

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 5:00 pm. Mayor Steve Smith presided over the meeting. Pastor Matthew Wald led the prayer.

Members answering roll call were Kathy Burrier, Liz Dreher, Dustin Briggs, Don Wallick, and Martin Zehnder. Jeff Smith entered the meeting at 5:15 pm. Other's present were Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger, Village Administrator Ron Lambert, Police Chief David Warrick, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Mike Rosenberry, Pastor Matthew Wald, and Wes Hostetler.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Don Wallick, to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2023, council meeting. At roll call, all members present voted approval.

The January financial statement, January Unified Bank Statement, January SSB Worksheet, and the list of bills was presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve the January financial statement, January Unified Bank Statement, January SSB Worksheet, and the list of bills in the amount of \$ 346,278.28. At roll call, all members present voted approval.

Mayor Steve Smith congratulated the boys basketball team on their tournament win last evening and wished the girls basketball team best of luck this evening at their tournament game.

Mayor Smith read the zoning report from Zoning Inspector Ted Foster that included permits for new signage at 100 S Wooster Avenue, addition of exterior staircase to existing second story landing, new fence, two storage sheds, and a new carport.

Mayor Smith read the fire department report from Fire Chief Steve Laskey which included 24 calls for service from 2/6 – 2/19 including 18 EMS calls, 4 fire responses, and 2 service calls; working on assessing the high risks for response in the village and township; assisted at the book fair at the school; reminded residents of the risk of fire spread when burning leaves and brush this time of year; completed a walk through of the Ramada for familiarization and tactical planning and crews will be out in various locations as training in the community continues; getting dumpster for fall/winter clean-up of the back buildings at the station; and awaiting announcements on various grants.

Village Administrator Ron Lambert reported the cost estimate in the amount of \$ 247,804.00 for paving to be included in the Tuscarawas County paving program. Lambert noted that the streets included are Weber Avenue SW from 7th St SW to 9th St SW; 8th Street SW from Margo Dr. to Leoffler Dr.; Margo Drive; and miscellaneous Alleys. Lambert explained that if the bids come in below the estimate that we can include other streets. Martin Zehnder suggested completing 7th Street NW from Williams Village to Dale Avenue. Council held a brief discussion on the suggestion.

Police Chief Dave Warrick reported 221 calls in January for the department, expressed gratitude for the good group of employees for the department, and reported that the equipment will be installed soon on the new police cruiser.

Finance – Chairman Jeff Smith reported that the finance committee will meet with Fire Chief Steve Laskey on Monday, February 27, 2023, at 5 pm.

Street & Alley – Chairwoman Liz Dreher read the breakdown and estimate of the streets to be included in the county paving program. A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Jeff Smith, to accept the estimate in the amount of \$ 247,804.00 and participate in the county paving program. At roll call, all members voted approval.

ORDINANCE O-1-2023

Ordinance O-1-2023 was given its third reading by title only. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve Ordinance O-1-2023, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF YEARLY STIPENDS FOR EMERGENCY ASSET MANAGEMENT. The vote was as follows: Zehnder, no; Wallick, yes; Smith, yes; Dreher, no; Burrier, yes; and Briggs, yes. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-6-2023

Ordinance O-6-2023 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 voted approval. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve Ordinance O-6-2023, AN (EMERGENCY) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FIRE CHIEF TO HIRE PART-TIME NEW FIREFIGHTERS. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2023-4

Resolution 2023-4 was given its first reading by title only. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Don Wallick, 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 Don Wallick, to approve Resolution 2023-4, A RESOLUTION OF VILLAGE COUNCIL STRONGLY URGING THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RESTORE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO PRE-RECESSION LEVELS. At roll call, all members voted approval and this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Smith reported that the Rosenberry Foundation approved funds for the purchase of a generator for the police department and thanked Kathy Burrier for submitting the grant on behalf of the police department.

