

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 6:00 pm. Mayor Bruce Metzger presided over the meeting.

Members answering roll call were Kathy Burrier, Liz Dreher, Jeff Smith, Dustin Briggs, Wes Hostetler, and Martin Zehnder. Others present were Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger, Fire Chief Steve Laskey, Police Chief Dave Warrick, Zoning Inspector Ted Foster, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Stacey Carmany, Jerry Schultz, Lewis Dreher, Randy Zehnder, Brent Metzger, Dan Donato, Christine Raderchak, Doug Dreher, Mike Rosenberry, David Dennison, Corey Foster, Bob Ciekanski, Ron Tarleton, Chris & Crystal Riggi, Luminta Bunte, and Kathleen Metzger,

A motion was made by Martin Zehnder, seconded by Liz Dreher, to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2024, council meeting. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Fire Chief Steve Laskey read his report that included seventeen from the dates 1/23 – 2/5 and reported that as a result of public speaking events the department has issued out three home lock boxes for securing a key for the department access in private homes.

Police Chief Dave Warrick read his report that included two hundred sixteen calls in January 2024.

Zoning Inspector Ted Foster read his report that included one permit for a new sign for SLB, formerly Schlumberger.

Finance – Chairman Wes Hostetler reported that the committee will meet on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 10 am.

Park – Chairwoman Kathy Burrier reported that the committee will meet on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 4:30 pm., and that the fencing at the park will be installed in March.

Street & Alley – Chairman Dustin Briggs reported that the committee will meet on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 5:15 pm. before the next council meeting to discuss paving for 2024.

Safety – Chairman Martin Zehnder reported that the committee met last week with Police Chief Dave Warrick to discuss any needs or concerns of the police department.

#### **ORDINANCE O-2-2024**

Ordinance O-2-2024 was given its second reading by title only. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Liz Dreher, 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 Wes Hostetler, to approve Ordinance O-2-2024, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING STRASBURG ZONING CODE (SECTION 153.101 OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES), REGULATING MARIJUANA RELATED USES. At roll call, all members voted approval and this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

#### **ORDINANCE O-3-2024**

Ordinance O-3-2024, An Ordinance repealing ordinance 9-2023, declaring Wooster Avenue South between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets not to be a business district, and resetting the speed limit in that area, was given its second reading by title only.

#### **ORDINANCE O-4-2024**

Ordinance O-4-2024, An Ordinance enacting new section 35.06, temporary premium pay for certain employees covering for supervisory employees, was given its second reading by title only.

#### **ORDINANCE O-5-2024**

Ordinance O-5-2024, An Ordinance regulating nuisance feral animals, enacting new sections 90.04 and 90.05, and amending section 90.90, was give its second reading by title only.

#### **ORDINANCE O-6-2024**

Ordinance O-6-2024, An Ordinance amending Ordinance O-23-2023 with respect to certain employees, was given its first reading by title only.

**RESOLUTION 2024-2**

Resolution 2024-2, A Resolution declaring the intent and authorizing the sale of certain municipally owned personal property, including motor vehicles, which are not needed for public use, or are obsolete or unfit for the use for which they were acquired, by internet auction, pursuant to Resolution 2024-1 and Ohio Revised Code, Sec. 721.15 (D), was given its second reading by title only.

Mayor Bruce Metzger read a thank you letter from Strasburg Franklin School Superintendent Vince Lindsay, referred an email from a high school student requesting to put up posters for mental illness awareness to Zoning Inspector Ted Foster, and read an email from a resident regarding a neighbor that is feeding squirrels. Mayor Metzger discussed an issue regarding a late penalty on a sludge invoice with council. Kathy Burrier and Jeff Smith noted that this contractor has paid late in the past and that the penalty should be invoiced. The council agreed and Mayor Metzger will instruct Utility Billing Clerk Vickie Moore to send a notice of the penalty to the contractor. Mayor Metzger thanked the village employees for the work on a water leak on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SW and thanked the Street department employees for cleaning out the bays for the school busses. Dustin Briggs asked why the water leak was not repaired over the weekend and Mayor Metzger noted that the utility department was waiting on OUPS to mark lines. Mayor Metzger noted that he will be attending an Economic Development event in Cleveland on Friday, February 23, 2024.

Jerry Schultz addressed the council regarding revenue from recycling. Fiscal Officer Jennifer Mahoney advised that the recycling grant funds are used to pay the contractor for the trash and the recycling.

Bob Ciekanski thanked the council for their support of the Strasburg Soccer Association and noted that practice will begin in March and games in April. Ciekanski asked the council if the soccer fields could be included in the park mowing and Dustin Briggs noted that he will notify the mowing contractor.

Martin Zehnder recommended that the electronic signs on Wooster Avenue at the crosswalk at 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW be removed and put in storage for another location in the future. Legal Counsel Terry Seeberger noted that he can draw up a resolution for the council to have a first reading at the next council meeting. Zehnder expressed again that the students going to the park should cross at the traffic light at 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Lewis Dreher noted that taxpayer's money paid for the signs and the lights and does not want to see everything just put in the green storage building at the park and forgotten about. A brief discussion was held regarding the signs, lighting, and the crosswalk.

Wes Hostetler noted that a resident asked about the water samples that are used for the yearly report for the village. Kathy Burrier noted that samples are taken from homes and village owned buildings around the village. Jeff Smith noted that we have a mapping system that shows the age of the waterlines, and the utility department could provide information on exactly where the samples are taken for the report.

Kathleen Metzger addressed the council regarding the blue light at the traffic lights that is not working. Fire Chief Laskey noted that the blue light malfunctioned, and that Otto Electric has inspected the fire station and that the blue light is included with many electrical issues at the station.

Lewis Dreher addressed the council regarding fire truck discussions at the last council meeting. Mayor Metzger reported that truck 1201 has been repaired and is back in service and that truck 1204 is currently being serviced and will be back in service. Mayor Metzger noted that the council discussed the trucks and that they will not be given away.

A brief discussion was held on the bulk water service in the village and Mayor Metzger noted that he will get utility employees regarding the service and the billing.

A motion was made by Martin Zehnder, seconded by Wes Hostetler, to adjourn at 7:02 pm. At roll call, all members voted approval.