

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Mayor Steve Smith presided over the meeting.

Members answering roll call were Kathy Burrier, Jeff Smith, Liz Dreher, Don Wallick, Dustin Briggs, and Martin Zehnder. Other's present were Village Administrator Ron Lambert, Legal Counsel Richard Fox, Zoning Inspector Ted Foster, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Dave Duvall, Lewis Dreher, Jerry Schultz, Doug Hensel, Chad Bonifant, Doug Dreher, Charles & Judy McNutt, Aaron & Debby Bell, Mary Ellen Wardell, Bob & Carol Royer, Rick & Sue Wells, Adam Hall, David Kees, Ralph Schie, Ross Gardner, and Matt McPherson.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Don Wallick, to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2021 council meeting. At roll call, all members present voted approval.

The July financial statement, July Unified Bank Statement, July SSB Worksheet, and the list of bills was presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Dustin, to approve the July financial statement, July Unified Bank Statement, July SSB Worksheet, and the list of bills in the amount of \$ 486,690.30. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Mayor Steve Smith thanked Life Scout Roy Chismar on completion of the new flag pole at village hall and thanked the Strasburg marching band for playing the national anthem during the flag raising. Mayor Smith thanked the American Legion for the donation of the flag. Mayor Smith thanked Buckeye Power Wash for donating half of the labor cost of power washing the playground equipment by pavilion #5 at the park. Mayor Smith congratulated the Police Department on their excellent job of spotting the vehicle with two run-away juveniles. Mayor Smith reported that the fall clean up date is October 12, 2021.

Village Administrator Ron Lambert reported that the waterline project is going well and that the service connections have been completed. Lambert noted that the next phase is tearing out the temporary asphalt patches between 6th and 9th and putting in the eleven-inch permanent patch. Lambert reported that the last piece of the old waterline is at the south end from 3rd to 7th Street and can be included in this project, just waiting on the final approval. Lambert noted that Wooster Avenue will be paved in 2022 by ODOT and that the street department will address patching needs at the intersections at this time. Lambert noted that ODOT agrees that the completion of replacing the old waterlines is the best decision to do it now before they pave.

Zoning Inspector Ted Foster supplied council with the zoning report for 8/4/21 through 8/17/21 including permits for a fence, a carport enclosure, and a new home construction in Williams Village. Foster noted that the Board of Zoning Appeals were updated this evening before the council meeting on the Samsa appeal and the variance was granted and Legal Counsel Fox will prepare the paperwork.

Mayor Smith reported that the Project Hope silhouette project will launch on August 21, 2021 with music on the square of New Philadelphia and that the silhouettes will be placed around Tuscarawas County. Mayor Smith reported that our silhouettes will be placed on our green space on Wooster Avenue.

Finance – Chairman Jeff Smith reported that we obtained three quotes for a new sign at village hall. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve the quote in the amount of \$ 910.00 from Lighting Signs. At roll call, all members voted approval. Smith reported that the finance committee has reviewed quotes for renovations at the old village hall for the Police Department including painting (\$1,800); carpet (\$13,251); and replacement doors (\$7,600.00) for a total of \$ 22,651.00. Smith noted that the library has stated that they can assist in the cost of the renovations of the basement area so they can utilize that area for programs. Martin Zehnder addressed the public attending the meeting asking them on their thoughts of selling the old village hall and building a new Police Department including two bays and an office by the new village hall. Zehnder suggested moving the library to a space in the school administration building or contacting the Tuscarawas County Public Library to see if they would be interested in purchasing the old village hall for the library. Zehnder noted that it would place the police department closer to the school and would help with traffic control and drug issues at school. Zehnder noted that he is against spending any more money at the old building. A resident voiced his concern about the egress being so close to the school with children in the area when responding. Matt McPherson suggested turning the fire station into a safety area with the fire department and police department together. Council scheduled a work session for Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 6 pm to discuss the issue.

Safety – Chairwoman Kathy Burrier reported that Police Officer Katelyn Brown will be attending a training at the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office, Police Chief David Warrick is preparing a grant for three vests, and that Part-time Police Officer Hunter Duerig is resigning effective August 28, 2021. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Liz Dreher, to accept the resignation of Hunter Duerig. At roll call, all members voted approval.

ORDINANCE O-23-2021

Ordinance O-23-2021, An Ordinance approving fifth amendment of the Strasburg-Franklin Joint Economic Development District and map, by addition of territory, was given its second reading by title only.

Legal Counsel Fox noted that the Board of Zoning Appeals granted the Samsa family a variance for their property. Fox noted that Metal Masters will use the building for storage of materials and sales, will be open Monday through Friday from 8-5, will have a small number of employees, and will only have box trucks and flatbed trucks, and no semis will be permitted at the business.

