

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Wednesday, October 7, 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, Martin Zehnder, and Don Wallick. Others present were Police Chief Dave Warrick, Fire Chief Andy Slemmer, Zoning Inspector Karl DiBacco, Legal Counsel Richard Fox, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, and Jerry Schultz.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2020 council meeting. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Mayor Steve Smith asked residents to always respect public officials, noting that there had been an incident against our Health Department Director Katie Seward. Mayor Smith noted that we are elected by the people and urged all residents to get out and vote. Mayor Smith handed out information on Project Hope noting that there are silhouettes being placed around the county and that ours have been placed on our green space on Wooster Avenue. Mayor Smith noted that all of the silhouettes will be collected on October 17, 2020 and placed at the Tuscarawas County Courthouse for an event on October 25, 2020.

Mayor Smith and Council expressed condolences to the family of Max Bonifant and recognized him for all of his years of service to the Village of Strasburg and Franklin Township.

Mayor Smith reminded everyone that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and Domestic Violence Awareness month.

A brief discussion was held on options of replacement trees/shrubbery for Haswell Circle.

Zoning Inspector Karl DiBacco reported that he denied a sign permit for IMAR Investments and that they applied and paid for an appeal. DiBacco noted that a public hearing is scheduled for the Board of Zoning Appeals for Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Finance - Chairman Jeff Smith noted that he received an email from OMEGA noting that we could apply again for the TAP Grant and that OMEGA will help to write the application and that there is 11.2 million available. Smith noted that the letter of intent is due by the end of October. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to authorize Engineer Don Dummermuth to prepare a letter of intent. At roll call, all members voted approval. Smith noted that the finance committee will meet on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 4:30 pm. Smith expressed thanks to ProVia for the reception that was held and commended them on the success of their new location north of Strasburg. Smith reminded residents that fall cleanup is Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

Street & Alley – Chairman Don Wallick reported that the Oak Avenue NW project is moving along. Dustin Briggs noted that he received a complaint regarding the contractor parking vehicles in their driveways, placing pipe and gravel in their yards, and not being able to get refuse picked up. Mayor Smith noted that those issues were all discussed at the preconstruction meeting and that he will talk to Village Administrator Ron Lambert regarding the complaint.

Park – Chairman Dustin Briggs provided council with a handout of sign samples from Synergy. Council reviewed the handout and Briggs will contact Synergy regarding the signs.

Legal Counsel Richard Fox reported that residents have been notified regarding their assessments for curbing. Fox asked council the time frame that they would like on receipt of the assessments if some choose to assess to their taxes. Fox noted that in the past we requested payment within 30 days or allowed five annual installments if assessed on their taxes. Council agreed to follow the past requirements and authorized Fox to draw up an ordinance.

Legal Counsel Fox reported that we received five bids for the furnishing of labor and materials for the installation of concrete pads around three sanitary sewer pump stations. Fox noted that Engineer Don Dummermuth reviewed the bids and is recommending to council to award the contract to the low bidder Gor-Con Construction in the amount of \$ 29,932.00. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to accept the recommendation and authorize Legal Counsel Fox to draw up an ordinance. At roll call, all members voted approval.

ORDINANCE O-34-2020

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-34-2020, AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND DEDICATING TIGER DRIVE AS A STREET FOR PUBLIC USE IN THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-35-2020

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, 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 Jeff Smith, seconded by Liz Dreher, to approve Ordinance O-35-2020, AN ORDINANCE ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH KENNEDY INSURANCE AGENCY FOR GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG, EFFECTIVE, SEPTEMBER 7, 2020, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 28,842.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-36-2020

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 Liz Dreher, to approve Ordinance O-36-2020, AN ORDINANCE ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH VFIS FOR AUTOMOBILE AND PROPERTY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG, OHIO, FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2, 2020, ESTABLISHING A COST THEREOF, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Legal Counsel Fox reported that all of the AEP easements have been recorded and reported that the flood hazard permit complies and asked for a voice vote to approve the flood hazard permit application. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Don Wallick, to approve the flood hazard permit application. At roll call, all members voted approval and Mayor Smith will sign as the flood plain administrator.

Jerry Schultz addressed council regarding a garage located on 7th Street NW, parking in driveways, loose dogs, park pavilion rental fees, and water rates for non-profits. Legal Counsel Fox noted that per our zoning, the garage is allowable because it met the setbacks for side yards. Fox noted that he and Prosecutor Steve Anderson have been exchanging ideas regulating the number of motor vehicles being parked at a property, noting that off street parking would be regulated. Fox noted that dogs are to be leashed. Council noted that there is only a rental fee for pavilions if someone wants a specific pavilion on a certain date, all others are first come first serve, noting that there are six pavilions at the park. Jerry Schultz noted that the American Legion is looking for new members, must be a veteran.

A motion was made by Martin Zehnder, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to pursue the purchase of the commercial building on Bodmer Avenue from Chase Willis. At roll call, all members voted approval and Zehnder will contact Willis.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to adjourn at 7:11 pm. At roll call, all members voted approval.

MAYOR STEVE SMITH

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