

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 21, 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, Legal Counsel Richard Fox, Zoning Inspector Ted Foster, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Mary Sullivan, Vickie Sullivan, David Kees, Chuck & Judy McNutt, Aaron Bell, Joann Fox, Adam Hall, Chase Willis, Jesse Stalling, Marcus Weaver, Harry Yoder, and Doug Dreher.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Don Wallick, to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2021 council meeting. At roll call, Dustin Briggs abstained from the vote and all other members voted approval.

The August financial statement, August Unified Bank Statement, August SSB Worksheet, and the list of bills was presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve the August financial statement, August Unified Bank Statement, August SSB Worksheet, and the list of bills in the amount of \$ 292,816.03. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Mayor Steve Smith reported that Van Wallbrown has resigned from the Police Department effective September 18, 2021. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to accept the resignation of Van Wallbrown from the Police Department. At roll call, all members voted approval. Mayor Smith reported that all of the streets have been completed by Newton Asphalt through the county paving program. Mayor Smith thanked Kathy Burrier for submitting the grant application for the tornado siren. Mayor Smith noted that fireman Matt McPherson has asked how many council members will be attending the fire training in Wooster. Martin Zehnder noted that he will not be attending and Liz Dreher noted that she will be on vacation, all other council members and Mayor Smith will be attending the training. Mayor Smith noted that once the police department is relocated at the old village hall the library will be offered their old space, Mayor Smith asked Legal Counsel Fox to draw up a new agreement with the library regarding use of space. Jeff Smith noted that the library had talked about going after grant funds to remodel the old police department office and maybe add on. Mayor Smith reported that the Tuscarawas County Health Department will be spraying for mosquitos in the village on September 29, 2021. Council set trick or treat in the village on Sunday, October 31, 2021 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

Zoning Inspector Ted Foster read the zoning report which included a business permit for Auto Works Collision and a permit for a new storage shed. Foster reported no pending appeals at this time.

Safety – Chairwoman Kathy Burrier reported that the old carpet has been removed at the old village hall, the paint will be completed tomorrow, the ceiling tiles in the basement will removed starting next week, and the new carpet will be laid beginning next week.

Park – Chairman Dustin Briggs reported that he has heard from the distributor for the new playground equipment and noted that there was a price hike and that the equipment cost is now \$ 125,685.00. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to authorize Briggs to place the order for the new playground equipment. At roll call the vote was as follows: Zehnder, no; Wallick, yes; Smith, yes; Dreher, yes; Burrier, yes; and Briggs, yes. Briggs will contact the distributor to order the playground equipment.

#### **ORDINANCE O-24-2021**

Ordinance O-24-2021 was given its first reading by title only. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to suspend the mandatory three readings. At roll call, all members voted approval. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve Ordinance O-24-2021, AN ORDINANCE ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH KENNEDY INSURANCE AGENCY FOR GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG, EFFECTIVE, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 30,208.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, all members voted approval.

#### **ORDINANCE O-25-2021**

Ordinance O-25-2021 was given its first reading by title only. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to suspend the mandatory three readings. At roll call, all members voted approval. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve Ordinance O-25-2021, AN ORDINANCE ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH VFIS FOR AUTOMOBILE AND PROPERTY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG, EFFECTIVE, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021, ESTABLISHING A COST THEREOF, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Vickie Sullivan asked council why they are going to visit a facility in Indiana and not the facility suggested at the last council meeting that is located in Canton or a facility in Shreve, Ohio. Jeff Smith noted that the facility that is in Indiana is exactly like the proposed Seth Miller facility. Smith noted that he has spoken to Tom at Advance Sludge in Canton and that he plans on visiting that site but noted that there are extreme differences in that facility than the proposed facility.

David Kees addressed council about the location of the facility in Indiana. Smith noted that they will be going on Saturday, September 25, 2021 and that the owner will have product there for a demonstration of the facility. Kees suggested that the owner could pick the product and it may not put off the maximum smell. Kees noted that the smell depends on what product they are processing that day. Kees noted that we don't want this proposed business because of the possibility of the smell. Smith noted that himself, Mayor Smith, Dustin Briggs, and Kathy Burrier will be visiting the facility and noted that anyone is welcome to come along. Kees noted that anyone on council that is planning on voting yes should go on the trip. Mayor Smith noted that council was asked at the last meeting to go visit a site and council is going this Saturday. Smith noted that he reached out to an owner of a facility in West Virginia also and may take a visit there. Kees asked that if the proposed facility is voted down by the village and the township, is the village obligated to give this business owner access to the wastewater plant. Liz Dreher asked if this could be placed on the ballot. Legal Counsel Fox noted that this is an application to join the JEDD and if accepted then he would have access to the water and sewer lines. Fox noted that the petition to join has to be approved by both entities. Kees noted that he wonders why he wanted Strasburg and not Sugarcreek. Kees noted that there are some facilities that do not take Miller's product anymore. Kees noted that he emailed Sugarcreek council members about Miller, but received no response to his emails. Kees noted that he wished Seth Miller was more transparent as a business man. Jeff Smith provided Kees a copy of an email from Seth Miller addressing information that was placed on a postcard mailing to village and township residents. Kees thanked Smith for the information.