Franklin Township Trustee Doug Hensel noted that the Franklin Township Trustees were contacted by Legal Counsel for the JEDD Terry Seeberger and that the trustees are very concerned about keeping good relations with the village council. Hensel noted that the Franklin Township Trustees delayed their reading of the fifth amendment of the JEDD because residents expressed disapproval of the petition filed by Seth Miller to join the JEDD. Hensel asked council if they would explain to the them and residents why they would be in support of Miller joining the JEDD. Legal Counsel Richard Fox noted that the village received the documentation of the fifth amendment from JEDD Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger and he prepared Ordinance O-23-2021. Fox noted that the ordinance will have three readings and then come up for a vote at the Tuesday, September 7, 2021 council meeting. Fox noted that there was no perceived approval or disapproval by council. Hensel noted that there are mixed viewpoints on this proposed sludge plant and wanted to give council a time to express their feelings. Mayor Smith noted that he feels that the business will be good for the JEDD. Martin Zehnder noted that he is against the proposed business and noted that residents are very concerned about the chance of a smell from the proposed business. Don Wallick noted that he feels that the proposed business will be good for the JEDD and that research has shown that it will be a very clean plant. Village Administrator Ron Lambert noted that Seth Miller has plans for other options for his proposed plant per the instruction of the EPA. Jeff Smith noted that the design with the JEDD territory would provide a buffer zone of residential properties north of Drafty Valley Estates. Jeff Smith noted that the proposed business would improve Harwalk and that other potential areas to the west could be used for future development. Dustin Briggs noted that the property owner has over 300 acres located to the north of the village and he has stated that the township and the village will never benefit from his property if this proposed business is declined. Briggs noted that he understands everyone concern and noted that this proposed business could assist in paying future expenses for the village sewer plant and could keep the rates down for the residents of the village. Briggs asked if anyone is familiar with his business, noting that he runs a very clean and very professional business. Briggs noted that our tanks at our sewer plant in the park are open and the proposed business will have closed tanks. Briggs noted that he has worked in wastewater and that he honestly does not think that the smell will be an issue and that the benefits for the future growth of the town and the township is positive. Briggs noted that the JEDD was created to allow future economic development growth for the village and the township. Lewis Dreher noted that the ballfields in our park sit 120 feet from our current sludge press but noted that he would like to see the trucks out of the park for safety reasons. Attendees of the meeting expressed disgust of how the public hearing was ran and noted that there were a lot of strong opinions against the proposed plant. Hensel noted that he does not understand why this proposed business will pay the money for these acres and will pay to dispose of his product. Hensel noted that there have also been discussions of this proposed business applying for annexation if the petition to the join the JEDD is declined. Lambert explained that the cost to dewater sludge is more costly because of man hours and chemicals and that to treat the filtrate from the proposed business will be less costly. Lambert noted that we have the aeration and recirculation process running 365 days 24 hours a day. Lambert noted that revenue from residents is used to maintain the departments. Doug Dreher noted the proposed business would utilize capacity of the sewer plant, the JEDD would only get income tax from two employees, would be horrifically bad for the township, and is not going to add any benefit to the acreage. Dreher noted that there will be no control on what he puts down the sewer line and that he will take as much as he possibly can. Dreher noted that he is not going to control his output to the sewer line. Attendees suggested a business district with an office complex and not industrial, noting they feel that this proposed business it is a stigma for bad news and not good for the community. Hensel noted that the township would like to schedule a work session to discuss the JEDD moving in the right direction in the future. Hensel noted that the county is looking for direction on how to promote the property in the JEDD. Many attendees expressed their concerns of the proposed business and council thanked them for their input. Council and the township trustees will hold a work session to discuss the future direction of the JEDD.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to adjourn at 7:40 pm. At roll call all members present voted approval.

STRASBURG VILLAGE CORPORATION
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 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					91,688.21			364,210.60
POLICE					33,581.68			261,606.63
FIRE					14,933.12			94,929.25
SERVICE					20,455.09			123,167.04
GENERAL BAL.	730,977.30	1,897,675.50	729,616.02	97,424.73	160,658.10	666,382.65	779,318.87	843,913.52
POLICE LEVY	20,891.10	73,891.10	21,039.97	494.60	4,325.22	17,209.35	30,030.94	33,712.69
FIRE LEVY	176,357.28	323,357.28	205,198.22	8,795.51	8,041.78	205,951.95	112,902.98	83,308.31
STREET	63,537.62	263,537.62	69,627.30	19,130.96	24,949.62	63,808.64	128,106.45	127,835.43
HIGHWAY	8,354.95	23,354.95	5,225.32	1,415.37	271.86	6,368.83	9,549.56	11,535.68
PARK	130,525.10	242,525.10	147,818.82	8,864.91	6,143.12	150,540.61	75,966.04	55,950.53
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	334,353.16	59,194.11	3,887.20	389,660.07	394,397.65	84,302.01
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	121,799.20	12,997.38	0.00	134,796.58	94,116.06	0.00
WATER FUND	131,310.40	541,310.40	85,600.15	35,075.12	36,595.51	84,079.76	248,738.37	295,969.01
SEWER FUND	556,566.13	1,326,566.13	482,233.21	61,932.28	55,342.43	488,823.06	428,059.02	495,802.09
SSI	391,905.03	426,905.03	327,764.33	2,924.46	0.00	330,688.79	20,632.56	81,848.80
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	861,843.40	157,929.26	135,235.87	884,536.79	246,196.36	278,293.65
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	733.75	108,502.44	93,570.96	15,665.23	729,291.74	717,303.26
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	3,621,115.21	574,681.13	529,021.67	3,666,774.67	3,297,306.60	3,109,774.98
JANUARY 2021 CASH BALANCE \$ 3,479,243.05								