

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 2, 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 Legal Counsel Richard Fox, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Jerry Schultz, Kim Hines, and Royce & Lois Powell.

A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2020 council meeting. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Mayor Steve Smith welcomed Strasburg Franklin School Superintendent Cindy Brown to the council meeting. Superintendent Cindy Brown welcomed them and thanked them for taking up the offer of using the facility for the council meetings. Mayor Smith and council thanked her for the use of the building.

Mayor Smith provided council with an agenda for the council meeting and thanked and recognized Nick Haswell for weeding and dressing up the entrance at Strasburg Franklin Park. Fiscal Officer Jennifer Mahoney provided council with revenue information comparing May 31, 2019 to May 31, 2020 noting that the village is down \$ 193,199.63 compared to last year. Mayor Smith noted that we are committed to paving projects through the county paving program and will be bidding out the Oak Avenue NW project. Mayor Smith thanked the American Legion for the private Memorial Day service at the cemetery. Mayor Smith expressed thanks to Police Officer Brandon Warman for his professional response to an incident on Saturday, May 30, 2020. Mayor Smith noted that the state guidelines are allowing yard sales and that we will provide a copy of the guidelines to residents applying for yard sale permits. Mayor Smith noted that the park restrooms will remain closed at this time and that the playground equipment is roped off. Mayor Smith noted that the rental of the social hall and pavilion rentals are on hold at this time because of the 10-person maximum gatherings per the state guidelines. Mayor Smith noted that we are looking into issues with a vacant home on Maple Avenue NW. Mayor Smith reported that there were rocks, topsoil, and large tree limbs placed in the compost site and asked residents to please only place allowable items in the compost site.

Legal Counsel Fox reminded council of the need to start the process of placing the Park Levy and Fire Levy renewals on the ballot for November. Jeff Smith noted that the safety committee will be discussing with the fire department and Franklin Township our options of staffing after the grant ends for the part time staffing. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to authorize Legal Counsel Fox to prepare the paperwork for the park and fire levy renewals. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Finance – Chairman Jeff Smith provided council with an email from Police Chief Dave Warrick regarding a cost estimate of \$ 4,712.50 for five new vests to be covered by a reimbursement grant. Smith noted that the vests are necessary for our police department to keep them safe. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Don Wallick, to authorize Police Chief Dave Warrick to proceed with ordering the five vests to be covered by the vest grant program. At roll call, all members voted approval. Smith noted that stop bars and stop stencils were installed at the Weber Avenue and 14th Street intersection at a cost of \$ 300.00.

Park – Chairman Dustin Briggs reported that the paving and striping of the north parking lot at the park have been completed and looks great. Briggs noted that he will contact Dawson again regarding the directional signs for the park.

Safety – Chairwoman Kathy Burrier reported that she is waiting to hear from FEMA to move forward on the tornado siren project.

Street – Chairman Don Wallick reported that the bid opening for the county paving program is tomorrow Wednesday, June 3, 2020.

ORDINANCE O-18-2020

Ordinance O-18-2020, An Ordinance Re-zoning 8.520 acres owned by Vina A. Hensel, trustee of the Vina A. Hensel Trust and located adjacent to the corner of 12th St., NE and North Wooster Avenue in the Village of Strasburg, Ohio, by granting the same a B-2 zoning classification, and declaring an emergency, was given its first ready by title only.

Jerry Schultz announced that the American Legion will hold their chicken BBQ on Sunday, June 14, 2020, with a cost of \$8.00 and also that he will have tickets for the next council meeting for an auction of two mac books that students could use for school.

Kim Hines, and Royce & Lois Powell addressed council regarding traffic issues on 9th Street SW. Council held a brief discussion and noted to them that the Safety Committee has been discussing these issues and are working on a solution for the problems of that street. Council thanked them for their input on the issue and noted that the Police Department is aware of the issues and have been issuing warnings and tickets.

Dave Smith addressed council regarding the upcoming softball tournament on June 19th & 20th. Council held a lengthy discussion regarding safety concerns of the upcoming tournament. Mayor Smith noted that at this time the playgrounds, pavilions, and restrooms are not opened at the park and Don Wallick noted that he was contacted by residents that have concerns because of the number of teams coming from around the state into our park. Jeff Smith noted that many parks in the area are remaining closed at this time and not having their summer baseball and softball seasons. Smith explained that they will follow all of the state safety guidelines and will do everything they can to keep everyone safe.

Legal Counsel Fox noted that council has on record from the May 19, 2020 council meeting to allow the softball tournament, noting that council would have to rescind that action. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to rescind the prior approval of the softball tournament. At roll call, the vote was as follows: Zehnder, no; Wallick, no; Smith, yes; Dreher, no; Burrier, yes; and Briggs, yes. Mayor Smith voted yes to rescind the approval of the tournament and Dave Smith thanked council for past tournaments and noted that he understands their decision.

Strasburg Superintendent Cindy Brown noted that the school has come up with three plans for opening in the fall and have surveyed families to see if they would return their students in the fall noting that 27% stated that they are not sure and 12% said no they will not. Brown noted that students would eat lunch in their classrooms, no in the cafeteria.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to enter into an executive session at 7:06 pm to discuss a pending legal matter. At roll call, all members voted approval. Council reconvened into regular session at 7:19 pm. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to adjourn at 7:20 pm. At roll call, all members voted approval.

MAYOR STEVE SMITH

FISCAL OFFICER JENNIFER MAHONEY