

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7:30 pm. Mayor Steve Smith presided over the meeting.

Members answering roll call were Liz Dreher, Don Wallick, Martin Zehnder, Dustin Briggs, Kathy Burrier, and Jeff Smith. Others present were Village Administrator Ron Lambert, Police Chief Dave Warrick, Fire Chief Andy Slemmer, Zoning Inspector Karl DiBacco, Ted Shetler, Cody Shetler, Legal Counsel Richard Fox, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Jerry Schultz, Kevin Miller, and Wes Hostetler.

Mayor Steve Smith asked council for a nomination for council president for 2020. Kathy Burrier nominated Jeff Smith for Council President for 2020. Jeff Smith accepted the nomination and Liz Dreher seconded the nomination. At roll call, all members voted approval of the nomination.

Mayor Smith turned the meeting over to Legal Counsel Richard Fox. Legal Counsel Fox asked Cody Shetler if he would like his suspension appeal be held in open session or in an executive session. Cody Shetler asked for his appeal to be held in executive session. A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Martin Zehnder to enter into an executive session for an appeal hearing at 7:33 pm. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Council reconvened into regular session at 8:28.

A motion was made by Martin Zehnder, seconded by Jeff Smith, to uphold the thirty-day suspension of Cody Shetler. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Mayor Smith thanked the voters for electing him Mayor.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to approve the minutes from December 17, 2019 council meeting. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Mayor Smith reported the 2020 Committees as follows: Finance-Chairman Jeff Smith, Kathy Burrier, and Don Wallick; Park-Chairman Dustin Briggs, Liz Dreher, and Martin Zehnder; Safety Committee-Chairwoman Kathy Burrier, Jeff Smith, and Dustin Briggs; Street & Alley-Chairman Don Wallick, Martin Zehnder, Liz Dreher; Cemetery Board-Dustin Briggs.

Fire Chief Andy Slemmer reported that the department is currently looking at demo squads in the price range from \$ 150,000.00-\$ 250,000.00 to replace our squad and would like to meet in the near future with the Safety Committee and Finance Committee about the needed purchase. Slemmer noted that they will remove the equipment from the old squad for the new squad but that the new squad will need a new lift system and that he is currently looking for a good price.

Police Chief Dave Warrick requested to meet in the near future with the Safety Committee and the Finance Committee to discuss needs of the department. Warrick noted that the police department will auction off bicycles and a nail gun in January at Wallicks Auctions. Warrick noted that he is waiting to hear from State Purchasing on the price of the 2020 Ford Pickup cruisers.

Finance – Chairman Jeff Smith set a finance committee meeting for Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 6 pm, noting that the Safety Committee will meet at 5 pm before the finance committee meeting. Smith noted that they will review year end finances and discuss 2020 projects. Smith noted that the finance committee met on December 30, 2019 and Mayor Bitikofer reported on projects that had been discussed in prior years including replacing the flat roof at the sewer plant, miscellaneous street projects, waterline projects, and drainage projects.

Martin Zehnder noted that he had suggested that we look at installing playground equipment at the football stadium area, noting that it would be a good project for 2020.

### **ORDINANCE O-40-2019**

Ordinance O-40-2019 was given its third reading by title only. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve Ordinance O-40-2019, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.17 OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF THE WATER AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEMS OF THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG, OHIO, TO ESTABLISH NEW WATER TAP FEES AND SEWER TAP FEES. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Mayor Smith appointed Kevin Herron to the vacant seat on the Planning Commission and asked council to fill the two empty seats on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mayor Steve Smith reported that the village is aware of the mud issue on Weber Avenue and that Village Administrator Ron Lambert is watching the issue. Wes Hostetler noted that the property owner and the builder were cleaning the street this afternoon.

Mayor Smith noted that he would like for our website to be more user friendly and have more information. Mayor Smith noted that he would like openness including our budget being online. Mayor Smith noted that the Tuscarawas County Commissioners include their budget with their minutes and provided copies to council to review.

Mayor Smith noted that a resident has asked about the need for additional tornado sirens for the village. The safety committee will look into the cost to move forward on the issue. Mayor Smith noted that he would like to see Maple Avenue and Oak Avenue NW be a priority project for 2020. Mayor Smith noted that the police department received a thank you through email for Officer Brandon Warman on his assistance with an accident. Mayor Smith thanked Street Department employee Trevor Dreher for all of the patching of streets being done in the village.

Kevin Miller, Medical Director for Union Hospital noted to council that he was not contacted regarding the issues with Cody Shetler, noting that he should be informed regarding any patient care issues.

Martin Zehnder expressed his disappointment with being taken off the cemetery board for 2020.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to adjourn at 8:55 pm. At roll call, all members voted approval.

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MAYOR STEVE SMITH

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FISCAL OFFICER JENNIFER MAHONEY