

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Steve Smith presided over the meeting.

Members answering roll call were Kathy Burrier, Jeff Smith, Don Wallick, Dustin Briggs, Liz Dreher, and Martin Zehnder. Other's present were Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger, Village Administrator Ron Lambert, Police Chief Dave Warrick, Fire Chief Steve Laskey, Zoning Inspector Ted Foster, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Jerry Schultz, Abby Reyes, Bob Ciekanski, Chris Pekarek, Michael Swonger, Tracy Zurfley, Matt McPherson, Steven & Brittany Joki, Abigail Zeedyle, Paige Milburn, Josh Wilde, David Dennison, and Marcus Weaver.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2022 council meeting. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Mayor Steve Smith reminded residents of the spring clean-up on April 19, 2022 and street sweeping on April 11, 13,14, 2022 from 7 am to 6 pm of village streets. Mayor Smith proclaimed that May is motor cycle awareness month. Mayor Smith read a thank you the village received from retired Legal Counsel Attorney Richard Fox.

Bob Ciekanski from the Strasburg Soccer Club thanked Mayor Smith and council members for their support of the soccer program noting that the fall season was a success with thirty students involved making up three teams and noted that the spring season has begun with sixty students making up four teams. Ciekanski noted that the soccer club has received great support from the community. Ciekanski handed out two proposals regarding a request for safety netting to be installed on the outfield fence of the ballfields to prevent baseballs from flying onto children and parents at the soccer fields. Ciekanski noted that the net can be taken down easily and the new shed would provide storage for the winter months. Dustin Briggs noted that he met with Kip Benline from the soccer club and expressed his concern that the painted lines of the soccer field seem closer this year to the ballfield and noted that the mowing contractor needs 72 inches for the mower. Briggs noted that parents have expressed that they do not want to have to look through a net to watch the ball games. Briggs noted that we are concerned for the safety of everyone but want to make everyone happy. Mayor Smith noted that we are happy to see soccer for the students but we need to keep everyone happy. Ciekanski noted that he watched the baseball practice and not many balls come over the fence but there is still the safety concern. Mayor Smith noted that the park committee will review and determine an answer at the next council meeting.

David Dennison addressed council about the need for a charcoal grill by Pavilion #1 at the park and also asked council to consider his services again to clean and seal the pavilions at the park. Dennison will provide council with a quote which will include his labor at half price because it would be a repeat job. Dennison suggested providing an estimate of his services also for the downtown sidewalks. Mayor Smith noted that a lot of the downtown sidewalks are in need of being replaced and recommended the request of the grill and his services to clean the pavilions to the park committee.

Village Administrator Ron Lambert reported that Bodmer Avenue residents will begin to see the contractors through the Safe Routes to School Grant program that will be installing sidewalks on the west side of the street. Lambert reported that the concrete contractor for the Maple Avenue project just had a knee replaced so the work will begin in early May. Lambert noted that the grading for the street base will be done after the curbing.

Zoning Inspector Ted Foster supplied council with a report including permits for a fence and shed, a new fence, a new shed, and a hoop greenhouse and patio.

Police Chief Dave Warrick reported that there had been multiple vehicle break-ins and one stolen vehicle that was recovered today in Canton. Warrick thanked Steet Department Colt Silvius for assisting them today by setting up cones for an accident on 9th Street SW where a vehicle hit a pole. Warrick thanked the fire department for assisting them today for a welfare check. Warrick noted that the fire department showed the child the fire trucks during the welfare check and a neighbor noticed and thought it was a great thing to see. Warrick reported that the department had 178 calls in March noted that officers had seized meth during traffic stops and it has been sent out to the state for testing. Warrick read a resignation letter from Katelyn Brown effective April 17, 2022, noting she is going to New Philadelphia. Warrick thanked her for her years of service to the village.

Fire Chief Steve Laskey supplied council with a report noting that the seven-day staffing began on Saturday, April 2, 2022 and that the 24/7 staffing will begin May 1, 2022. Laskey reported that the painting and new lighting work will begin soon and that he met with Engineer Don Dummermuth today. Laskey reported from 3/14 – 4/4 the department responded to 28 calls including 23 EMS calls, 3 fire responses, 1 motor vehicle crash, and 1 mutual aid structure fire. Laskey reported that the department will be testing hose that was donated from Plain Township.

Finance – Chairperson Jeff Smith provided council with a quote for 7 AEDs for village department buildings and the park. Smith noted that the Finance and Safety Committee would like to recommend to council to purchase the 7 AEDs at a price of \$ 9,975.00. Smith noted that the library has offered to pay half of the purchase price of the one that will be located at the police station. Fire Chief Laskey noted that Matt McPherson is looking into boxes to be installed in the park for the AED’s. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve the purchase of the AED’s. At roll call, all members voted approval. Smith noted that the village received \$ 15,000 in donations from village businesses for the revitalization study for downtown and the village paid a \$ 5,000.00 down payment for the study. Smith suggested that we send the remaining \$ 10,000 for the Architectural Design and Planning Services. Mayor Smith noted that they have prepared a presentation and asked council for a work session to familiarize themselves with the study. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to send the remaining \$ 10,000 of the donated funds. At roll call, all members voted approval. Council set a work session for Saturday, April 16, 2022 at 1 pm.

Park – Chairperson Dustin Briggs reported that the new playground equipment, was delivered last week and that Street Superintendent Matt Miller and Street Employee Colt Silvius have prepped the site and installation is scheduled for the week of April 18, 2022 and should be completed by the end of April.

Safety – Chairperson Kathy Burrier reported that the committee will meet on Wednesday at 5pm with the Franklin Township Trustees to review the agreement between the village and township. Burrier expressed thanks to Katelyn Brown for her service to the village and wished her good luck on her future.

ORDINANCE O-6-2022

Ordinance O-6-2022, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN VILLAGE OF STRASBURG AND FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP RESOLVING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX WITH-HOLDING DISPUTE was given its fourth reading by title only.

ORDINANCE O-15-2022

Ordinance O-15-2022, An Ordinance amending Zoning Ordinance, was given its first reading by title only.

ORDINANCE O-16-2022

Ordinance O-16-2022, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDMENT OF VILLAGE-TOWNSHIP AGREEMENT FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY PROTECTION, was given its first reading by title only.

ORDINANCE O-17-2022

Ordinance O-17-2022 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-17-2022, AN (EMERGENCY) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING POLICE CHIEF TO HIRE NEW POLICE OFFICER. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION R-2022-2

Resolution R-2022-2 was given its first reading by title only. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve Resolution R-2022-2, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2022. At roll call, all members voted approval and this resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION R-2022-3

Resolution R-2022-3 A RESOLUTION DECLARING 80 NW-10TH STREET TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE UNDER O-05-2017, was given its first reading by title only.

Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger provided council with a quote from American Legal Publishing in the amount of \$ 17,000 payable over two years to prepare a book of codified ordinances. Council will discuss at their next meeting.

Mayor Smith swore in the new Fire Chief Steve Laskey.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Don Wallick, to adjourn at 7:04 pm. At roll call, all members voted approval.