

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 7:30 pm. Mayor Steve Smith presided over the meeting.

Members answering roll call were Liz Dreher, Martin Zehnder, Dustin Briggs, Kathy Burrier, Don Wallick, and Jeff Smith. Others present were Village Administrator Ron Lambert, Police Chief Dave Warrick, Fire Chief Andy Slemmer, Legal Counsel Richard Fox, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Jerry Schultz, and Ray Bender.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2020 council meeting. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Mayor Steve Smith encouraged all of the village residents to respond to the 2020 Census noting that funding for the village and school programs are based on Census data. Mayor Smith noted that it is very important to participate in the Census 2020.

Village Administrator Ron Lambert reported the cost estimate of the 2020 Ford pick-up through State Purchasing of \$ 32,125.00 and noted that we could use the 2009 pick-up for the Park employee to replace the 2003 pick-up and sell either vehicle at auction. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to authorize Village Administrator Ron Lambert to proceed with the purchase of the 2020 Ford Pick-up. At roll call, all members voted approval. Lambert noted that Engineer Don Dummermuth has reviewed the proposed project of one unisex handicap accessible restroom and hallway ramp for council chambers and also per council's request has provided a cost estimates for Oak Avenue NW (\$ 251,000.00) and Maple Avenue NW (\$ 217,000.00). Lambert noted that the waterline replacement would be an additional cost to be paid out of the Water Systems Improvement fund. Martin Zehnder noted that we could save some money if our employees do some of the work. Zehnder suggested putting in some drains for now, noting that we have installed drains on Bodmer Avenue and that it worked. Council held a brief discussion and council set a work session for Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 6:30 pm to discuss the project.

Fire Chief Andy Slemmer provided council with a quote for the 2019 Ford F550 Ambulance. A brief discussion was held on sharing the expense with Franklin Township, the Village, and the Fire Department. A motion was made by Martin Zehnder, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to approve the purchase of the 2019 Ford F550 Ambulance. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Police Chief Dave Warrick requested a future meeting with the Finance Committee to review estimates of a new cruiser for the Police Department.

Finance – Chairman Jeff Smith reported that the committee and council have discussed setting a fee for customers that write checks to the village with non-sufficient funds. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to authorize Legal Counsel Fox to draw up an ordinance establishing a fee to be charged for non-sufficient fund checks. At roll call, all members voted approval. A brief discussion was held on the proposed Oak Avenue NW and Maple Avenue NW projects. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to authorize Village Administrator Ron Lambert to contact Engineer Don Dummermuth to proceed with the design of the Oak Avenue NW project. At roll call, all members voted approval. Smith reported the estimate from Meck Media for a new website, \$ 3,500.00 set up fee and a \$ 500.00 or \$ 1,000.00 monthly fee depending on options. Council held a brief discussion on the proposal and will discuss this proposal at the work session. Council reviewed a spreadsheet of 2019 actual fund expenditures and the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources from the Tuscarawas County Auditor's Office. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to authorize Legal Counsel Fox to draw up an Ordinance for the 2020 Appropriations in the amount of \$ 8,077,322.22. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Park – Chairman Dustin Briggs set up park committee meeting for Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 6 pm to discuss 2020 projects.

Legal Counsel Fox noted that he had received information from a power point presentation that Fiscal Officer Jennifer Mahoney had attended regarding the need to update our drug and alcohol policy to specify that medical marijuana is not allowable and also pregnancy light duty policies. Legal Counsel Fox noted that we have discussed a need for a penalty on non-payment invoices and also the need to increase our sludge disposal fee. Fox noted that he would like prepare an ordinance to include the new fee and the penalty for non-payment. Council held a brief discussion on the current billing process of the sludge disposal. Lambert noted that the information is given to Vickie at the end of the month. Fox will get with Lambert and bring the information to the next council meeting. Biggs suggested cutting off a contractor from dumping for non-payment of invoices.

ORDINANCE O-02-2020

Ordinance O-02-2020 was given its first reading by title only. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to suspend the rules of the mandatory three readings. At roll call, all members voted approval. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to approve Ordinance O-02-2020, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIFTH FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-03-2020

Ordinance O-03-2020 An Ordinance increasing the uniform clothing allowance for the full-time members of the Strasburg Village Police Department was given its first reading by title only.

ORDINANCE O-04-2020

Ordinance O-04-2020 was given its first reading by title only. A motion was made by Dustin Briggs, 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 Dustin Briggs, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve Ordinance O-04-2020, AN ORDINANCE EMPLOYING TAREN M. MITCHELL AS A FULL-TIME POLICE PATROLMAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG, OHIO EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 6, 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-05-2020

Ordinance O-05-2020 was given its first reading by title only. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to suspend the rules of the mandatory three readings. At roll call, all members voted approval. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve Ordinance O-05-2020, AN ORDINANCE REALLOCATING RECEIPTS COLLECTED FROM WATER SERVICE CHARGES BETWEEN THE WATER FUND AND THE WSI FUND IN THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-06-2020

Ordinance O-06-2020 An Ordinance amending section 50.03 of the Strasburg Village code of ordinances to increase the monthly fee for garbage, refuse, and curbside recycling services provided to residential units and dwellings, commercial, and business operations and institutional establishments within the Village of Strasburg, Ohio, effective May 1, 2020, was given its first reading by title only.

Martin Zehnder suggested discussing the need for the sewer plant expansion at the work session and suggested the village employees be responsible for putting up and taking down the flags downtown for holidays. Mayor Smith suggested discussing this with the Boy Scout troop who currently does this because it may be a way for the scouts to earn merit badges and does not want to take that away from them if it is. Zehnder was asked by a resident about mud on Weber Avenue and also by a resident who suggested that the village not allow left turns at the traffic lights. Zehnder expressed thanks for Street Employee Trevor Dreher for clean-up of Wooster Avenue. Zehnder expressed disagreement of a proposed crosswalk on Wooster Avenue at 4th Street SE to the park noting that the students are advised to cross at the traffic lights on Wooster Avenue for safety reasons. Zehnder asked that we discuss the handicap accessibility issue of council chambers at the work session next week.

Jerry Schultz addressed council regarding information on a proposed fire district. Mayor Smith noted that we have just began obtaining information on the proposal and that information will be given the residents of the village and the township if the village and the township decide to go in this direction. Fire Chief Slemmer noted that the village and township would be covered and would have one board. Slemmer noted that we are in the beginning process of getting information together and then will definitely inform the residents because it is up to the residents to vote approval.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to enter into an executive at 9:17 pm to discuss a pending legal matter and fire department personnel. At roll call, all members voted approval. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:58 pm. A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Jeff Smith, to adjourn at 9:59 pm. At roll call, all members voted approval.