

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 18, 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, Martin Zehnder, and Dustin Briggs. Other's present were Village Administrator Ron Lambert, Fire Chief Andy Slemmer, Legal Counsel Attorney Richard Fox, Zoning Inspector Ted Foster, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Jerry Schultz, Jill Walker, Francine Sezonov, Kip Benline, Abby Reyes, and Derrek Wells.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Liz Dreher, to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2021 council meeting. At roll call, all members voted approval.

The April financial statement, April Unified Bank Statement, April 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 April financial statement, April Unified Bank Statement, April SSB Worksheet, and the list of bills in the amount of \$ 206,496.99. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Mayor Steve Smith reminded everyone that May is motorcycle awareness month, provided council with an Ohio Covid19 Guideline handout, reported that Corn Fest 5K and Softball Tournament will be held this year and asked council for input on the rest of the festival. Council held a brief discussion and noted that it would be hard to schedule the festival at this time but Kathy Burrier will contact some food trucks to see if they are available for that weekend. Burrier noted that the 5K is Friday, July 30, 2021 and that they have scheduled Cross Café for the event. Mayor Smith reported that Jerry Schultz will fill the vacant position on the Planning Commission and that council will need to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mayor Smith reported that the counter has been installed at the new village hall and that the furniture will arrive around Memorial Day, noting that the second council meeting in June will be held at the new building. Council discussed an open house sometime in the near future. Mayor Smith reported that Nick Haswell will be working on the planters downtown with the metal flowers and will also plant flowers in the planters, the metal flowers have been redone at a cost of \$ 50.00 per flower. Mayor Smith noted that Haswell will also plant flowers at the park entrance sign. Mayor Smith and council thanked Haswell for all of his volunteered work.

Fire Chief Andy Slemmer thanked everyone for voting yes on the new levy and reported to council on the ISO rating for the fire department. Slemmer noted that they will be back in 2023 and reported items that will help to lower our rating. Slemmer requested to meet with the finance committee in the near future. Slemmer read a resignation letter from Tim Gilmore effective May 14, 2021. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to accept the resignation from Tim Gilmore effective May 14, 2021. At roll call, all members voted approval. Slemmer reminded council that they will need to discuss the request from the fire department to turn the social hall into living quarters for the full-time staff for the fire department. A brief discussion was held on the request and the need for a committee with council members and fire department members. A committee was formed with Marty Zehnder, Liz Dreher, and Kathy Burrier, and will meet on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 6 pm at the fire station with members of the fire department and will have a recommendation to council in six weeks on the request. Fire Chief Andy Slemmer made a recommendation to council to move Ross Gardner, Karla Gardner, Mylissa Stout, Brittany Joki, and Andy Slemmer to part time staffing. A motion was made by Liz Dreher, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to accept the recommendation from Slemmer and authorize Legal Counsel Fox to draw up an ordinance hiring Ross Gardner (FF, EMT), Karla Gardner (FF, EMT), Mylissa Stout (FF, EMT), Brittany Joki (FF, EMT-P), and Andy Slemmer (EMT). At roll call, all members voted approval.

Zoning Inspector Ted Foster provided council with a report of permits for the period of May 5, 2021 through May 18, 2021. Foster noted that there are two upcoming appeals on the report.

Village Administrator Ron Lambert reported that the Stenwood Development engineering firm has provided cost estimates for Engineer Don Dummermuth to review in order to proceed with the preparation of the performance bond. Lambert reported that the signage has been put up for the Wooster Avenue waterline replacement project and that Dirt Dawg Excavating will begin next week on the project. Lambert noted that at the preconstruction meeting traffic control was discussed and that the two traffic lights will be changed to blinking yellow north and south to keep traffic flowing and blinking red on the east and west to stop the traffic on the side streets entering Wooster Avenue. Lambert noted that the contractor will have a traffic light at the work site for the one lane traffic during construction. Mayor Smith reported that he has discussed the concern of traffic using the alleys with the Police Department.

Village Administrator Lambert addressed council on the possible business owned by Seth Miller and the need to set a rate for the possible discharge that will be processed at our sewer plant. Lambert recommended to council to set the base rate for the discharge at one cent per gallon/ \$10.00 per thousand gallons. A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Jeff Smith to authorize Legal Counsel Fox to draw up an ordinance contingent on

annexation or acceptance into the JEDD for the discharge at a rate of one cent per gallon/\$10.00 per thousand gallons. At roll call, the vote was as follows: Zehnder, no; Wallick yes; Smith, yes; Dreher, no; Burrier, yes; and Briggs, yes.

Finance – Chairman Jeff Smith reported that finance will meet on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 4 pm to review the refuse bids, discuss compost contractors, and asked Fire Chief Andy Slemmer to come to the meeting at 5 pm.

Park – Chairman Dustin Briggs reported that Vasco has started on the tennis courts and that he is still waiting on quotes for playground equipment. Briggs noted that he has been asked about having portable AED's in the park at the north and south end. Briggs noted that the school brings one to the high school games. Briggs suggested to council that the Park Fund purchase a shed to be used by the youth baseball program for a concession stand instead of using part of shelter #6. A brief discussion was held on electric and plumbing for the proposed concession stand and the placement of the shed in the park. Briggs noted that he and Liz Dreher had met with Kip Benline and Derreck Wells to discuss a soccer program for youth at the park. Briggs noted that they are asking for permission to set up goals and paint lines at the north east corner of the park behind the ballfields by the walking path. Kip Benline and Derreck Wells addressed council regarding the importance of a soccer program in Strasburg and noted that they are currently looking for sponsors for the program and that the program is for ages 5 to 15 coed and will just be instructional practices to learn the game of soccer at this time. A motion was made by Dustin Briggs, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve the location for the soccer field, the marking of the field, and the installation of the goals. At roll call, all members voted approval. Marty Zehnder noted that at some time in the future we will need to look at space to expand the park because of the need to expand the sewer plant.

