

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 15, 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 Village Administrator Ron Lambert, Police Chief Dave Warrick, Fire Chief Andy Slemmer, Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger, Zoning Inspector Ted Foster, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Steven Laskey, Jordan Turek, Matt McPherson, Ross Gardner, Rebekah Hayman, Curtis Seward, and Fire Department members that did not sign in.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2022 council meeting. At roll call, all members voted approval.

The January 2022 financial statement, the January 2022 Unified Bank Statement, the January 2022 SSB Worksheet, and the list of bills was presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve the January 2022 financial statement, the January 2022 Unified Bank Statement, the January 2022 SSB Worksheet, and the list of bills in the amount of \$ 232,042.53. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Mayor Steve Smith reported that the village had received sixteen applications for the full-time fire chief position and reported that eight applicants were interviewed. Mayor Smith introduced Steven Laskey and noted that he has twenty-eight years of experience and read his qualifications. Steven Laskey thanked Mayor Smith and council and noted that he met with some members of the fire department today and toured the fire station. Mayor Smith noted that the current part time fire chief Andy Slemmer will have a ninety-day period to work alongside the new fire chief.

Fire Chief Andy Slemmer recommended to council to hire Paige Sugalski as a volunteer fire fighter. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to accept the recommendation and authorize Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger to prepare an ordinance. At roll call, all members voted approval. Slemmer reported that Sugalski will enroll at Stark State in March for her training. Slemmer read a resignation letter from Mylissa Stout. A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to accept the resignation. Stout will be responsible to reimburse the village for tuition fees.

Police Chief Dave Warrick reported that drugs from a traffic stop over the weekend have been turned over to BCI. Warrick addressed council regarding the need for a sixth full time officer for the department noting the lack of officers applying for part time positions. Warrick noted that the department could then provide 24/7 coverage for 7 days and would help with call offs, vacations, and would eliminate overtime. The request was referred to the finance committee to discuss at a meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 5 pm. Warrick reported that he has submitted a grant application for a generator for the police department/library building.

Village Administrator Ron Lambert reported that Colt Silvius will fill the vacant position on the street department starting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

Zoning Inspector Ted Foster supplied council with a permit report including two fence permits. Foster reported that the one permit is from the approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Safety – Chairwoman Kathy Burrier reported that she is working on a grant through FEMA for a tornado siren.

Street & Alley – Chairwoman Liz Dreher asked council and Village Administrator Ron Lambert to begin prioritizing street projects for 2022. Mayor Smith reported that Street Superintendent Matt Miller has served his probationary period and should be removed from probationary status. A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to remove Street Superintendent Matt Miller from probationary status. At roll call, all members voted approval.

### **ORDINANCE O-06-2022**

Ordinance O-06-2022, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN VILLAGE OF STRASBURG AND FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP RESOLVING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX WITHOLDING DISPUTE, was given its third reading by title only. Council held a brief discussion and a motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to table Ordinance O-06-2022 until the April 5, 2022 council meeting. At roll call, all members voted approval.

**ORDINANCE O-09-2022**

Ordinance O-09-2022 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-09-2022, AN (EMERGENCY) ORDINANCE HIRING OF NEW EMT-FIREFIGHTERS. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

**ORDINANCE O-10-2022**

Ordinance O-10-2022 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-10-2022, AN (EMERGENCY) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF NEW FULL-TIME FIRE CHIEF, AND SETTING PAY SCALE (PARTIAL AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE O-01A-2022). At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Fire Chief Andy Slemmer addressed Water/Sewer Superintendent Ron Lambert and supplied pictures of two broken hydrants, located at 12<sup>th</sup> Street NW and Dale Avenue and 12<sup>th</sup> Street NW and Rosanna Avenue. Lambert reported that the flow tests have been done on village hydrants noting that only six hydrants were unable to be flow tested. Lambert will check the flow test results on the two hydrants and contact Slemmer.

