

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 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. Other's present were Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, and Jerry Schultz.

Mayor Steve Smith swore in council members Martin Zehnder, Jeff Smith, and Dustin Briggs for their new term ending in 2025 and wished them congratulations.

Kathy Burrier nominated Jeff Smith for Council President for 2022, Don Wallick seconded the nomination. Jeff Smith accepted and thanked them for the nomination. There were no other nominations or opposition.

Mayor Steve Smith provided council with information for the 2022 committees noting all committees remained the same except that Liz Dreher will be the chairperson for the Street and Alley Committee and Liz Dreher will be the representative on the Cemetery Board for 2022.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Don Wallick, to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2021 council meeting. At roll call, all members present voted approval.

Mayor Smith reported that letters have been sent to property owners regarding issues with their properties and asked residents to call in their water meter readings in January or the readings will be estimated because the meter reader will not be reading the meters this month. Mayor Smith also reminded residents to remove their trash and recycling cans from the curbs after their trash and recycling is picked up each Tuesday.

Mayor Smith reported 2021 projects including the approval of new playground equipment for the park to be installed in 2022, new soccer fields at the park, completion of Oak Avenue NW, renovations for new village hall and police station, waterline replacement project on Wooster Avenue, extended space for the library, and the start of a new business association in the village. Mayor Smith noted that Kleen Test and ProVia are building expansions to their businesses and noted that we had new businesses including Strasburg Auto Works & Collision, IM Uniforms and Car Wash, Miller Roofing, and Helping Hearts Thrift Store. Mayor Smith noted that the Maple Avenue NW and the Fernsell/Weber Avenue projects will be completed in 2022.

Finance – Chairman Jeff Smith reported that he received a letter from Franklin Township Trustee Doug Hensel regarding income tax for Franklin Township employees and received a check from the township for the reimbursement of the expense of paving 9th Street SW. Council held a brief discussion of the issue with Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger and Council authorized Legal Counsel Seeberger to draw up an agreement between the Village of Strasburg and Franklin Township regarding the withholding of income tax for all employees of Franklin Township. Seeberger will prepare the ordinance for the next council meeting including an agreement. Smith will contact Hensel about the proposed agreement. Smith noted that the Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 11, 2021 at 4 pm to discuss finances for the fire department for the 24/7 coverage, building improvements, grant opportunities, and the extension of the safer grant.

Park – Mayor Smith conveyed questions regarding a space for a dog park at Strasburg Franklin Park to Chairman Dusting Briggs.

Safety – Chairwoman Kathy Burrier scheduled a Safety Committee meeting for Tuesday, January 11, 2021 at 5 pm. Council held a brief discussion on the need for substitute crossing guards. Information will be placed on the village's website and the Mayor's Facebook page.

ORDINANCE O-39-2021

Ordinance O-39-2021, An Ordinance creating the position of full time Village of Strasburg Fire Chief, approving job description, and setting compensation, was given its second reading by title only.

ORDINANCE O-01-2022

Ordinance O-01-2022 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-01-2022, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES OF PAY AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG, OHIO FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022,

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022. At roll call, all members present voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-02-2022

Ordinance O-02-2022 was given its first reading by title only. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Don Wallick, 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 Don Wallick, to approve Ordinance O-02-2022, AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING SUPPLEMENT TO VILLAGE OF STRASBURG ORDINANCES AND SUPPLEMENT PUBLISHED BY AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING CORPORATION AND KNOWN AS THE OHIO BASIC CODE. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-03-2022

Ordinance O-03-2022, An Ordinance authorizing amendment of agreement for Branch Library with Tuscarawas County Public Library System, was given its first reading by title only.

ORDINANCE O-04-2022

Ordinance O-04-2022, An Ordinance repealing Strasburg Municipal Regulation 76.071, and enacting new municipal regulation 76.071, was given its first reading by title only.

ORDINANCE O-05-2022

Ordinance O-05-2022, An Ordinance enacting new section 10.01 of the Village of Strasburg codified municipal regulations, was given its first reading by title only.

Marty Zehnder addressed council members regarding the need for a community center in our village. Zehnder noted that he would like to meet with representatives of the school and community members to discuss the need for a community center for the village since we no longer have our social hall at the fire station available for community events and fundraisers. Zehnder asked everyone to think about it and come up with a plan, noting that we could apply for grants and seek donations for a community center. Briggs noted that he talked to the Booster Club members and that they agree that there is a need for the residents and that we would need to figure out a space to build a space and could communicate with the school because of property that they have purchased. Mayor Smith asked Zehnder to form a committee. Zehnder noted that he will get a group together to discuss this proposal. Zehnder will attend the next School Board meeting.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to enter into an executive session at 6:49 pm to discuss a matter required to be kept confidential. At roll call, all members present voted approval. Council reconvened into regular session at 6:59 pm. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to adjourn at 7:00 pm. At roll call, all members present voted approval.

MAYOR STEVE SMITH

FISCAL OFFICER JENNIFER MAHONEY