

Council held a public hearing at 5:45 on a proposed amendment adding territory to the Strasburg-Franklin Joint Economic Development District and Contract, proposed to be entered into with the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Ohio.

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Steve Smith presided over the meeting.

Members answering roll call were Kathy Burrier, Jeff Smith, Liz Dreher, Don Wallick, Dustin Briggs, and Martin Zehnder. Other's present were Village Administrator Ron Lambert, Fire Chief Andy Slemmer, Legal Counsel Attorney Richard Fox, Zoning Inspector Ted Foster, Planning Commission Chairman Mike Durbin, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Jerry Schultz, Bob Ciekanski, Derek Wells, Kip Benline, and Abby Reyes.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2021 council meeting. At roll call, the vote was as follows: Zehnder, yes; Wallick, yes; Smith, yes; Dreher, yes; Burrier, yes; and Briggs, abstain.

The May financial statement, May Unified Bank Statement, May SSB Worksheet, and the list of bills was presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve the May financial statement, May Unified Bank Statement, May SSB Worksheet, and the list of bills in the amount of \$ 454,790.89. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Mayor Steve Smith welcomed everyone to the new village hall noting that the council chamber is in operation and we still need the server and phones before fiscal officer and utility billing clerk are able to be moved. Mayor Smith asked council on a decision on the information that was given at the last council meeting by Mike Chambers from Homeserve. A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve a letter to be mailed to village residents from Homeserve. At roll call, all members voted approval. Mayor Smith noted that Homeserve will submit a draft letter to council for approval before they are mailed to residents. Mayor Smith reported that the project hope silhouettes will be placed around the county again this year, including our greenspace on Wooster Avenue. Mayor Smith noted that the Drug & Alcoholism task force will be placing them around the county and will hold an event on the square in New Philadelphia with music and recovery stories. Mayor Smith noted that August 31 is national overdose awareness day and that September is National Recovery Month.

Village Administrator Ron Lambert reported that he will keep council updated when we have a date for the start of the paving through the county paving program. Lambert reported that Engineer Don Dummermuth and Legal Counsel Fox have reviewed the bid from Malcuit for the Maple Avenue project. Legal Counsel Fox read the letter of recommendation from Engineer Don Dummermuth to council to award the low bid of \$ 285,653.00 to Malcuit. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to authorize Legal Counsel Fox to prepare an ordinance for the next council meeting. At roll call, all members voted approval. Lambert addressed council regarding a request from Ohio Armament to reduce their three utility services to one service since they are now using the total property on North Wooster Avenue. Legal Counsel Fox handed out copies of the request to council for review. Lambert noted that he does not see an issue of granting the request. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve the request to reduce the three services to one service. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Zoning Inspector Ted Foster supplied council with a zoning permit report for the period of June 2, 2021 through June 15, 2021 which included permits for fences, sheds, pools, and a new business. Foster reported that the Board of Zoning Appeals held two public hearings at 5:30 prior to the council meeting and noted that both appeals were granted approval. Foster will contact a resident regarding an illegal sign.

Planning Commission Chairman Mike Durbin reported that the Planning Commission will meet on Thursday June 24, 2021 at 6 pm at the new council chambers. Durbin noted that there will be no meeting in July and that all future meetings will be held at the new council chambers.

Finance – Chairman Jeff Smith reported that a discussion was held with Franklin Township Trustee Doug Hensel regarding billing of Franklin Township runs for the fire department for 2021 since the part time staffing grant expired in 2020 and the village is now covering the payroll for the part time staffing out of village funds. Hensel agreed on the billing. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to refer back to original billing agreement for fire runs in Franklin Township. At roll call, all members voted approval and Fiscal Officer Jennifer Mahoney will begin billing Franklin Township for their fire runs for 2021.

Safety – Chairwoman Kathy Burrier reported that the Police Department is seeking applications for crossing guards and substitute crossing guards for the 2021-2022 school year at a rate of pay of \$ 11.64 (2021) and \$ 12.14 (2022). Burrier noted that the applications can be found on the village’s website and are due by July 17, 2021.

Park – Chairman Dustin Briggs reported that the tennis courts are completed and look fantastic. Briggs noted that he met with Derek Wells and Kim Benline regarding a small tree that needs removed for safety by the new soccer field. Council agreed and Lambert and Briggs will decide on an area for relocation of the tree. A brief discussion was held on the purchase of new playground equipment and submitting a grant to help with the funding of the equipment. Briggs noted that the park committee had discussed paving for handicap parking at the football field, noting we will have to look at the balance of the park fund after purchasing the playground equipment.

