

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 4, 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, Martin Zehnder, and Dustin Briggs. Other's present were Legal Counsel Attorney Richard Fox, Planning Commission Chairman Mike Durbin, Zoning Inspector Ted Foster, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Jerry Schultz, and Doug Dreher.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2021 council meeting. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Mayor Steve Smith reported that he will contact Wolfe Landscaping about mowing an area at the north end of the park by Kathleen Metzger's property and will discuss with them spraying the dandelions at both Village Hall locations. Mayor Smith reported that the yield signs have been installed at the park entrance and supplied council with information on the Tuscarawas County Sculpture Tour and explained that the sculptures of Tuscarawas County with a heart cutout in the middle will be displayed in fifteen different communities. Mayor Smith explained that each community can paint the sculpture for their community and that the cost of each sculpture has not been calculated yet and that they are to encourage tourism in the county.

Zoning Inspector Ted Foster supplied council with a report of zoning permits, noting that Stenwood Development paid for all fourteen permits for their development. A brief discussion was held on the performance bond for the Stenwood Development.

Finance – Chairman Jeff Smith reported that the legal ad for the refuse bids will be in the paper on May 7, 2021 and May 10, 2021 and the bids must be received by noon on May 25, 2021. Smith set a finance committee meeting for Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 4 pm to review the bids to have a recommendation for council at the Tuesday, June 1, 2021 council meeting. Legal Counsel Fox noted that there is no provision in the refuse ordinance pertaining to vacant properties and adjusting the refuse charges for vacant properties. Fox noted that the only provision is for property owners to opt out of the service. A brief discussion was held on the issue and the finance committee will discuss at their meeting. Smith reported that VFIS has submitted a renewal for the Fire Department insurance and noted that part time staff members working over 28 hours per week are required to have additional accident and sickness insurance. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve the additional insurance. At roll call, all members voted approval. Smith noted that finance will also discuss compost rates from Bull Country Compost and our current contractor. Smith will be getting information on a postage machine for village hall.

Park – Chairman Dustin Briggs reported that Vasco will update him with a start date for the tennis court project and that he met with a playground representative at the park and reviewed our current equipment and will be receiving a quote on replacement equipment for toddlers to age 12, estimated cost is \$ 100,000 to \$ 125,000.

Safety – Chairwoman Kathy Burrier reported that the grant application has been submitted for the tornado siren and asked press representative Barb Limbacher to include in the council news asking residents to not blow grass clippings into the streets, for safety concerns and clogging of storm drains.

Legal Counsel Richard Fox reported that Strasburg Franklin Superintendent Cindy Brown received an email from the Red Rhino Football League stating that they will not be playing games at Strasburg, that they will be playing somewhere else that has turf.

ORDINANCE O-16-2021

Ordinance O-16-2021 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-16-2021, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THIRD AMENDMENT OF THE STRASBURG-FRANKLIN JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND MAP, BY ADDITION OF TERRITORY. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Legal Counsel Fox reported that he will advertise for a public hearing to be held by council on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 5:45 pm for the petition filed by R & S Truck Caps to join the JEDD.

Jerry Schultz noted that the next American Legion chicken BBQ is Sunday, May 16, 2021.

Planning Commission Chairman Mike Durbin reported that the Planning Commission will meet at the village hall on 5th Street SW in June and will start meeting at the new village hall on Bodmer Avenue in July.

Mayor Smith noted that he talked to the finance committee members regarding a project that was discussed at a mayors meeting. Mayor Smith reported that a study is being done on the I77 and 250 interchange, noting that ODOT is willing to entertain a revision for the interchange. Mayor Smith noted that at the meeting all mayors were encouraged to contribute to the cost of the study. A brief discussion was held on the proposed contribution and a motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to contribute \$ 1,500.00 to the study. At roll call, the vote was as follows: Zehnder, no; Wallick, yes; Smith, yes; Dreher, yes; Burrier, yes; and Briggs, yes.

Mayor Smith reported that Village Administrator Ron Lambert, himself, and council received a letter from Doug Dreher this evening regarding important information needed regarding the proposal from Seth Miller to join the JEDD and our sewer plant capacity. Doug Dreher noted that the village has the due diligence to the residents of the village and that the process needs to be done correctly. Dreher asked the Mayor and council to read the letter and please contact him if they have any questions.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded Kathy Burrier, to enter into an executive session at 6:47 pm to discuss land acquisition. At roll call, all members voted approval. Council reconvened into regular session at 7:15 pm.

Martin Zehnder asked Kathy Burrier if she was asked to be taken off of regional planning and Burrier replied no. Zehnder asked Burrier when the some of the fence on the greenspace is going to be taken down, Burrier said that it will be done in the next couple weeks.

Liz Dreher asked Mike Durbin if the proposed sludge plant would be a problem for the village. Durbin noted that he has spoken to Mayor Smith, Village Administrator Ron Lambert, and Don Wallick about the proposed sludge plant and noted that the proposed business wants to be a positive impact on the village. Durbin noted that he feels that this proposed business is a good opportunity for the village and asked everyone to do their homework before making a decision on this proposed business.

Jeff Smith noted that he has been approached by business owners that would like to see the business association start back up in the village. Council noted that it would be great to see the business association start back up and Durbin noted that he would be happy to be involved.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to adjourn at 7:20 pm. At roll call all members voted approval.

MAYOR STEVE SMITH

FISCAL OFFICER JENNIFER MAHONEY