

The Strasburg Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Steve Smith presided over the meeting.

Members answering roll call were Kathy Burrier, Jeff Smith, Liz Dreher, Don Wallick, Martin Zehnder, and Dustin Briggs. Other's present were Village Administrator Ron Lambert, Legal Counsel Attorney Richard Fox, Zoning Inspector Ted Foster, Press Representative Barb Limbacher, Jerry Schultz, Cindy Brown, and Doug Dreher.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Don Wallick, to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2021 council meeting. At roll call, all members voted approval.

The March financial statement, March Unified Bank Statement, March SSB Worksheet, and the list of bills was presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Don Wallick, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve the March financial statement, March Unified Bank Statement, March SSB Worksheet, and the list of bills in the amount of \$ 281,814.37. At roll call, the vote was as follows: Zehnder, no; Wallick, yes; Smith, yes; Dreher, yes; Burrier, yes; and Briggs, yes.

Mayor Steve Smith read an April 7, 2021 email and provided council with a copy of the email from a representative of ODOT explaining that ODOT was willing to fund the striping for the three-lane concept.

Mayor Smith reported that the flag pole has been ordered for the new village hall, the parking lot has been striped, Pioneer 360 is completing their wiring, and the furniture has been ordered. Mayor Smith noted that storage for the bathroom needs to be purchased, need to install new locks, spray weeds, and discuss signage and plan an open house for in the future. Don Wallick suggested moving the current village hall sign to the new property instead of installing a digital sign. Martin Zehnder agreed. Dustin Briggs noted that he would like to see a digital sign. Kathy Burrier agreed with moving the current sign and purchasing a new sign for the police department at the current building. Council discussed removing the current sign structure at the new building. Jeff Smith noted that finance discussed relocating the current sign and purchasing a new sign for the police to designate their facility, noting that \$ 20,000.00 is a lot of money for a digital sign at this time. A motion was made Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to proceed with lock replacements at the new building. At roll call, all members voted approval. A motion was made by Martin Zehnder, seconded by Don Wallick, to move the current village hall sign to the new building, purchase a sign for the police department, and remove the current sign structure at the new building at 224 N. Bodmer Avenue. At roll call, the vote was as follows: Zehnder, yes; Wallick, yes; Smith, no; Dreher, yes; Burrier, yes; and Briggs, no.

Mayor Smith asked about the status on the performance bond for Stenwood Development. Village Administrator Ron Lambert noted that he called the engineer on March 17, 2021 and also followed up with an email but has not received a response. Lambert noted that the contractor called him today and left a voicemail and that when he called back got his voicemail. Legal Counsel Fox noted that the project needs to be stopped until we receive the performance bond. Fox noted that he received an email today from their attorney about installing a waterline. Fox read the email. A brief discussion was held on the utilities for the development. Fox gave the email to Lambert and Fox will email them to let them know that the Village Administrator will be the contact on this project. Fox noted that they need to cease any building of structures at this time.

Mayor Smith noted that the governor has not given guidelines on festivals and that no decision has been made on this year's Corn Festival.

A brief discussion was held on the agreement between the village, the school, and the Red Rhino football organization. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to authorize the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to sign the agreement. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Finance – Chairman Jeff Smith reported that the committee met last Tuesday and discussed a Roth Option offered through Ohio Deferred Compensation. Legal Counsel Fox asked for the information to draw up an ordinance. Smith reported proposed Eyelinks Software (\$2,400) and Tracers Software (\$ 1,200.00) for the police department. Mayor Smith read the email from Police Chief Dave Warrick explaining the software. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve the purchase of the software for the police department. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Smith reported that the downtown traffic lights were also discussed and also with the Safety Committee. A suggestion was discussed of changing the downtown traffic lights to blinking yellow from 11 pm to 4 am to allow traffic to continue during the night. Smith noted that the Police Department agree with this proposal. Council will review the proposal for the next meeting. Mayor Smith will also pursue grant information for trip lights for downtown.