**ORDINANCE O-18-2021**

Ordinance O-18-2021 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 voted approval. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Liz Dreher, to approve Ordinance O-18-2021, AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING ROSS GARDNER, KARLA GARDNER, MELISSA STOUT, BRITTANY JOKI, AND ANDY SLEMMER AS PART-TIME MEMBERS OF THE STRASBURG VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE MAY 18, 2021, ESTABLISHING A RATE OF PAY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

A motion was made by Martin Zehnder, seconded by Don Wallick, to approve the fourth amendment to the Strasburg Franklin Joint Economic Development Contract to include R & S Truck Caps & Accessories, LLC. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Derek Wells, Kip Benline, Bob Ciekanski, and Abby Reyes updated council on the Strasburg Soccer Club and supplied council with a sponsor sheet that has been given to local businesses. They reported that there are currently 45 kids in the program and that they are looking to getting 60 to 65 and that they have been accepted in a league for the fall. They noted that the league has 10 to 12 teams and that they will attend a meeting next week and that there is no cost to get into the league. A brief discussion was held on their insurance policy for the participants and the future need for another soccer field at the park. A brief discussion was held on school property on Bodmer Avenue as a possible location for a second field or the area behind the visitor’s bleachers at the football stadium. Dustin Briggs will keep in contact with them about the proposed areas.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to enter into an executive session at 6:57 pm to discuss a pending legal matter. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Council reconvened into regular session at 8:01 pm.

Legal Counsel Fox requested council refer two income tax matters to the Income Tax Board whose members are Legal Counsel Fox, Mayor Smith, and Income Tax Administrator Jennifer Mahoney. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to refer two income tax matters to the Income Tax Board for discussion. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Council held a brief discussion on submitting a grant application for the proposed purchase of playground equipment for the park. Lambert suggested asking the Franklin Township Trustees for a donation for the proposed purchase. Martin Zehnder noted that the purchase should be contingent on approval of grant funding. Briggs noted that the equipment is discounted right now and that our current equipment is in bad shape and very dangerous and should be removed. Briggs noted that the Turkey Trot donation was specific on replacing the playground equipment. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to submit a grant application toward the purchase of playground equipment in the amount of \$ 117,850.00. At roll call, all members voted approval.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to adjourn at 8:13 pm. At roll call all members present voted approval.

**STRASBURG VILLAGE CORPORATION  
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2021**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>CASH BALANCES ON 1-01-21</b>	<b>APPROPRIATION 2021</b>	<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>YEAR-TO-DATE RECEIPTS</b>	<b>YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENDITURES</b>
GENERAL					63,712.29			241,041.35
POLICE					35,730.55			192,701.33
FIRE					12,396.70			68,398.36
SERVICE					17,719.14			85,304.67
GENERAL BAL.	730,977.30	1,897,675.50	692,519.48	120,956.09	129,558.68	683,916.89	540,385.30	587,445.71
POLICE LEVY	20,891.10	73,891.10	25,360.62	115.00	2,928.90	22,546.72	28,986.34	27,330.72
FIRE LEVY	176,357.28	323,357.28	210,052.39	6,688.56	6,516.43	210,224.52	98,655.48	64,788.24
STREET	63,537.62	263,537.62	76,802.01	19,019.26	17,123.06	78,698.21	90,336.02	75,175.43
HIGHWAY	8,354.95	23,354.95	2,961.12	1,426.75	309.04	4,078.83	6,747.35	11,023.47
PARK	130,525.10	242,525.10	160,132.87	13,213.53	8,677.88	164,668.52	51,201.13	17,057.71
LAW ENFORCEMENT	251.50	251.50	251.50	0.00	0.00	251.50	0.00	0.00
JEDD	79,564.43	129,564.43	245,797.99	97,799.55	0.00	343,597.54	335,203.54	71,170.43
FIRE DEBT SERVICE	14.31	14.31	14.31	0.00	0.00	14.31	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL IMPR.	40,680.52	198,180.52	78,788.89	19,460.31	0.00	98,249.20	57,568.68	0.00
WATER FUND	131,310.40	541,310.40	63,951.15	34,176.73	22,636.27	75,491.61	175,467.49	231,286.28
SEWER FUND	556,566.13	1,326,566.13	571,143.56	63,334.72	50,182.17	584,296.11	302,154.97	274,424.99
SSI	391,905.03	426,905.03	321,911.89	2,915.38	0.00	324,827.27	14,771.04	81,848.80
SEWER RESERVE	72,804.13	72,804.13	72,804.13	0.00	0.00	72,804.13	0.00	0.00
WSI	916,634.08	1,091,634.08	975,603.68	14,616.74	0.00	990,220.42	73,586.34	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	3,676.75	1,023,676.75	71,518.14	157,861.49	153,493.83	75,885.80	534,140.14	461,931.09
PARK IMP TRUST	5,366.30	5,366.30	5,366.30	0.00	0.00	5,366.30	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,479,243.05</b>	<b>7,790,441.25</b>	<b>3,724,806.15</b>	<b>551,584.11</b>	<b>391,426.26</b>	<b>3,884,964.00</b>	<b>2,309,203.82</b>	<b>1,903,482.87</b>

JANUARY 2021 CASH BALANCE \$ 3,479,243.05