

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 7:30 pm. Mayor John Bitikofer presided over the meeting.

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

A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve the July 16, 2019 minutes. At roll call, the vote was as follows: Zehnder, yes; Wallick, yes; Smith, yes; Dreher, yes; Burrier, yes; and Briggs, abstain.

Mayor John Bitikofer thanked all of the employees and volunteers that helped to make the 2019 Corn Fest a success. Mayor Bitikofer thanked Chase Willis for the donation of golf carts and thanked the fire department personnel that assisted in driving the golf carts as a shuttle to assist people to get from the parking area to the festival.

Village Administrator Ron Lambert reported that the sewer line extension project is proceeding as planned noting they started slow but are making good time on the project. Lambert asked the people to please stay patient with the project and reported that the waterline extension will begin as soon as the sewer line extension is complete, noting early October weather permitting. Lambert noted that the school has been contacted about the project and the expected delays. Lambert reported that asphalt contractor Northstar has been in town reviewing the streets that will be paved this year and noted that there is a drainage issue on one street that will need to be completed before the paving.

Police Chief Dave Warrick reported two applicants for the crossing guard positions and supplied the information to Legal Counsel Fox. Fox supplied council with a copy of the crossing guard policy. Warrick noted that he is obtaining quotes for the new police cruiser and that he should have quotes within the month for finance to review. Finance Committee Chairman Jeff Smith noted that finance can meet in September to review the quotes. Warrick noted that he would like to meet with the Safety Committee also about the cruiser. Warrick noted that we are still seeking applicants for substitute crossing guards.

Finance Committee – Chairman Jeff Smith reported that we need to amend the appropriation ordinance to include an appropriation for the JEDD and authorize Fiscal Officer Jennifer Mahoney to send a letter and the amended ordinance to the county auditor. Smith reported that we received a quote to upgrade the operating system for the computers for the fiscal officer and utility billing clerk with a new operating system because the current operating system will no longer have support as of December 31, 2019. Smith reported that Moore and Mahoney have been completing the paperwork for the online bill pay system.

Zoning Inspector Karl DiBacco reported a permit for a deck and reported a denial of a permit for a lot split on Weber Avenue. DiBacco noted that the resident paid the \$ 100.00 fee and the permit will go to the Legal Counsel Fox to schedule a public hearing for the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Dustin Briggs asked Lambert if there was anything to report on the parking lot paving project at the park. Lambert noted that the contractor has been contacted and we are waiting on a cost estimate.

Legal Counsel Fox reported that there was an issue of blown in styrofoam pellet insulation in the ceiling of the Wesley Tolle building about four to five feet deep. Fox noted that he met with Engineer Don Dummermuth and Village Administrator Ron Lambert and a change order was necessary and Badger Construction will remove the pellets. Fox noted that they have removed four trailers full of the insulation and that the removal has slowed the demolition of the building. Lambert reported that other contractors were contacted about the removal but declined. Lambert noted that Badger rented equipment to remove the pellets.

AMENDED ORDINANCE O-11-2019

Amended Ordinance O-11-2019 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 Amended Ordinance O-11-2019, AN AMENDED ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES, JEED MONIES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-27-2019

Ordinance O-27-2019 was given its first reading by title only. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Dustin Briggs, 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 Liz Dreher, to approve Ordinance O-27-2019, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDMENT OF THE STRASBURG-FRANKLIN JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND MAP, BY ADDITION OF TERRITORY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-28-2019

Ordinance O-28-2019 was given its first reading by title only. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Dustin Briggs, 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 Liz Dreher, to approve Ordinance O-28-2019, AN ORDINANCE HIRING MICHELLE DICKERHOOF AS A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD FOR THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG, OHIO FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-29-2019

Ordinance O-29-2019 was given its first reading by title only. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Dustin Briggs, 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 Liz Dreher, to approve Ordinance O-29-2019, AN ORDINANCE HIRING DONNA REIGER AS A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD FOR THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG, OHIO FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

A brief discussion was held on property owners that were sent letters regarding the appearance of their properties.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier to enter into an executive session at 7:58 pm to discuss Street Department Personnel. At roll call, all members voted approval. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:33 pm.

Finance Chairman Jeff Smith made a recommendation of a \$ 2.00 temporary pay increase for Street Employee Trevor Dreher while Street Superintendent Todd Whalen is on light duty due to an injury. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to authorize Legal Counsel Fox to draw up an ordinance for a \$ 2.00 temporary pay increase for Trevor Dreher retroactive to June 24, 2019 until Todd Whalen is released to full duty. At roll call, all members voted approval.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to adjourn at 8:40 pm. At roll call, all members present voted approval.

MAYOR JOHN BITIKOFER

FISCAL OFFICER JENNIFER MAHONEY