

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 7:30 pm. Mayor John Bitikofer 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, Legal Counsel Richard Fox, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Jerry Schultz, and Steve Smith.

A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve the minutes from November 19, 2019 council meeting. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Mayor John Bitikofer reported that the village received a letter from ODOT regarding resurfacing in the summer of 2021 for route 250. Mayor Bitikofer gave the letter to Village Administrator Ron Lambert and noted that we need to notify them of any major projects that we have planned for Wooster Avenue. Mayor Bitikofer thanked Chase Willis for the assistance in the drainage repair project on 8th Street NE, noting that the finance committee was contacted regarding the project and that we are paying for the material and will be billed for the labor for the installation. Mayor Bitikofer noted that Lambert had contacted him and that Dreher was ready to begin work on the compost bin and the concrete will be coming on Friday and that the drainage has been put in place. Village Administrator Ron Lambert noted that the waterline extension has been completed and that the testing of the lines has begun and that the line will be tied into ProVia in a few days. Lambert reported that the sewer pump station work will be completed soon and AEP should supply power to the lift stations by the end of the year.

Fire Chief Andy Slemmer reported that the back-up squad is down again and at Bleininger Truck Repair. Slemmer noted that he would like to meet with finance in the near future and will get cost estimates together to either purchase a chassis for the current box or purchase a new squad. Council advised Slemmer to repair the squad at this time and get cost estimates as soon as possible.

Police Chief Dave Warrick read a resignation letter from Matthew Burton effective December 3, 2019. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to accept the resignation of Matthew Burton. At roll call, all members voted approval. Warrick noted that he will begin looking to fill the fourth full time position, noting that he has asked all part time officers for letters of intent for the position.

ORDINANCE O-39-2019

Ordinance O-39-2019 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 Dustin Briggs, to approve Ordinance O-39-2019, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF NICHOLAS HARPER BY THE STRASBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SERVE AS PART-TIME FIRE FIGHTER AND AS AN EMT, PENDING COMPETITION OF HIS HIRING REQUIREMENTS, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 5, 2019 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE O-40-2019

Ordinance O-40-2019, An Ordinance amending section 2.17 of the comprehensive ordinance regulating the use of the water and sanitary sewer systems for the Village of Strasburg, Ohio to establish new water tap fees and sewer tap fees, was given its first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Martin Zehnder, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to adjourn at 7:57 pm. At roll call, all members voted approval.

MAYOR JOHN BITIKOFER

FISCAL OFFICER JENNIFER MAHONEY