Fire Chief Andy Slemmer addressed Mayor Smith and council regarding the hiring of the new full time fire chief and asked what his position will be after March 1, 2022. Mayor Smith noted that he will receive his part time fire chief salary for ninety days along with his EMT hourly pay for fire runs and part time staffing and that after the ninety days he will receive his EMT hourly rate of pay for fire runs and part time staffing. Slemmer expressed his disappointment in Mayor Smith and council for not keeping him up to date on how to apply for the full-time fire chief position. Slemmer noted that it has always been tradition that we hire within the department. Mayor Smith noted that the need for a full-time fire chief has been discussed many times at council meetings because of the staffing levy that was passed through Franklin Township and council had approved to advertise for the full-time position and place the information on the village's website.

A brief discussion was held on the levy that was passed for the 24/7 staffing and Matt McPherson noted that the levy revenue is based on a past rate of pay and feels that the revenue will fall short. Mayor Smith noted that the finance committee will review the budget including the new levy to make sure that all staffing is funded. Steven Laskey noted that we have discussed the budget and expenses and will begin recouping funds from Franklin Township for the staffing levy and the equipment levy. Laskey explained the three-step process to change the occupancy for the social hall including engineered drawings and a permit application. Laskey noted that the village will begin the process this week.

A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to adjourn at 6:54 pm. At roll call, all members voted approval.

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MAYOR STEVE SMITH

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FISCAL OFFICER JENNIFER MAHONEY

**STRASBURG VILLAGE CORPORATION  
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2022**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>CASH BALANCES ON 1-01-22</b>	<b>APPROPRIATION 2022</b>	<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>YEAR-TO-DATE RECEIPTS</b>	<b>YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENDITURES</b>
GENERAL					39,362.49			39,362.49
POLICE					37,580.91			37,580.91
FIRE					15,308.76			15,308.76
SERVICE					21,868.68			21,868.68
GENERAL BAL.	416,043.63	2,037,675.50	416,043.63	136,332.34	114,120.84	438,255.13	136,332.34	114,120.84
POLICE LEVY	19,863.46	73,891.10	19,863.46	1,000.00	17,007.59	3,855.87	1,000.00	17,007.59
FIRE LEVY	194,808.63	348,357.28	194,808.63	15,307.18	6,321.00	203,794.81	15,307.18	6,321.00
STREET	62,947.98	263,537.62	62,947.98	19,449.91	13,329.83	69,068.06	19,449.91	13,329.83
HIGHWAY	11,955.19	23,354.95	11,955.19	1,461.58	292.19	13,124.58	1,461.58	292.19
PARK	206,095.19	292,525.10	206,095.19	13,327.76	534.63	218,888.32	13,327.76	534.63
LAW ENFORCEMENT	251.50	251.50	251.50	0.00	0.00	251.50	0.00	0.00
JEDD	632,368.18	807,564.43	632,368.18	73,183.72	0.00	705,551.90	73,183.72	0.00
FIRE DEBT SERVICE	14.31	14.31	14.31	0.00	0.00	14.31	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL IMPR.	825.38	198,180.52	825.38	19,991.66	0.00	20,817.04	19,991.66	0.00
WATER FUND	93,968.38	541,310.40	93,968.38	42,373.97	28,009.57	108,332.78	42,373.97	28,009.57
SEWER FUND	434,918.84	1,326,566.13	434,918.84	67,874.52	47,263.84	455,529.52	67,874.52	47,263.84
SSI	345,610.27	426,905.03	345,610.27	3,091.29	0.00	348,701.56	3,091.29	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	1,044,647.81	2,316,634.08	1,044,647.81	56,439.80	1,546.15	1,099,541.46	56,439.80	1,546.15
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	62,166.61	1,023,676.75	62,166.61	85,193.13	140,886.05	6,473.69	85,193.13	140,886.05
PARK IMP TRUST	5,366.30	5,366.30	5,366.30	0.00	0.00	5,366.30	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,754,481.91</b>	<b>9,908,441.25</b>	<b>3,754,481.91</b>	<b>535,026.86</b>	<b>369,311.69</b>	<b>3,920,197.08</b>	<b>535,026.86</b>	<b>369,311.69</b>

JANUARY 2022 CASH BALANCE \$ 3,754,481.91