

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Steve Smith presided over the meeting.

Members answering roll call were Kathy Burrier, Jeff Smith, Liz Dreher, Don Wallick, Martin Zehnder, and Dustin Briggs. Others present were Fire Chief Andy Slemmer, Legal Counsel Attorney Richard Fox, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Jerry Schultz, and Judy Bennett.

A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Liz Dreher, to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2021 council meeting. At roll call, all members voted approval.

The January financial statement, January Unified Bank Statement, January SSB Worksheet, and the list of bills was presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve the January financial statement, January Unified Bank Statement, January SSB Worksheet, and the list of bills in the amount of \$ 208,846.72. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Judy Bennett from the IBI Group addressed council regarding a proposed traffic study for the village for a three-lane concept on Wooster Avenue. Bennett noted that she was contacted by Jeff Smith and was informed about the ODOT resurfacing of Wooster Avenue in 2021. Bennett noted that she was informed about the concern of parking downtown for businesses. Bennett noted that the downtown area could remain two-lane with the parking or changed to just parking on one side of the street. Bennett noted that the study would review the use of the parking spaces as they are currently. Bennett noted that the pavement is from 38 to 40 foot wide and that ODOT and federal government normal lane width is 12 foot. Bennett noted that studies show that the wider the lane the faster the speed and more traffic accidents. Bennett noted that in the last three years, there have been 78 traffic accidents on Wooster Avenue, with 70% being rear end crashes. Bennett suggested a three-lane concept with a taper to two-lane for the downtown area. Bennett noted that there are a lot of options and that she has talked to the project manager from ODOT regarding the proposed three lane concept and that ODOT would need the information for their contractor by this spring. Bennett noted that that project manager knows the area and the issues and would be willing to work with the village. Bennett noted that the traffic study would count left turns at rush hour times and would watch the parking during the day for the study. Bennett noted the cost of the study would be \$ 8,300.00 and would provide a layout and aerial photo for ODOT and the contractor. Bennet noted that they will involve the villages safety forces to discuss their primary routes when responding to calls. Bennet noted that they can lay out a map of the past traffic accidents and could do speed data for the study. Bennet noted that they could start the study by the end of February, present to council for review, and get the data to ODOT by April 1, 2021. Council and guests held a brief discussion regarding the proposal and Mayor Steve Smith read a letter from Gene Hensel on his thoughts on the three-lane concept. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to authorize IBI Group to conduct a traffic study at the estimated cost of \$ 8,300.00 for the proposed three-lane concept for Wooster Avenue. At roll call, the vote was as follows: Zehnder, no; Wallick, yes; Smith, yes; Dreher, yes; Burrier, yes; and Briggs, yes.

Mayor Smith noted that council held a work session and discussed the request from the Red Rhino Amateur Football team to hold games at Strasburg Franklin Park in the summer of 2021. Legal Counsel Fox noted that he received information from council to prepare an agreement. Jeff Smith noted that the school requested that they only have use of the visitor's locker room, that they be responsible for their refuse after each game, provide their own security at the games, provide proof of their liability insurance, provide a bond for any damages to the field, and no conflict of schedule with our local programs. Smith noted that they must follow all rules and guidelines as the high school games and suggested contacting the Strasburg Band Boosters about the concession stand for the games. Smith noted that the season must end by August 1, 2021 and that no games may be scheduled the weekend of the Corn Fest. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to authorize Legal Counsel Fox to draw up an agreement between the Village of Strasburg, Strasburg School, and the Red Rhino Amateur Football team. At roll call, the vote was as follows: Zehnder, no; Wallick, yes; Smith, yes; Dreher, yes; Burrier, yes; and Briggs, yes.

Fire Chief Andy Slemmer read a resignation letter from Ted Shetler, effective February 14, 2021. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to accept the resignation of Ted Shetler. At roll call, all members voted approval. Council thanked him for his years of service on the Fire Department. Slemmer provided the Safety Committee with maintenance records for truck 1201.

Park – Chairman Dustin Briggs set a park committee meeting for Tuesday, March 2, 2021 prior to the council meeting to discuss proposed scoreboards to be installed by the Booster Club.

ORDINANCE O-42-2020

Ordinance O-42-2020 was given its fourth reading by title only. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve Ordinance O-42-2020, AN ORDINANCE REGULATING OFF STREET PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON THE PREMISES OF ANY RESIDENTIAL UNIT LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG. At roll call, all members voted approval.