Chase Willis addressed council regarding the benefit of a business joining the JEDD. Smith noted that the benefit to the property owner is the utilities and the benefit to the village and township is income tax revenue and real estate tax revenue and the school benefits with real estate tax revenue. Mayor Smith noted that the Tuscarawas County Economic Development is willing to advertise on their websites the property in our JEDD. Jeff Smith noted that our JEDD is creating a website also. Lambert noted that typically small businesses look at property but larger businesses look at site selectors and go to the local economic development and talk to them about acreage needed and what they need to be close to including interstates, utilities, and broadband.

Martin Zehnder noted that Seth Miller went to the Sugarcreek council meeting to discuss with them his proposed business. Press Representative Barb Limbacher noted that Miller approached Sugarcreek as an alternative and that their council is very interested in the proposed business.

Doug Dreher addressed council regarding a possible annexation of this property if it is not voted into the JEDD. Mayor Smith noted that he would support an annexation from Seth Miller. Dreher noted that if the property was annexed the village would not have to share any revenue with the township. Dreher noted that he goes back to questions that he had submitted months ago and noted that he feels that the benefit and the revenue chance is small and the impact of this proposed business will not be good for the sewer plant capacity. Village Administrator Ron Lambert stated that the Ohio EPA has made it very clear that if his discharge is a problem, we can shut it off if it causes an issue. Lambert noted that we feel that the proposed revenue from this proposed business will cover the village's share of the payment needed for the sewer plant expansion. Dreher noted that there will be costs so the profit will not be much. Lambert noted that it is much easier to process filtrate than the sludge, noting that the dewatering is the expensive part of the process.

Chuck McNutt stated that he feels that proposed businesses should not push the JEDD, that the JEDD should have a plan and push the drive not the proposed businesses. McNutt noted that as the elected officials you should not run from the plan, the plan should work with the community and asked them to please listen and look before making the decision to grow the community in the wrong direction. McNutt noted that other businesses could more appealing and that council should be careful what they allow to join the JEDD.

Vickie Sullivan asked if there will be a required buffer zone with the 22 acres north of the village corporation limit. Sullivan noted that no one will want to build by the proposed sludge plant, either businesses or residential. Sullivan noted that there will be an odor and a lot of trucks. Lambert noted that until this project came to light people were unaware that we have a dewatering facility in our wastewater plant in the park and that there are multiple businesses and a new business very close to our facility and have had no complaints of smell from our facility. Marcus Weaver asked what does Seth Miller say about the proposed smell. Mayor Smith stated that he will take corrective measures if there would be a smell. Weaver noted that he knows Miller and that he is a very honest person and runs a very clean business.

A brief discussion was held on different locations that do not allow certain byproducts that are found in some sludge. Lambert noted that the Ohio EPA will review the plans of the proposed facility and if they require an indirect permit, they would have to send their analysis to the Ohio EPA. Lambert noted that if it is not extremely impactful, they will not require an indirect permit. Lambert noted that we will have to set up a sampling station at their discharge point and monitor for different items and work with the Ohio EPA to set limits. Lambert noted that it will be based on what we typically expect to get in and he would pay per pound for any contamination above and beyond what we accept. Kees noted that he was told that he is building this facility because he is unable to take it to other facilities. Jeff Smith noted that the owner of the facility in Indiana stated there is a need for dewatering facilities. Jeff Smith also noted that other facilities are tripling their prices. McNutt noted that he has contacted other municipalities, and they will tell you why they don't take the risk of accepting sludge from Miller Septic.

Jeff Smith noted that the address of the facility in Indiana is 3856 South County Rd 125, West Clayton, Indiana. Smith noted that he will be visiting other facilities also before the next council meeting. Smith noted that the visit to Indiana will be Saturday, September 25, 2021 and will be an offsite work session which is open to the public. Smith suggested having the October 5, 2021 council meeting at the wastewater plant in our park. Council asked Adam Hall if the school would be available for the October 5, 2021 council meeting. Hall stated that he would have to talk to the school board regarding the request.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to enter into an executive session at 7:35 pm to discuss a pending legal matter. At roll call, all members voted approval. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:20 pm.

