

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Steve Smith presided over the meeting.

Members answering roll call were Liz Dreher, Kathy Burrier, Jeff Smith, Dustin Briggs, and Don Wallick. Martin Zehnder was absent from the meeting. Others present were Press Representative Barb Limbacher, and Jerry Schultz.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2020 council meeting. At roll call, all members present voted approval.

The June financial statement, June Unified Bank statement, June SSB worksheet, and the list of bills was presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Liz Dreher, to approve the June financial statement, June Unified Bank statement, June SSB worksheet and the list of bills in the amount of \$ 463,872.97. At roll call, all members present voted approval.

Mayor Smith reported that the Strasburg Band Boosters will be selling facemasks as a fundraiser at the gazebo at Strasburg Franklin Park on Tuesday, July 28 and Thursday, July 30, 2020. Mayor Smith noted that park employee Stephanie McCartney had to work extra hours cleaning the restrooms at the park because of mischievous acts of vandalism and noted that the Police Department lock the restrooms in the evenings and that they will be proactive in the park. Jeff Smith noted that there was graffiti on the dug outs also and that the Safety Committee has discussed these incidents with Police Chief Dave Warrick. Mayor Smith reported that we are still having issues with illegal issues with golf carts and emphasized to the golf cart owners that they should be obeying the laws and that the Police Department is aware of the issues. Mayor Smith asked residents to please follow the guidelines of the governor regarding the wearing of masks, social distancing, and ten-person limit on gatherings. Mayor Smith and council expressed condolences to the family of Don Rostad and recognized him for all of his years of service for the Corn Festival.

Finance – Chairman Jeff Smith asked Dustin Briggs to look into upgrading the tennis courts with painting and with new nets, noting that there are funds available in the park fund for improvements at the park. Smith noted that we have discussed improving the drainage at the park by the football stadium and begin paving of the football stadium parking area. Smith noted that the basketball courts also need sealed. Smith reported the bids for the Oak Avenue NW project: NorthStar Asphalt \$ 330,230.00; Tucson \$ 277,048.00; Gor-Con \$ 270,952.00; Red Malcuit Inc. \$ 270,590.00; and Dirt Dawg Excavating \$ 255,756.00. Smith noted that Engineer Don Dummermuth has reviewed the bids and has submitted a letter of recommendation to council to accept the low bid from Dirt Dawg Excavating in the amount of \$ 255,756.00 for the project which includes new waterlines, new storm drains, paving, curbing, sidewalks, and driveway approaches. Mayor Smith noted that they hope to begin in September and complete in October weather permitting. A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Jeff Smith to accept the recommendation from Engineer Don Dummermuth and authorize Legal Counsel Fox to draw up an ordinance accepting the bid from Dirt Dawg Excavating. At roll call, all members present voted approval. Council set a work session for Wednesday, July 29th at 6 pm in the school board room.

Park – Chairman Dustin Briggs reported that he is still waiting to hear from Jim Dawson on the signage for the park and that he has not heard any more about the moving of the scoreboard. Briggs noted that the shelters and the gazebo need scraped and painted.

Safety – Chairwoman Kathy Burrier reported that the traffic has slowed down in the areas that the digital speed signs have been located and noted that she will meet with Police Chief Dave Warrick to discuss the issues at the park.

ORDINANCE O-26-2020

Ordinance O-26-2020, An Ordinance adding definition of “Corporation Stop” to section 2.01 of the adding new section 2.19 to the comprehensive ordinance regulating the use of the water and sanitary sewer systems for the Village of Strasburg, Ohio, was given its first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Liz Dreher, to adopt the Village of Strasburg criteria for use of Strasburg-Franklin Park for baseball fields, softball fields, football field, and track for 2020 and continuing thereafter. At roll call, all members present voted approval.

Jerry Schultz addressed council regarding making the finances of the village more transparent and reported the winners from the American Legion raffle and thanked everyone for their contributions. Schultz presented council a donation of \$ 300.00 for the Strasburg Corn Fest. Council thanked them for the donation. Schultz reported that the next chicken BBQ's will be Sunday, August 9, 2020 and Sunday, September, 6, 2020.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to enter into an executive session at 6:35 pm to discuss a pending legal matter. At roll call, all members present voted approval.

Council reconvened into regular session at 6:54 pm. A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to adjourn at 6:55 pm. At roll call, all members voted approval.

MAYOR STEVE SMITH

FISCAL OFFICER JENNIFER MAHONEY