Smith noted that he emailed Fox about specs needed for refuse bids, noting that our current refuse contract with Kimble expires on May 31, 2021. Smith also noted that we need to review our refuse ordinance pertaining to residents paying for refuse for all twelve months even if their home is vacant for periods of time. Fox noted that he will review the ordinance. Smith noted that he will be obtaining a price from Bull Country Compost to compare to our current price on compost disposal.

Park – Chairman Dustin Briggs reported to council different options offered by Vasco on sealing the tennis courts at the park. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to approve the original quote in the amount of \$ 27,321.00 for resurfacing and installation of new posts and nets. At roll call, all members voted approval. Briggs suggested submitting an application to the Rosenberry Foundation for playground equipment for the park. A brief discussion was held on a location at the park for soccer. Doug Dreher asked about the intersection at the park. A brief discussion was held on the intersection and Village Administrator Ron Lambert will discuss the intersection with Engineer Don Dummermuth.

Zoning Inspector Ted Foster provided council with a list of zoning permits, and reported that a solar panel installation at a property on Kaderly Avenue is currently on hold. Mayor Smith reported that the Board of Zoning Appeals held their public hearing and granted the variance for the property owner on 7<sup>th</sup> Street SW.

A brief discussion was held on the green space on Wooster Avenue. Legal Counsel Fox advised Kathy Burrier to obtain recommendations from other contractors on the use of the green space. Jeff Smith noted that the green space has been a sore subject since the beginning and suggested putting the property up for sale. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Dustin Briggs, to contact a realtor to obtain a price and sell the green space property. Legal Counsel reminded council that if they sell the property the grant will need to be paid back. At roll call, the vote was as follows: Zehnder, no; Wallick, no; Smith, yes; Dreher, no; Burrier, no; and Briggs, yes. Kathy noted that she will get some other proposals for the green space.

Marty Zehnder noted that he has been contacted by concerned residents regarding the possible sludge press operation plant wanting to locate north of the village. Zehnder stated that he is totally against the proposed business. Doug Dreher asked council to explain exactly what is being proposed. Mayor Smith noted that the buyer is looking to purchase 33 acres north of the village and would utilize 11 of the acres north of Harwalk Road for the sludge press operation. Mayor Smith noted that the other 22 acres south of Harwalk Road would be for future development. Village Administrator Ron Lambert explained that this business currently hauls sludge to our plant for dewatering and that his business has grown beyond what we can accommodate. Lambert explained that he would build his own dewatering station and then bring their product to our plant for filtration only. Lambert noted that none of the sludge would be industrial sludge. Lambert noted that we have contacted the EPA regarding this proposed business. Lambert explained that we are obligated to take sludge as a part of our loan agreement because we installed septage acceptance equipment and we got a substantial loan discount. Lambert reported that there will be a 30,000-gallon limit on filtrate from this proposed business and explained that the filtration is the easy part of the operation. Dreher asked why is this in the best interest of the town to take this filtrate. Lambert explained that we can dictate what we can take at our plant and that there are different ways to meter this and that the business would be taking on the cost. Lambert noted that the property is currently in the township and could be annexed into the village or join the JEDD. Lambert noted that it could lead to other property beyond that that would be extremely attractive for future growth. Dreher asked about the impact on the sewer plant and the plant reaching its capacity sooner. Lambert explained that right now it is a higher burden with the sludge and that the filtrate would be less burden, less man hours, less equipment time, less chemicals and other expenses related to the dewatering. Lambert noted that they have proposed a rate that would generate approximately \$ 80,000.00 annually in revenue for the village. Lambert explained that the future sewer plant expansion will be funded 75% by the JEDD and this revenue from this business could be the other 25% needed by the village. Lambert explained that there has been a lot of thought given to this proposal.

