

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 7:30 pm. Mayor Steve Smith presided over the meeting.

Members answering roll call were Liz Dreher, Martin Zehnder, Dustin Briggs, Kathy Burrier, Jeff Smith, and Don Wallick. Others present were Village Administrator Ron Lambert, Police Chief Dave Warrick, Fire Chief Andy Slemmer, Zoning Inspector Karl DiBacco, Legal Counsel Richard Fox, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, and James Davis.

A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2020 council meeting. At roll call, Jeff Smith abstained from the vote and all other members voted approval.

Mayor Steve Smith reminded residents to be considerate when walking their dogs noting that there is a fine up to \$100 if you do not clean up after your dog. A brief discussion was held on farm animals within the corporation limits. Mayor Smith noted that there had been recent vandalism in the park and a building near the Lutheran Church. Mayor Smith reminded residents that if they see something to please contact the Police Department. Liz Dreher noted that a dumpster was also spray-painted noting that Kimble switched it out. Dreher provided a photo of the vandalism to Police Chief Dave Warrick to add to the report. Mayor Smith reported that the Police Department received a donation of \$ 840.00 through the Dover Exchange Children's Fund on behalf of BA's Place. Police Chief Warrick noted that it was a very generous donation and reported that a thank you letter has been sent and reassured him that the funds will be used on equipment in the new cruiser. Mayor Smith expressed thanks to the Fire Department on another successful Fish Fry. Mayor Smith again reminded residents to participate in the 2020 Census.

Park – Chairman Dustin Briggs reported that Southway Fence voiced a concern regarding power lines at the park that are too close to the proposed new backstop at the baseball field. Briggs reported that the estimate from AEP to relocate a power pole is between \$ 1,000.00 - \$ 2,000.00. Mayor Smith noted that he and Village Administrator Ron Lambert reviewed the situation and recommended to council to approve the relocation of the utility pole. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to approve the relocation of the utility pole at the park. At roll call, all members voted approval and Lambert will contact AEP regarding the relocation of the utility pole.

ORDINANCE O-03-2020

Ordinance O-03-2020 was given its third reading by title only. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve Ordinance O-03-2020, AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE UNIFORM CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR THE FULL-TIME MEMBERS OF THE STRASBURG VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-06-2020

Ordinance O-06-2020 was given its third reading by title only. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve Ordinance O-06-2020, 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 MAY 1, 2020. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-07-2020

Ordinance O-07-2020, An Ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Strasburg, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020, was given its second reading by title only.

ORDINANCE O-08-2020

Ordinance O-08-2020, An Ordinance establishing a fee to be charged for checks received by the village for payment of services which are returned because of non-sufficient funds, or any other reason not caused by the village, was given its second reading by title only.

Police Chief Dave Warrick read a resignation letter from Taren Mitchell from full-time to back to part-time. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to accept the resignation. At roll call, all members voted approval.

ORDINANCE O-09-2020

Ordinance O-09-2020 was given its first reading by title only. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Liz Dreher, 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 Liz Dreher, to approve Ordinance O-09-2020, AN ORDINANCE EMPLOYING BRIAN A. DALTON AS A FULL-TIME POLICE PATROLMAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG, OHIO, EFFECTIVE MARCH 18, 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-10-2020

Ordinance O-10-2020 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 Ordinance O-10-2020, AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING SECTION 60.07(G)(2) OF THE MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE OHIO BASIC CODE FOR THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG TO PROVIDE THAT PAYMENTS OF THE SLUDGE FEE DUE AND OWING TO THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG SHALL BE PAID WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF BILLING, AND ANY FEES OVER FOURTEEN (14) DAYS LATE SHALL INCUR A PENALTY OF ONE PERCENT (1%) PER MONTH UNTIL PAID. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-11-2020

Ordinance O-11-2020 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 Ordinance O-11-2020, AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF 7.484 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY PINE RIDGE INVESTMENTS OF STRASBURG, LLC AND STENWOOD DEVELOPMENT, LTD, INTO THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG, OHIO, AND REFERRAL FOR ZONING. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Legal Counsel Richard Fox noted that a question has arisen with variance requests and whether there should be a time limit. Fox noted that looking through the zoning book the only thing that applies states that you have a year to act and there are two provisions that don't speak directly and two sections that say the approval is of the Board of Zoning Appeals and that revised plans are additional plans and have to be approved and approval is only sixty days. Fox noted that Section 1103.2 B & C, in connection with a variance that was approved last fall, suggest two ways. Fox noted that he has talked to Zoning Inspector Karl DiBacco and has talked to the members of the Board of Zoning Appeals, noting that when a variance is granted it may be easiest that they grant a deadline or could follow the lines of the one year. Fox recommended a six-month deadline. Fox asked council to think about it and also noted that the Board could also deal with these on a case by case basis. DiBacco suggested something consistent and not on a case by case basis, noting that he likes the six-month suggestion. Fox noted that he will make an ordinance with the six-month deadline and that the Board of Zoning Appeals can make it more or less. Fox will have the information for council to review at the next meeting.

Zoning Inspector Karl DiBacco reported a fence permit and a room addition permit.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to enter into an executive session at 8:08 pm to discuss a pending legal matter and land acquisition. At roll call, all members voted approval. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:37 pm. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to adjourn at 8:38 pm. At roll call, all members voted approval.

MAYOR STEVE SMITH

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