

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 1, 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, and Martin Zehnder. Dustin Briggs was absent from the meeting. 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, Julie Monroy (Kimble), Doug Dreher, Mike Chamber (Homeserve), and Steven, Rory, and Ronan Chrismar (Boy Scout Troop 72).

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2021 council meeting. At roll call, all members present voted approval.

Mayor Steve Smith reported that the new furniture will be coming in Thursday for the new village hall, the June 15, 2021 council will be held at the new building, and thanked the Strasburg Franklin School Administration and Superintendent for offering their administration meeting room to council for their meetings for the past year. Mayor Smith thanked the American Legion for the Memorial Day parade and service at the cemetery and thanked Boy Scout Troop 72 for placing flags along Bodmer Avenue for Memorial Day. Mayor Smith noted that Rory Chrismar is in need of an Eagle Scout project and would like to do the flag pole at the new village hall as his project. Mayor Smith noted that the one lane traffic on Wooster Avenue is temporary for the waterline project and asked residents to please be considerate to the residents that live along the alleys and watch their speed and watch for children. Mayor Smith reported that the resurfacing of the tennis courts has been completed and looks great. Mayor Smith thanked Strasburg School Superintendent Cindy Brown for her seven years of service and expressed congratulations on her retirement.

Mike Chamber from Homeserve addressed council and handed out information on service line insurance for residents. Chambers explained the program and noted that they work with municipalities to give service to the residents. Chambers explained that residents are usually unaware that they are responsible for their service lines and most don't have the funds for the repairs. Chamber noted that they will do a free information seminar for residents, explain a monthly billing for the residents, and noted that it is completely optional if the village participates. Chambers noted that they do the mailing for three years and usually have 25% to 35% of the residents enrolled after the three years and they can cancel at any time. Chamber explained that it only takes thirty days to get the coverage and that there is no contract to the residents. Mayor Smith asked council to review the information for a decision at a future meeting if they feel the service would be beneficial to the residents. Mayor Smith and council thanked Chambers for the information.

Finance – Chairman Jeff Smith reported that the finance committee reviewed the sole bid from Kimble for trash and recycling at their meeting on May 27, 2021. Smith noted that option three in the bid is the same service that we have through Kimble at this time plus adds two bulk item pickup dates and is for 1150 customers specified in the specs. Smith noted that the finance committee recommends to council to accept the bid for option three from Kimble in the amount of \$ 15,584.00 per month for a three-year period beginning on June 1, 2021. Smith noted that finance will review revenue from residents for trash and recycling to see if a rate increase is needed from residents. Smith noted that it is an increase of \$2,172.00 per month from their contract that expired on May 31, 2021. Julie Monroy from Kimble thanked everyone and noted that Kimble is looking forward to another three years of service for the village.

ORDINANCE O-17-2021

A motion was made by Marty Zehnder, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to suspend the rules of the mandatory three readings. At roll call, all members present voted approval. A motion was made by Marty Zehnder, seconded by Don Wallick, to approve Ordinance O-17-2021, AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID OF KIMBLE RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL, INC. FOR THE COLLECTION AND REMOVAL OF HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH AND GARBAGE WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER AND MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH KIMBLE RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL, INC. FOR THE COLLECTION AND REMOVAL OF SAID HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH AND GARBAGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, all members present voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Zoning Inspector Ted Foster supplied council with a zoning permit report for the period of May 19, 2021 through June 1, 2021. Foster noted that it includes two fence permits and a denial of a permit for a light commercial fabrication business on Margo Drive. Foster noted that the property is zoned R2 which does not support commercial operations. Foster noted that the Board of Zoning Appeals have a public hearing on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 5:30 for two appeals.

Village Administrator Ron Lambert reported that the waterline project has had no major issues, is a long slow tedious process, the main line is progressing, and the temporary patch on the ditch line is holding up well. Lambert noted that when they are halfway done, they will pressure and bacteria test and connect to the connections. Lambert noted that this is a sixty-to-ninety-day project. Lambert noted that the traffic lights will be put back to normal on the weekends and that he will communicate with the contractor about Fridays, but weather permitting they may have to work on Fridays.

Street and Alley – Chairman Don Wallick reported that he discussed the parking of 9th Street SW with Street Superintendent noting that it is opposite of all other streets in the village because of the location of the mail boxes. Wallick noted that 9th Street SW will be paved this year. Wallick noted that Newton Asphalt is the contractor through the county paving program this year and we have provided a purchase order in the amount of \$ 131,280.00 to the county. Wallick noted that the amount is lower than the estimate noting that Oak Avenue Circle could be added. A motion was made by Marty Zehnder, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to add Oak Avenue Circle to the paving for 2021. At roll call, all members present voted approval.

Doug Dreher addressed council on the proposed sludge business north of the village. Mayor Smith noted that as of yet the proposed business has not made a petition to join the JEDD or applied for annexation. Lambert noted that the proposed business is getting his cost estimates together. Legal Counsel Fox noted that the proposed business has not made a decision on how he is going to proceed. Dreher asked council and Lambert if they are going to respond to his letter. Lambert noted that there are good questions in the letter and that they are questions that were asked to our consultant over a year ago. Dreher noted that the letter addressed the current sludge issue. Lambert noted that sludge acceptance is in our plant design and reported that currently we are at 80% of our capacity since we have repaired the filtration issues of our lines. Lambert noted that three years in a row we had been over capacity and noted that it was a great investment fixing the infiltration going into our lines. Mayor Smith noted that we are on a time schedule for expansion for 2023. Lambert noted that the first thing was to address the filtration issue which we did and that we are now at 80 percent capacity, noting that we are in good shape. Lambert noted that we will need to look at our income stream also to pay for the expansion. Lambert noted that we are 18 years in on a 20-year loan for the plant and we have cultivated a revenue stream with the JEDD which will fund 75% of the expansion. Dreher noted that the letter asked about the revenue from this proposed business and the filtrate discharge from the proposed business. Lambert noted that it would be five days a week and that council approved a one cent per gallon fee so it is projected to generate \$ 80,000 per year in revenue. Marty asked if anyone would have to have a license to run this proposed business and noted that we were told six years ago that we needed to expand. Lambert noted that we have decreased our flow just by making repairs.

A motion was made by Marty Zehnder, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to adjourn at 7:08 pm. At roll call all members present voted approval.

MAYOR STEVE SMITH

FISCAL OFFICER JENNIFER MAHONEY