

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 7:30 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 Legal Counsel Richard Fox, Planning Commission Chairman Mike Durbin, and Terry Seeberger.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Liz Dreher, to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2020 council meeting. At roll call, all members voted approval.

The March financial statement, March Unified Bank Statement, March SSB Worksheet, and the list of bills was presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Liz Dreher, to approve the March financial statement, March Unified Bank Statement, March SSB Worksheet, and the list of bills in the amount of \$ 266,274.80. At roll call, all members present voted approval.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, Kathy Burrier seconded the motion, to enter into an executive session with Attorney Terry Seeberger at 7:35 pm. to discuss a pending legal issue. At roll call, all members voted approval. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:00.

Mayor Steve Smith reminded everyone to be mindful of social distancing and wearing masks to respect others and thanked everyone for their cooperation. Mayor Smith thanked the village employees for maintaining social distancing and getting work done. Mayor Smith recommended that village employees be back at regular schedules starting April 27th and recommended that the meter reader read only outside remotes for the month of May. Mayor Smith reported that he participated in a conference call with the Tuscarawas CIC and discussed a grant for Tuscarawas County small businesses to restart Tuscarawas County. Mayor Smith noted that Lincoln Manufacturing is currently emptying their South Wooster Avenue building because there is a sale pending on the property. Planning Commission Chairman Mike Durbin noted that the new owner is an investor and is looking for good ideas for the current site and may request that 9th Street SW be extended across Wooster Avenue for easier access to the property.

Mayor Smith reminded residents to participate in the 2020 census. Mayor Smith reported that he will be contacting participants from the Corn Festival to discuss the 2020 Corn Fest and will report at the next council meeting. Mayor Smith reported that we will be getting estimates on plexiglass for the utility department counter and also an estimate on changing the current window to a teller window.

Finance – Chairman Jeff Smith reported that we are currently looking at our revenues for the first quarter and will look at April to make decisions regarding projects for 2020. Smith reminded everyone that the May 5, 2020 council meeting will begin at 6:00 pm and also that Mayor Smith is still looking into virtual meetings for council. A brief discussion was held on virtual meetings and also the need for face coverings to be worn at the meetings. Jeff Smith made a motion to authorize Legal Counsel Fox to draw up an ordinance to hire Wade Conway for the fire department, Kathy Burrier, seconded the motion. At roll call, all members voted approval. Smith suggested that old business be in the format for the council meetings and asked council to bring any old business items to the next council meeting.

Park – Chairman Dustin Briggs reported that AEP had delivered the poles for the relocation of the power line in the park. Council held a brief discussion regarding summer practices being held at the park. Burrier noted that the second or third phase may allow gatherings of up to 50, but currently the stay at home order only allows a gathering of 10 people so there should not be any practices being held at this time in the park.

Safety – Chairwoman Kathy Burrier reported that there is a FEMA grant for tornado sirens and noted that she will contact the contractor about assisting with the grant and get an estimate on site mapping and the location of two sirens.

Street – Chairman Don Wallick reported that we will have the paving estimates in May.

RESOLUTION R-01-2020

Resolution R-01-2020 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 R-01-2020, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2020. At roll call, all members voted approval and this resolution shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE 0-15-2020

Ordinance O-15-2020, An Ordinance amending section 1103.2 and 1103.3 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Strasburg, was given its second reading by title only.

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 first reading by only.

Marty Zehnder suggested to council to increase Street Department employee Trevor Dreher's hourly rate of pay by \$ 2.00, back to what he was receiving when Street Superintendent Todd Whalen was off for a workers compensation injury. A motion was made by Martin Zehnder, seconded by Don Wallick, to increase Trevor Dreher's hourly rate by \$ 2.00 until 12/31/20. At roll call, the vote was as follows: Zehnder, yes; Wallick, no; Smith, no; Dreher, abstain; Burrier, no, and Briggs, no.

A motion was made by Martin Zehnder, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to adjourn at 8:59 pm. At roll call, all members voted approval.

MAYOR STEVE SMITH

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