

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 6:00 pm. Mayor Steve Smith presided over the meeting. Pastor Matthew Wald led the prayer.

Members answering roll call were Kathy Burrier, Jeff Smith, Liz Dreher, Dustin Briggs, Don Wallick, and Martin Zehnder. Other's present were Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger, Village Administrator Ron Lambert, Fire Chief Steve Laskey, Police Sergeant Brandon Warman, Zoning Inspector Ted Foster, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Mike Rosenberry, Jerry Schultz, Pastor Matthew Wald, and Carl Newsom.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Don Wallick, to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2023, council meeting. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Mayor Steve Smith noted that he was approached by a resident that had communicated with other residents about moving our annual community yard sales to a date in the spring and not the second weekend of August. Council will consider the request. Mayor Smith noted that he will be attending a meeting on Friday, February 10, 2023, at the Tuscarawas County Senior center to discuss developing a satellite location in the village. Mayor Smith noted that some residents have complained that the village is spending tax money wrongly and noted that we have invested funds with the renovation of the fire department, renovation of Village Hall, and the renovation of the Police Department. Mayor Smith noted that the safe routes to school program, the Wooster Avenue three lane project, and tap grant programs are all improvements and good investments for the community.

Village Administrator Ron Lambert reported that the Street Department's new cab and chassis has a scheduled appointment at the upfitters for the snow plowing equipment and will be back in two to three weeks. Lambert addressed council regarding the upcoming Weber Avenue paving and curbing project and asked for council's opinion on replacing the curbing on the west side and the driveway approaches. Jeff Smith noted that we have discussed doing both sides because the curbing on the west side is at an odd elevation at this time and we want the final to look like the Oak, Maple, and Fernsell finished projects. Lambert asked council if we want to do water lines in the street because we have had a lot of breaks in that area noting that the lines were installed in the 1950's and that we have funds for waterline projects. Street & Alley Committee Chairman Liz Dreher noted that this project has been discussed for 2023. Lambert noted that we will utilize local contractors and break out the project like we did on the Fernsell Avenue project to save money on the project.

Zoning Inspector Ted Foster presented council a report that included a fence, shed, and pergola permit, a playground fence extension at the school, and a carport permit that was denied. Foster noted that the Board of Zoning Appeals held three public hearings this evening and that all three were approved.

Fire Chief Steve Laskey supplied council with a report including 52 calls for the period of January 14, 2023, through February 5, 2023, including 38 EMS, 6 fire responses, 4 MVC's and 4 service calls. Laskey reported that the new electric rescue tools have been delivered and are ready for service after the crews are trained, continuing first aid and CPR education for local businesses with Tremcar having a scheduled class, have reached out to departments in the county and inviting them to our training, using the budget to install in house alerting system, thanked Cleveland Wrap for their donation of two wall wraps in the station, have filed several grants for equipment, have been awarded monies through the Cares Act Grant to purchase safety/decon items, we are part of a regional fire hose grant, and have been invited by the State Fire Marshal Inspector Roger Clark to walk through the Ramada during his inspection and he is in support and happy to see that we are moving forward with our inspection bureau.

Finance – Chairman Jeff Smith noted that council has been reviewing information on a new website provider and that the initial cost to set up the website is \$ 6,500.00 with an annual fee of \$ 1,800.00 to maintain the website. Smith noted that the new website will include forms and notification services for residents with a cost of \$ 1,300.00. Smith noted that they offer a one-year trial for the notification services to see if residents utilize the service. Smith noted that it will be a six- month process to set up the new website and that the current website will be available until the new one is ready. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to enter into a contract with Revive for a new website for the village. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Smith noted that finance had discussed to increase the weekly gas allowance for Fire Chief Laskey to \$ 75.00 from \$ 50.00 per week. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to increase the gas allowance for Fire Chief Steve Laskey to \$ 75.00 per week. At roll call, the vote as follows: Zehnder, no; Wallick, yes; Smith, yes; Dreher, yes; Burrier, yes; and Briggs, yes.

