

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Steve Smith presided over the meeting.

Members answering roll call were Kathy Burrier, Jeff Smith, Don Wallick, Dustin Briggs, and Martin Zehnder. Liz Dreher was absent from the meeting. Other's present were Village Administrator Ron Lambert, Legal Counsel Richard Fox, Zoning Inspector Ted Foster, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Jerry Schultz, Wilma Mullett, Daniel Palmer, Bob & Stephanie Roth, Brian Herzog, Michael & Janet Rosenberry, and David Dennison.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2021 council meeting. At roll call, all members present voted approval.

Tuscarawas Arts Partnership Executive Director Wilma Mullett addressed council and provided a handout on the proposal and budget for the Tuscarawas County Sculpture Tour. Mullett explained that the goal is to connect communities across Tuscarawas County through a collaborative sculpture series to encourage residents and visitors to experience Tuscarawas County's cultural identity. Mullett explained that each community would have a sculpture of Tuscarawas County with a heart locating their community and that a local artist from each community would paint the sculpture specific for their community. Mullett explained that the cost per each community is \$ 6,950.00 which includes the cost for the sculpture and the artist, that each community will create their own pedestal for the sculpture, and that fundraising will be done for the expense. Mullett noted that they are only asking for approval from each community to proceed with the project. Mayor Steve Smith and council agreed that the project would be great for our community and gave approval of the project. Mullett thanked them for the approval and noted that there will be a documentary made of the project to include each artist. Mullett noted that they hope to have a prototype to present at the mayor's meeting in January and begin the project on Valentine's Day 2022.

Daniel Palmer from the Strasburg Soccer Club reported a very successful season for the teams and thanked the mayor and council for their support of the soccer club.

Zoning Inspector Ted Foster provided council with a report including a permit for a dog grooming business and a sign permit for the IM Uniform business. Foster noted that the uniform business has been open for a week. Foster noted that the Board of Zoning Appeals held their public hearing last evening and approved the signage of the Auto Works Collision business.

Brian Herzog from the Tuscarawas County Library reported that painting and carpet replacement will begin soon on the new space for the Strasburg Library and noted that they hope to utilize the extra space at the end of January. Herzog thanked Mayor Smith and council.

David Dennison addressed council on soliciting permits for the village noting that he does not feel that local business should have to obtain soliciting permits and that the village should have a yearly permit like other municipalities. Mayor Smith referred the request to the finance committee to review a yearly fee for soliciting permits.

Safety – Chairwoman Kathy Burrier reported that the committee met on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 with Fire Chief Andy Slemmer and Matt McPherson and watched a presentation on obtaining AEDs for the park to be placed at the restrooms and at the back of the dugouts. Burrier reported that the units cost \$ 3,000.00 each and hope to place them in the Spring of 2022. Burrier reported that Fire Chief Andy Slemmer received a resignation letter from Tiffani Weller effective November 23, 2021. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to accept the resignation of Tiffani Weller. At roll call, all members present voted approval. Burrier reported that the Police Department received a donation of \$ 100.00 from the Strasburg American Legion and \$ 88.00 from the Dover Exchange Club from a recommendation from Brad Malcuit from BA's Place. Burrier reported that Police Chief Dave Warrick made a recommendation to hire Van Wallbrown and Austen Hummel as part time police officers for the department and Fire Chief Andy Slemmer made a recommendation to hire Christopher Pekarek and Andrew Braham as part-time fire fighters/EMT's for the department. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to accept the recommendations and authorize Legal Counsel Fox to draw up ordinances to hire Van Wallbrown, Austen Hummel, Christopher Pekarek, and Andrew Braham. At roll call, all members present voted approval.

Finance – Chairman Jeff Smith presented to council the purchase of two commercial shredders and a four-file drawer cabinet for the Police Department at a cost of \$ 1,130.97 to complete their needs for their new offices. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve the purchase. At roll call, the vote was as follows: Zehnder, no; Wallick, yes; Smith, yes; Burrier, yes; and Briggs, yes.

Smith reported to council the request from the Fire Department for twelve ladders to replace their unsafe ladders at an estimated cost of \$ 5,500.00. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve the purchase of the ladders. At roll call, all members present voted approval.

Legal Counsel Fox reported that the deeds for the cemetery property have all been recorded in the name of the Grandview Cemetery Trustees and provided copies of the letter to the Franklin Township Trustees on tax issues to Mayor Steve Smith, Council President Jeff Smith, and Fiscal Officer Jennifer Mahoney.

#### **ORDINANCE O-29-2021**

Ordinance O-29-2021, An Ordinance amending section 50.03 of the Strasburg Village Code of Ordinances to increase the monthly fee for garbage, refuse, and curbside recycling services provided to residential units and dwellings, commercial and business operations and institutional establishments within the Village of Strasburg, Ohio, effective January 1, 2022, was given its second reading by title only.

#### **ORDINANCE O-31-2021**

Ordinance O-31-2021 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 present voted approval. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve Ordinance O-31-2021, AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING VILLAGE OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO CONTRIBUTE \$ 39,200.00 TO THE SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON BODMER AVENUE. At roll call, all members present voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

#### **ORDINANCE O-32-2021**

Ordinance O-32-2021 was given its first reading by title only. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to suspend the rules of the mandatory three readings. At roll call, all members present voted approval. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to approve Ordinance O-32-2021, AN ORDINANCE HIRING COLIN TROUT AS A PART-TIME MEMBER OF THE STRASBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 8, 2021, ESTABLISHING A RATE OF PAY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, all members present voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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#### **ORDINANCE O-34-2021**

Ordinance O-34-2021 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 present voted approval. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve Ordinance O-34-2021, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR INMATE HOUSING SERVICES WITH THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, all members present voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

**ORDINANCE O-35-2021**

Ordinance O-35-2021 was given its first reading ty 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 present voted approval. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve Ordinance O-35-2021, AN ORDINANCE HIRING AUSTEN HUMMEL AS A PART-TIME POLICE PATROLMAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG, OHIO, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 9, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, all members present voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

**ORDINANCE O-36-2021**

Ordinance O-36-2021 was given its first reading ty 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 present voted approval. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve Ordinance O-36-2021, AN ORDIIANCE HIRING VAN P. WALLBROWN AS A PART-TIME POLICE PATROLMAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG, OHIO, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 9, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, all members present voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to enter into an executive session at 6:54 pm to discuss village personnel. At roll call, all members present voted approval. Council reconvened into regular session at 7:55 pm.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve paying the Fire Chief for runs retroactive to July 1, 2021 and continue until the hiring of a full time Fire Chief. At roll call, all members present voted approval.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Don Wallick, to amend the yearly salary for the Fiscal Officer to \$ 36,635.00 starting January 1, 2022. At roll call, all members present voted approval.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to adjourn at 8:00 pm. At roll call, all members present voted approval.

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MAYOR STEVE SMITH

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FISCAL OFFICER JENNIFER MAHONEY