Barb Limbacher expressed congratulation to the girls' basketball team on winning the IVC and congratulated the girls basketball coach Troy McClellan on coach of the year and wished them the best of luck tonight in tournaments and congratulated the boys basketball team on their tournament win last night and wished them luck this weekend.

Wes Hostetler announced that he is exploring the option for running for Mayor. Hostetler asked council if other employees get a fuel allowance like the Fire Chief. Mayor Smith explained that the fuel allowance is given to make the salary of the fire chief competitive with other municipalities. Hostetler asked about the hours that the fire chief works at the fire station. Mayor Smith explained that the fire chief works 40 hours per week at the fire station. A brief discussion was held on the fire chief position.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to enter into an executive session at 5:34 pm to discuss an imminent court action. At roll call, all members voted approval. Council reconvened into regular session at 6:29 pm. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to adjourn at 6:30 pm.

MAYOR STEVE SMITH

FISCAL OFFICER JENNIFER MAHONEY

**STRASBURG VILLAGE CORPORATION
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2023**

FUND	CASH BALANCES ON 1-01-23	APPROPRIATION 2023	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	ENDING BALANCE	YEAR-TO-DATE RECEIPTS	YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENDITURES
GENERAL					31,557.36			31,557.36
POLICE					44,157.03			44,157.03
FIRE					40,164.60			40,164.60
SERVICE					20,920.38			20,920.38
GENERAL BAL.	422,175.59	2,251,828.96	422,175.59	100,314.42	136,799.37	385,690.64	100,314.42	136,799.37
POLICE LEVY	5,818.47	57,818.47	5,818.47	0.00	2,011.03	3,807.44	0.00	2,011.03
FIRE LEVY	373,459.57	546,459.57	373,459.57	45,297.34	17,594.05	401,162.86	45,297.34	17,594.05
STREET	18.30	220,018.30	18.30	19,165.51	15,418.37	3,765.44	19,165.51	15,418.37
HIGHWAY	12,158.37	29,158.37	12,158.37	1,438.81	336.20	13,260.98	1,438.81	336.20
PARK	135,208.62	264,208.62	135,208.62	8,971.39	7,053.41	137,126.60	8,971.39	7,053.41
LAW ENFORCEMENT	251.50	251.50	251.50	0.00	0.00	251.50	0.00	0.00
JEDD	1,625,989.17	2,625,989.17	1,625,989.17	101,903.38	0.00	1,727,892.55	101,903.38	0.00
FIRE DEBT SERVICE	14.31	14.31	14.31	0.00	0.00	14.31	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL IMPR.	33,992.04	213,992.04	33,992.04	13,457.11	0.00	47,449.15	13,457.11	0.00
WATER FUND	121,436.27	552,436.27	121,436.27	37,996.88	36,362.87	123,070.28	37,996.88	36,362.87
SEWER FUND	292,231.93	1,012,231.93	292,231.93	62,241.73	42,590.30	311,883.36	62,241.73	42,590.30
SSI	381,235.83	417,235.83	381,235.83	2,984.30	0.00	384,220.13	2,984.30	0.00
SEWER RESERVE	72,804.13	72,804.13	72,804.13	0.00	0.00	72,804.13	0.00	0.00
WSI	1,153,365.90	1,398,365.90	1,153,365.90	15,114.37	0.00	1,168,480.27	15,114.37	0.00
WATER PLANT	6,634.29	6,634.29	6,634.29	0.00	0.00	6,634.29	0.00	0.00
SEWER PLANT	143,191.83	143,191.83	143,191.83	0.00	0.00	143,191.83	0.00	0.00
INCOME TAX	3,054.58	1,303,054.58	3,054.58	89,714.03	90,471.82	2,296.79	89,714.03	90,471.82
PARK IMP TRUST	5,366.30	5,366.30	5,366.30	0.00	0.00	5,366.30	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	4,788,407.00	11,121,060.37	4,788,407.00	498,599.27	348,637.42	4,938,368.85	498,599.27	348,637.42

JANUARY 2023 CASH BALANCE \$ 4,788,407.00