A motion was made by Dustin Briggs, seconded by Jeff Smith, to authorize Legal Counsel Fox to draw up a letter in response to the Franklin Township Trustees regarding an income tax issue. At roll call, the vote was as follows: Zehnder, no; Wallick, yes; Smith, yes; Dreher, yes; Burrier, yes; and Briggs, yes.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to adjourn at 8:23 pm. At roll call all members voted approval.

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MAYOR STEVE SMITH

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FISCAL OFFICER JENNIFER MAHONEY

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

| <b>FUND</b>       | <b>CASH BALANCES<br/>ON 1-01-21</b> | <b>APPROPRIATION<br/>2021</b> | <b>BEGINNING<br/>BALANCE</b> | <b>RECEIPTS</b>   | <b>EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>ENDING<br/>BALANCE</b> | <b>YEAR-TO-DATE<br/>RECEIPTS</b> | <b>YEAR-TO-DATE<br/>EXPENDITURES</b> |
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| GENERAL           |                                     |                               |                              |                   | 35,581.03           |                           |                                  | 399,791.63                           |
| POLICE            |                                     |                               |                              |                   | 37,466.74           |                           |                                  | 299,073.37                           |
| FIRE              |                                     |                               |                              |                   | 13,116.62           |                           |                                  | 108,045.87                           |
| SERVICE           |                                     |                               |                              |                   | 20,527.47           |                           |                                  | 143,694.51                           |
| GENERAL BAL.      | 730,977.30                          | 1,897,675.50                  | 666,382.65                   | 166,411.87        | 106,691.86          | 726,102.66                | 945,730.74                       | 950,605.38                           |
| POLICE LEVY       | 20,891.10                           | 73,891.10                     | 17,209.35                    | 21,790.79         | 4,327.00            | 34,673.14                 | 51,821.73                        | 38,039.69                            |
| FIRE LEVY         | 176,357.28                          | 323,357.28                    | 205,951.95                   | 31,739.18         | 14,996.29           | 222,694.84                | 144,642.16                       | 98,304.60                            |
| STREET            | 63,537.62                           | 263,537.62                    | 63,808.64                    | 19,438.58         | 21,067.26           | 62,179.96                 | 147,545.03                       | 148,902.69                           |
| HIGHWAY           | 8,354.95                            | 23,354.95                     | 6,368.83                     | 1,437.44          | 256.81              | 7,549.46                  | 10,987.00                        | 11,792.49                            |
| PARK              | 130,525.10                          | 242,525.10                    | 150,540.61                   | 12,392.38         | 6,178.98            | 156,754.01                | 88,358.42                        | 62,129.51                            |
| 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                    | 389,660.07                   | 46,637.65         | 1,063.75            | 435,233.97                | 441,035.30                       | 85,365.76                            |
| 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                    | 134,796.58                   | 13,500.00         | 0.00                | 148,296.58                | 107,616.06                       | 0.00                                 |
| WATER FUND        | 131,310.40                          | 541,310.40                    | 84,079.76                    | 42,026.46         | 36,793.33           | 89,312.89                 | 290,764.83                       | 332,762.34                           |
| SEWER FUND        | 556,566.13                          | 1,326,566.13                  | 488,823.06                   | 64,457.52         | 47,985.70           | 505,294.88                | 492,516.54                       | 543,787.79                           |
| SSI               | 391,905.03                          | 426,905.03                    | 330,688.79                   | 3,002.23          | 0.00                | 333,691.02                | 23,634.79                        | 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                  | 884,536.79                   | 150,269.28        | 308,500.83          | 726,305.24                | 396,465.64                       | 586,794.48                           |
| 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                  | 15,665.23                    | 77,052.56         | 90,629.52           | 2,088.27                  | 806,344.30                       | 807,932.78                           |
| PARK IMP TRUST    | 5,366.30                            | 5,366.30                      | 5,366.30                     | 0.00              | 0.00                | 5,366.30                  | 0.00                             | 0.00                                 |
| <b>TOTALS</b>     | <b>3,479,243.05</b>                 | <b>7,790,441.25</b>           | <b>3,666,774.67</b>          | <b>650,155.94</b> | <b>638,491.33</b>   | <b>3,678,439.28</b>       | <b>3,947,462.54</b>              | <b>3,748,266.31</b>                  |

JANUARY 2021 CASH BALANCE \$ 3,479,243.05