Street & Alley – Chairwoman Liz Dreher noted that we had discussed including leaf pickup in the village and asked Village Administrator Ron Lambert his opinion on the proposed service for residents. Lambert noted that the village got out of the leaf pickup services for residents years ago and that we have a system in place with the compost site for the residents. Lambert noted that he suggested to Dustin Briggs to do one round at the end of

the season and noted that it is up to council on how to proceed. Lambert noted that we would need to purchase equipment and have employees provide the service to the residents. Mayor Smith noted that we could set up parameters on the pickup. Dreher noted she feels that it would be a nice service for the residents. Briggs noted that Street Superintendent Matt Miller is very receptive to the proposed service, and he is going to Dover and New Philadelphia to research their leaf pickup service. Briggs noted that Chase Willis has offered property for our leaf disposal. Lambert questioned if that would be permissible because that would become a compost facility and may need to be regulated. Briggs noted that he does not know about regulations and that we could use the website to notify residents of the leaf pickup schedule. Council held a brief discussion on the proposed service. Zehnder suggested that the weeds in the curb strips be addressed before we start collecting leaves. Lambert noted that in the past we would spray the weeds along the streets once a year. Briggs agreed that it should be addressed and will discuss with Miller.

Village Administrator Ron Lambert noted that the Lions Club would like to plant a crabapple tree in memory of Walt Stockert in the park south of the gazebo.

Jeff Smith noted that a meeting was held with OMEGA, Engineer Don Dummermuth, Mayor Smith, Village Administrator Ron Lambert, and himself to go over the details of the TAP Grant project. OMEGA recommended to change our project from 2nd Street to 2nd Street for a better chance of obtaining the grant. Smith noted that originally, we were going to include four blocks but they have recommended to get the project under a million to obtain the grant. Mayor Smith noted that there is twelve million available for 88 counties in the state and that the project would be broken down into two phases and the project would be in 2024 to 2026.

RESOLUTION 2022-20A

Resolution R-2022-20A was given its first 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 Kathy Burrier, to approve Resolution R-2022-20A, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM, AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED. At roll call, all members voted approval and this resolution will take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-1-2023

Ordinance O-1-2023, An Ordinance authorizing payment of yearly stipends for emergency asset management, 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. The vote was as follows: Zehnder, no; Wallick, no; Smith, yes; Dreher, no; Burrier, yes; and Briggs, yes.

ORDINANCE O-5-2023

Ordinance O-5-2023 was given its first 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 Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve Ordinance O-5-2023, AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE'S EXPENDITURES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Barb Limbacher thanked Andrew Braham and Elaina Berry from the fire department for doing a walk through in her home and installing three smoke detectors in her home and inspecting her CO2 detectors.

Carl Newsom from the Soccer Association addressed council regarding the start of a 14U team in the fall and the need for a 120 yard by 60-yard field. Newsom noted that we currently have three fields but will need a new space for the 14U team. A brief discussion was held on the amount of parking needed for the field. Newsom noted that the soccer program has grown and that they have discussed with the school about having school teams in the future and about holding night games on the football field. Newsom noted that signups are open now for the spring season and that he will be working on the fields to get them ready for play. Newsom noted that the association has found fencing for safety. Fire Chief Laskey noted that they are working on a locked storage solution for the AED's to be located on the restrooms at the park with a key provided for the boxes. A discussion was held on spraying weeds at the park and areas that need grass seed.

Marty Zehnder noted that he has been talking about a community center for the village and noted that he is glad that the mayor is getting on board on a senior center for the community.

A discussion was held on the safety of the water and sewer plant and the mayor recommended an electronic gate at the sewer plant. Lambert noted that it can be addressed with the sewer plant expansion. Lambert noted that the water plant is a locked facility and there is no need for fencing.

Liz Dreher reported that the Franklin Township meeting and the Cemetery Board Meeting have been moved to Monday, February 13, 2023, and asked Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger on an update on the bus garage issue. Seeberger noted that he has not heard anything from the legal from the school.

Liz Dreher noted that there is a boys basketball tournament game on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 7 pm and asked if we want to move the next council meeting. Council scheduled the next council meeting for Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 5 pm.

Mayor Smith reported that Spring clean-up is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, at 7:28 pm. At roll call, all members voted approval.

MAYOR STEVE SMITH

FISCAL OFFICER JENNIFER MAHONEY