ORDINANCE O-08-2021

Ordinance O-08-2021 was given its first reading by title only. A motion was made by Don Wallick, 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 Don Wallick, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve Ordinance O-08-2021, AN ORDINANCE CONTRACTING AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH ATTORNEY RICHARD L. FOX, AS LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG, OHIO, AND ATTORNEY STEVEN A. ANDERSON OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, AS POLICE PROSECUTOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG, OHIO, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2, 2021 AND CONTINUING THEREAFTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-09-2021

Ordinance O-09-2021, An Ordinance establishing rates of pay and other benefits for elected officials and employees of the Village of Strasburg, Ohio, for calendar year 2021 and 2022, effective January 1, 2021, was given its first reading by title only.

ORDINANCE O-10-2021

Ordinance O-10-2021 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-10-2021, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR /MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WOOSTER AVENUE WATER LINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Liz Dreher reported that the Spring cleanup date will be Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to adjourn at 7:14 pm. At roll call all members voted approval.

MAYOR STEVE SMITH

FISCAL OFFICER JENNIFER MAHONEY

**STRASBURG VILLAGE CORPORATION
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2021**

FUND	CASH BALANCES ON 1-01-21	APPROPRIATION 2021	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	ENDING BALANCE	YEAR-TO-DATE RECEIPTS	YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENDITURES
GENERAL					35,320.53			35,320.53
POLICE					36,432.48			36,432.48
FIRE					12,005.09			12,005.09
SERVICE					16,811.91			16,811.91
GENERAL BAL.	730,977.30	1,897,675.50	730,977.30	68,537.15	100,570.01	698,944.44	68,537.15	100,570.01
POLICE LEVY	20,891.10	73,891.10	20,891.10	70.00	16,096.87	4,864.23	70.00	16,096.87
FIRE LEVY	176,357.28	323,357.28	176,357.28	18,891.87	3,194.66	192,054.49	18,891.87	3,194.66
STREET	63,537.62	263,537.62	63,537.62	17,642.20	8,282.69	72,897.13	17,642.20	8,282.69
HIGHWAY	8,354.95	23,354.95	8,354.95	1,327.33	6,741.96	2,940.32	1,327.33	6,741.96
PARK	130,525.10	242,525.10	130,525.10	4,173.95	580.81	134,118.24	4,173.95	580.81
LAW ENFORCEMENT	251.50	251.50	251.50	0.00	0.00	251.50	0.00	0.00
JEDD	79,564.43	129,564.43	79,564.43	75,437.02	71,170.43	83,831.02	75,437.02	71,170.43
FIRE DEBT SERVICE	14.31	14.31	14.31	0.00	0.00	14.31	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL IMPR.	40,680.52	198,180.52	40,680.52	6,260.94	0.00	46,941.46	6,260.94	0.00
WATER FUND	131,310.40	541,310.40	131,310.40	34,835.94	96,083.04	70,063.30	34,835.94	96,083.04
SEWER FUND	556,566.13	1,326,566.13	556,566.13	63,007.59	44,281.55	575,292.17	63,007.59	44,281.55
SSI	391,905.03	426,905.03	391,905.03	2,999.74	0.00	394,904.77	2,999.74	0.00
SEWER RESERVE	72,804.13	72,804.13	72,804.13	0.00	0.00	72,804.13	0.00	0.00
WSI	916,634.08	1,091,634.08	916,634.08	14,526.83	0.00	931,160.91	14,526.83	0.00
WATER PLANT	6,634.29	6,634.29	6,634.29	0.00	0.00	6,634.29	0.00	0.00
SEWER PLANT	143,191.83	143,191.83	143,191.83	0.00	0.00	143,191.83	0.00	0.00
INCOME TAX	3,676.75	1,023,676.75	3,676.75	102,681.17	53,095.44	53,262.48	102,681.17	53,095.44
PARK IMP TRUST	5,366.30	5,366.30	5,366.30	0.00	0.00	5,366.30	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	3,479,243.05	7,790,441.25	3,479,243.05	410,391.73	400,097.46	3,489,537.32	410,391.73	400,097.46

JANUARY 2021 CASH BALANCE \$ 3,479,243.05