

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 6:00 pm. Mayor Steve Smith presided over the meeting. Pastor Jason Rissler led the prayer.

Members answering roll call were Kathy Burrier, Liz Dreher, Dustin Briggs, Don Wallick, Jeff Smith, and Martin Zehnder. Other's present were Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger, Village Administrator Ron Lambert, Police Sergeant Brandon Warman, Zoning Inspector Ted Foster, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Jerry Schultz, Pastor Jason Rissler, Reverend Matthew Wald, Bob Ciekanski, Bruce Metzger, Randy Zehnder, Lewis Dreher, and Patsy Schrupp.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Liz Dreher, to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2023, council meeting. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Patsy Schrupp addressed council regarding parking on 8th Street SW between Bodmer Avenue and Oak Avenue and suggested that the parking be moved to the south side because of multiple garages, homes, and a fire hydrant on the north side that does not leave much area for parking. Schrupp noted that she drove around the village and realized that most of the parking is on the south side of the streets but asked council to review her street. Mayor Steve Smith noted that the issue will be referred to the safety and street and alley committee.

Bob Ciekanski from the soccer club thanked the mayor and council for all of their support for the soccer teams and addressed council regarding the need for a space for fourteen and under to play in the fall. Ciekanski suggested the football stadium and Mayor Smith noted that the village owns the property, but the school owns the stadium and that he would have to approach the school regarding the use of the football stadium. Ciekanski note that they approached the school about the property north of village hall, but they stated that the property made be needed for a bus garage. Jason Rissler noted that his daughter plays soccer and would like to see the program go further for the older students and noted that he would be glad to go to the school with Ciekanski.

Bruce Metzger addressed council regarding a concern for more safety lighting at the new crosswalk on Wooster Avenue by the park entrance. Mayor Smith noted that during the daytime it is hard to see the lights and we will look into more lighting, and that the speed limit will be reduced to 25 mph in that area. Metzger addressed council regarding the discussion of installing a crosswalk on 9th Street SW. Council held a brief discussion on the issue and Mayor Smith thanked Metzger for his input. Metzger addressed council regarding the old playground equipment and asked for the paperwork signing off the liability. Fiscal Officer Jennifer Mahoney will look for the document for Metzger.

Mayor Steve Smith reminded residents that the compost site is not for fence sections and that grass clippings must be removed from the bags and branches must be four foot or less. Metzger noted that he has witnessed a contractor using the site and Mayor Smith asked him to provide that information to the police department.

Mayor Smith noted that the fire department held a wonderful event on Friday evening for promoting employees and swearing in employees, reminded residents that the community wide yards sales will be May 11-15, 2023 and no permit is required, and appointed Don Wallick as the cemetery board representative through the end of the year in place of Liz Dreher because she has started a new job and will be unavailable for the cemetery board meetings.

Village Administrator Ron Lambert reported that the waterline replacement project on Weber Avenue started last week and will progress weather permitting.

Zoning Inspector Ted Foster has no permits to report and reminded council of the upcoming board of zoning appeals hearings on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 5 pm.

Sargeant Brandon Warman reported the police department had 273 calls in April and reported that the generator has been installed at the police department office.

Finance – Chairman Jeff Smith made a motion, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve the request of Mayor Smith to attend the Mayors Association two-day seminar at the end of May, with a registration fee of \$ 200.00 and \$ 152.00 for one night hotel stay. At roll call, the vote was as follows: Zehnder, no; Wallick, yes; Smith, yes; Dreher, yes; Burrier, yes; Briggs, yes. Mayor Smith thanked them and noted that there are a lot of good topics of discussion listed for the seminar.

RESOLUTION 2023-7

Resolution 2023-7, A Resolution authorizing sale of surplus fire equipment for nominal sum to the Village of Newcomerstown Fire Department, was given its first reading by title only. A brief discussion was held on the proposed resolution.

Martin Zehnder noted that Bonnie Jones has asked if all nonworking fire hydrants are marked in the village. Lambert noted that all nonworking hydrants are marked. Zehnder stated that he voted no on the crosswalk across Wooster Avenue and that students have been instructed by the school to cross at the lights for safety. Dustin Briggs noted that doing nothing was not making it safer for the residents and that there have always been adults and students that cross Wooster Avenue at the entrance of the park. Briggs noted that there are kids crossing 9th Street SW to get to Weber Avenue. Schrupp noted that the safety lights provide an illusion of safety at the new crosswalk. Briggs noted that the light's main purpose is for nighttime, and we can look into other signage and lighting to the north and south of the new crosswalk. Metzger noted that pedestrians are now under the assumption that they are safe because of the lights and crosswalk. Lewis Dreher asked who is responsible in an accident and Metzger noted that the driver would be responsible. Briggs noted that we all agree that the safest crosswalk is at the traffic light but people still were crossing at 4th Street. Jeff Smith noted that it is an access point to the park and that we are trying to make it safer. Metzger noted that Weber Avenue has parking on both sides of the street and there are no sidewalks and is very unsafe for children riding their bikes. Zehnder noted that putting in a crosswalk across 9th Street SW would create a disaster area.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Liz Dreher, to adjourn at 7:10 pm. At roll call, all members voted approval.

MAYOR STEVE SMITH

FISCAL OFFICER JENNIFER MAHONEY