Dustin Briggs noted that this could be a way to utilize roughly 300 acres in the future for growth of our village, explaining that if we want our village to grow this could be a great opportunity. Dreher noted that we don't have to take this undesirable project. Zehnder noted that he does not see how having a sludge plant will bring more development. Briggs asked Zehnder how are we going to develop a JEDD and expand our village if you are against future projects. Lambert noted that we have the opportunity of 22 acres immediately for future development. Liz Dreher noted that people don't understand sludge and say no before they really understand what the proposal is and asked if there will be any public meetings to explain the proposed sludge business. Lambert noted that public hearings are a requirement to joining the JEDD.

**ORDINANCE O-15-2021**

Ordinance O-15-2021 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, the vote was as follows: Zehnder, no; Wallick, yes; Smith, yes; Dreher, yes; Burrier, yes; and Briggs, yes. A motion was made by Jeff Smith, seconded by Kathy Burrier, to approve Ordinance O-15-2021, AN ORDINANCE AWARDDING A \$ 4,000.00 PER YEAR STIPEND TO CHAD N. KANOUFF AND NEAL E. DICKERHOOF, FOR BOTH 2021 AND 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. At roll call, the vote was as follows: Zehnder, no; Wallick, yes; Smith, yes; Dreher, yes; Burrier, yes; and Briggs, yes. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Jerry Schultz thanked everyone on behalf of the American Legion for another successful chicken BBQ. Schultz reported that the American Legion will hold their annual Memorial Day Parade and will step off at the school at 10 am on Monday, May 31, 2021. Schultz reported that Matt Price was the winner in their golf club raffle.

Mayor Smith asked council to sign a letter of support for the fire department to apply for grant funding for improvements of the fire department building and reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 for the new fire department levy.

A motion was made by Kathy Burrier, seconded by Jeff Smith, to adjourn at 7:27 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 MARCH 2021**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>CASH BALANCES ON 1-01-21</b>	<b>APPROPRIATION 2021</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					22,802.18			138,047.47
POLICE					37,355.77			111,704.93
FIRE					13,454.83			38,996.24
SERVICE					16,680.25			49,842.32
GENERAL BAL.	730,977.30	1,897,675.50	651,155.81	159,951.63	90,293.03	720,814.41	328,428.07	338,590.96
POLICE LEVY	20,891.10	73,891.10	2,068.43	26,000.62	3,474.01	24,595.04	26,145.62	22,441.68
FIRE LEVY	176,357.28	323,357.28	183,002.75	29,765.19	9,671.37	203,096.57	68,768.77	42,029.48
STREET	63,537.62	263,537.62	78,756.16	16,976.00	17,564.75	78,167.41	51,083.96	36,454.17
HIGHWAY	8,354.95	23,354.95	736.17	1,270.00	266.21	1,739.96	3,825.36	10,440.35
PARK	130,525.10	242,525.10	149,018.88	10,554.76	654.53	158,919.11	30,130.89	1,736.88
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	83,831.02	44,835.06	0.00	128,666.08	120,272.08	71,170.43
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	57,209.57	10,264.09	0.00	67,473.66	26,793.14	0.00
WATER FUND	131,310.40	541,310.40	77,268.89	37,197.14	45,084.70	69,381.33	107,363.58	169,292.65
SEWER FUND	556,566.13	1,326,566.13	561,646.70	60,665.66	43,859.01	578,453.35	181,666.24	159,779.02
SSI	391,905.03	426,905.03	397,909.66	2,989.11	0.00	400,898.77	8,993.74	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	916,634.08	1,091,634.08	946,173.98	15,050.20	0.00	961,224.18	44,590.10	0.00
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	18,376.57	75,434.87	74,395.18	19,416.26	246,543.29	230,803.78
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>3,479,243.05</b>	<b>7,790,441.25</b>	<b>3,435,416.95</b>	<b>490,954.33</b>	<b>285,262.79</b>	<b>3,641,108.49</b>	<b>1,244,604.84</b>	<b>1,082,739.40</b>

JANUARY 2021 CASH BALANCE \$ 3,479,243.05