

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Steve Smith presided over the meeting.

Members answering roll call were Liz Dreher, Martin Zehnder, Kathy Burrier, Jeff Smith, Dustin Briggs, and Don Wallick. Others present were Police Chief Dave Warrick, Legal Counsel Richard Fox, Jerry Schultz, and Katelyn Brown. Press Representative Barb Limbacher joined the meeting through Zoom.

A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Liz Dreher, to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2020 council meeting. At roll call, all members voted approval.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2020 special council meeting. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Police Chief Dave Warrick made a recommendation to council to hire Katelyn Brown as an auxiliary police officer for the police department. Mayor Steve Smith administered the oath to Katelyn Brown. Council congratulated Katelyn Brown on her appointment as an auxiliary officer for the police department.

Mayor Steve Smith noted that we received a thank you from a north Wooster Avenue resident who had emailed regarding concrete from a water leak repair that was breaking up and was in her yard. Mayor Smith noted that she thanked the street department employees for their prompt attention and repair of the street. Mayor Steve Smith noted that he has reached out to some of the Corn Fest vendors and asked council for a decision on the 2020 Corn Fest. Mayor Smith noted that the health department has not given a decision on temporary food permits for 2020. A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to cancel the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Corn Fest. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Mayor Smith reported that the parade for the senior athletes worked very well with no issues and thanked the Police Department and the Fire Department for their assistance with the parade. Mayor Smith noted that the parents of the Class of 2020 are working on a parade to be held on Friday, May 29, 2020 and that they are looking into using golf carts for the parade and ending at the football stadium for a picture of the Class of 2020. Mayor Smith noted that he participated in a mayor's meeting recently and was asked to see how the effects of the stay at home order is impacting our village. Mayor Smith noted that many businesses have had to lay off employees because of the pandemic and that with contacting some of our businesses in the village, we have around 70 employees that have been laid off from businesses in the village. Mayor Smith noted that Village Hall will remain closed until further notice and that we are waiting on cost estimates for installing plexiglass in village hall and the police department. Mayor Smith noted that Fire Chief Andy Slemmer would like to meet in the near future with the Finance Committee to discuss a vehicle purchase.

Mayor Smith noted that he has received complaints of speeding on 9<sup>th</sup> Street SW and vehicles not stopping at the stop sign at the Bodmer Avenue intersection and also vehicles not stopping at the Bodmer Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Street SW intersection. Mayor Smith noted that these issues will be referred to the Police Department and the Safety Committee. Council suggested that the Police Department make a presence on 9<sup>th</sup> Street SW and also on Bodmer Avenue. Safety Chairwoman Kathy Burrier noted that she will get with Police Chief Warrick about the issues.

Finance – Chairman Jeff Smith reported that council discussed the village's finances pertaining to the pandemic and noted that the village is currently down 381 income tax filers compared to 4/15/19. Smith noted that we have extended the income tax filing date to July 15, 2020 and noted that we will be watching the finances to see how the pandemic will impact us this year and next year. Smith noted that the state is cutting their budget because of the loss of revenue because of the pandemic. A motion was made by Martin Zehnder, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to stop the handicap ramp project for council chambers at this time. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Park – Chairman Dustin Briggs reported that he spoke with Synergy Signs to design directional signs at the park and noted that the park committee will review the designs once they are received. Briggs noted that the park committee will review finances for park projects this year including a sidewalk at the new restroom at the north end of the park.

Safety- Chairwoman Kathy Burrier noted that the Safety Committee will meet briefly after the council meeting.

**ORDINANCE 0-15-2020**

Ordinance O-15-2020 was given its third reading by title only. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve Ordinance O-15-2020, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1103.2 AND 1103.3 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

**ORDINANCE O-19-2020**

Ordinance O-19-2020, An Ordinance amending section 95.07(G) of the municipal regulations of the Village of Strasburg issued in junction with the Strasburg Ohio basic code, and declaring an emergency, was given its second reading by only.

**ORDINANCE O-20-2020**

Ordinance O-20-2020 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-20-2022, AN ORDINANCE, PURUANT TO RESOLUTION R-06-2018, ACCEPTING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 116 NORTH WOOSTER AVENUE, STRASBURG, OHIO, BEING LOT 34 IN THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG, FROM WESLEY E. TOLLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Jerry Schultz addressed council regarding the paving project for Oak Avenue NW. Mayor Smith noted that at this time we will be reviewing finances for projects for 2020. Schultz reported that the May American Legion Chicken BBQ has been cancelled and that they are looking at a drive thru chicken BBQ for June. Schultz noted that the American Legion members will be placing flags in the cemetery for Memorial Day, reading the names, and will fire the guns, but noted that the parade has been cancelled.

Mayor Smith thanked the residents for responding to the 2020 Census, noting that we have the highest percentage in response followed by Franklin Township. Mayor Smith thanked the village residents and employees for adhering to the stay at home policy and the social distancing in regards to the pandemic.

A motion was made by Martin Zehnder, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to enter into an executive session at 6:44 pm to discuss a potential land acquisition. At roll call, all members voted approval. Council reconvened into regular session at 6:53 pm. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to adjourn at 6:55 pm. At roll call, all members voted approval.

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MAYOR STEVE SMITH

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