Legal Counsel Fox handed out a legislative bulletin to council from Ohio Municipal Attorney Association, noting that they are proposals that have been made and not law. Fox noted that the public hearing on the proposal from R & S Truck Caps to join the JEDD will be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 5:45.

Jerry Schultz noted that the Memorial Day parade will begin at the school at 10 am and proceed to the cemetery for the Memorial Day program. Schultz addressed Lambert on the proposed sludge business and how it will affect the village and the village residents. Lambert noted that we have known for a while that the sewer plant will need to be expanded in the near future and that this proposed business could generate the revenue that we would need for the 25% that would be required by the village to pay, noting that the JEDD will fund the other 75%. Lambert noted that we now have an area north of the corporation to attract development and that we will have to expand regardless of this proposed business. Lambert explained that the we have been accepting sludge at our plant because of a lower interest rate that the village received when building our plant to install the sludge press in our operation. Lambert noted that some our elected officials from the township and the village have stood right by the sludge press and that they are surprised that there is no issue and no smell. Schultz addressed Lambert on the waterline project on North Wooster Avenue. Lambert explained that the waterline being replaced is one of the oldest in the village. Lambert noted that there is a possibility of water outages during the project and the residents will be notified unless the contract hits a line and the water must be shut off immediately. Lambert explained that it will be three-month project.

Jill Walker addressed council about speeding on Wooster Avenue in the 35 mph section before the 25 mph section and asked if signage could be installed to make traffic more aware of the speed limits. Walker noted that the trucks speed and use jake breaks during the night and noted that she never sees a truck pulled over on Wooster Avenue. Mayor Smith noted that he will discuss these concerns with the Police Department. Walker suggested moving the electronic signs to that area. Francine Sezonov expressed her concern also on the speeding on Wooster Avenue. Sezonov addressed council on our contract with Kimble regarding extra trash. Legal Counsel Fox noted that our contract allows extra trash twice a year noting that Kimble does not want to be responsible for billing residents for extra refuse at other times throughout the year. A brief discussion was held on trash behind homes in the alley causing a hazard. Zehnder agreed that there is a bad trash situation in that alley. Fox noted that complaints are to be called into the police department.

A motion was made by Marty Zehnder, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to adjourn at 7:40 pm. At roll call all members voted approval.

**STRASBURG VILLAGE CORPORATION
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2021**

FUND	CASH BALANCES ON 1-01-21	APPROPRIATION 2021	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	ENDING BALANCE	YEAR-TO-DATE RECEIPTS	YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENDITURES
GENERAL					39,281.59			177,329.06
POLICE					45,265.85			156,970.78
FIRE					17,005.42			56,001.66
SERVICE					17,743.21			67,585.53
GENERAL BAL.	730,977.30	1,897,675.50	720,814.41	91,001.14	119,296.07	692,519.48	419,429.21	457,887.03
POLICE LEVY	20,891.10	73,891.10	24,595.04	2,725.72	1,960.14	25,360.62	28,871.34	24,401.82
FIRE LEVY	176,357.28	323,357.28	203,096.57	23,198.15	16,242.33	210,052.39	91,966.92	58,271.81
STREET	63,537.62	263,537.62	78,167.41	20,232.80	21,598.20	76,802.01	71,316.76	58,052.37
HIGHWAY	8,354.95	23,354.95	1,739.96	1,495.24	274.08	2,961.12	5,320.60	10,714.43
PARK	130,525.10	242,525.10	158,919.11	7,856.71	6,642.95	160,132.87	37,987.60	8,379.83
LAW ENFORCEMENT	251.50	251.50	251.50	0.00	0.00	251.50	0.00	0.00
JEDD	79,564.43	129,564.43	128,666.08	117,131.91	0.00	245,797.99	237,403.99	71,170.43
FIRE DEBT SERVICE	14.31	14.31	14.31	0.00	0.00	14.31	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL IMPR.	40,680.52	198,180.52	67,473.66	11,315.23	0.00	78,788.89	38,108.37	0.00
WATER FUND	131,310.40	541,310.40	69,381.33	33,927.18	39,357.36	63,951.15	141,290.76	208,650.01
SEWER FUND	556,566.13	1,326,566.13	578,453.35	57,154.01	64,463.80	571,143.56	238,820.25	224,242.82
SSI	391,905.03	426,905.03	400,898.77	2,861.92	81,848.80	321,911.89	11,855.66	81,848.80
SEWER RESERVE	72,804.13	72,804.13	72,804.13	0.00	0.00	72,804.13	0.00	0.00
WSI	916,634.08	1,091,634.08	961,224.18	14,379.50	0.00	975,603.68	58,969.60	0.00
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	3,676.75	1,023,676.75	19,416.26	129,735.36	77,633.48	71,518.14	376,278.65	308,437.26
PARK IMP TRUST	5,366.30	5,366.30	5,366.30	0.00	0.00	5,366.30	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	3,479,243.05	7,790,441.25	3,641,108.49	513,014.87	429,317.21	3,724,806.15	1,757,619.71	1,512,056.61

JANUARY 2021 CASH BALANCE \$ 3,479,243.05