pre” inspections.

Police Chief Dave Warrick reported 290 calls for the department in June, picking of the new police cruiser on Friday, July 7, 2023, and will then be measured the following week for decals, looking to donate the six pews that are in the basement of the police department, will be removing the equipment from the 2013 police cruiser to then sell. Warrick noted that the property at 714 S Wooster Avenue has become a problem with overdoses and a subject being arrested four times in six weeks, a letter is being sent to the property owner.

Finance – Chairman Jeff Smith reported that the curfew siren at the fire station will need to be updated because of the electrical upgrade at the fire station for the new generator, gave an update on the proposal of sidewalks on the Weber Avenue project, and reported on a sidewalk grant through OMEGA for 6th Street NW and Tiger Drive, noting the deadline for the application is August 31, 2023.

Safety – Chairwoman Kathy Burrier noted that the committee will be meeting on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 5:30 pm in council chambers.

Legal Counsel Attorney Terry Seeberger noted that he will prepare a Resolution for the next meeting for the donation of the pews, will prepare a Resolution to apply for the OMEGA grant, and noted that the territory to added to the JEDD is for a proposed Bellstore gas station, convenience store and car wash.

ORDINANCE O-7-2023

Ordinance O-7-2023 was given its first reading by title only. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, 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 Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve Ordinance O-7-2023, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING REZONE OF WOOSTER AVENUE FROM 3RD STREET TO 7TH STREET FROM R-3 TO B-3. 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-9-2023

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

ORDINANCE O-11-2023

Ordinance O-11-2023 was given its first reading by title only. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, 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 Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve Ordinance O-11-2023, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH FITZPATRICK, ZIMMERMAN, & ROSE TO PROVIDE POLICE PROSECUTION FOR VILLAGE OF STRASBURG. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Jeff Smith reported that the cost of portable rolling speed humps is \$ 1,000 to \$ 2,000 and suggested a test trip for Dale Avenue.

Kim Hines addressed the council regarding speeding on 9th Street SW and Fernsell Avenue and suggested stop signs at 8th Street and Fernsell making a three week stop by the church.

Jerry Shultz suggested striping 3rd Street SW from Bodmer to the corporation limit and suggested making 3rd Street SW from Wooster Avenue to Bodmer Avenue a one-way street.

Mike Rosenberry noted that he is out getting signatures on his petition to run for council and that residents have suggested signs for the community yard sales. Mayor noted that signs will be installed at the corporation limit signs as we done in the past. Rosenberry suggested putting council meetings on Facebook live.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to adjourn at 7:00 pm. At roll call, all members voted approval.

MAYOR STEVE SMITH

FISCAL OFFICER JENNIFER MAHONEY