**Village of South Charleston**

**Commission Meeting**

**August 19, 2025**

**5:00 P.M.**

Members Present: President Stucky, Vice President Sweeney, Commissioner Rogers, Village Manger Trecia Waring, Clerk Jessica Hiser and Chief Brian Redish, Nathan Franzen

Guest: Dennis Klontz, Debra Smith, Belinda Perkins, Lindsay Daulton, Jay Flax, Dave Cover and Anna Cover

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Addition or Corrections to the Minutes**

* None
* President Stucky motion to approve the minutes and with a second from Vice President Sweeney and a vote of 3/0, the motion is approved.

1. **Discussion of the Bills**

* None
* President Stucky motioned to approve the bill list and with a second from Commissioner Rogers and a vote of 3/0, the motion is approved.

1. **Public Comments**

* Dennis Klontz is here about the grass at the Baker property. There are currently skunks and snakes living in the tall grass. Chief has reached out to the mortgage company and they said it would be mowed. They did not mow it. Trecia said that we will get the information and send a letter. We have a procedure for these situations that we have to follow. If we do mow the property, we are able to put a lien on the property. President Stucky told Mr. Klontz that we will work to get that property taken care of.
* Jay Flax is here from the Harmony Farmland Preservation Coalition they are asking for support to stop solar farms on farmland. They are not against solar they are just against taking up prime farmland. There have been 10 townships that have voted to oppose solar farms on farmland. The project in question is the Sloopy project. This covers 3200 acres of farmland and most of that is owned by the church of latter-day saints which is based in Utah. This project was partially grandfathered in because of the filing occurring before March. The next step to stop this is a vote from the Ohio Power Sitting Board. The major concerns with the project are drainage and where will it go when they remove all of the topsoil. The wildlife getting caught in these areas as well as the effect it would have on them. Would they pay property tax and if they didn’t the impact that would have on the county and our schools. Most people in the area do not want to look at these and they worry about their property values. Jay also stated that when they put the one in Madison County the roads were destroyed. They do have a pilot pay in lieu of the taxes but there is no guarantee for who will get the money. They are asking for the community to go to the meeting on September 3rd at 6pm at the fairgrounds and let the Commissioner and the sitting board know how they feel about the solar farm. President Stucky asked about other areas that have had solar farms and what they have said. He doesn’t feel that this will stop solar. Jay stated that the federal administration put through yesterday that no more tax dollars will go towards solar farms on farmland. They have also spoken to other areas and promises of money paid to the schools but the money never came through. In Harden County they planted trees to be a buffer and if you drive by all of the trees are dead. There was another area that installed solar and not long after installation there was a hail storm that came through. Since nothing was generated from the solar farm, they did not give out any money and they did not decommission the property it was left for the farmer to clean up. Lindsay wanted everyone to know that this isn’t just about how it will affect the farmer it will affect everyone.

1. **Action Items**

* RESOLUTION 9-2025
* A RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN LINE ITEMS AND AMENDING THE BUDGET ACCORDINGLY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
* This is to appropriate more money to pay bills in Sewer and Water.
* President Stucky motioned to approve the Resolution and with a second from Vice President Sweeney and a vote of 3/0, the motion is approved.

1. **Village Manager Report**

* The alleys have been cut back. They installed the flashing no truck signs and a few other no truck signs at Sprague and Jamestown. She hopes that this will get the point across. She will also be putting something in the newsletter. Televac was here and cleaned several storm lines and we have a major issue with the one at Willow and Jamestown. Brian Stevenson is getting an estimate to run a new line between the catch basins to correct the problem. They may have to shut down Willow for a day or 2 when the work is being done. She also spoke with Mr. Asebrook and he said there is no change with 4-6 West Columbus Road or at 47 South Chillicothe Street. He also stated that the steps at 41 North Chillicothe would fall under the Fire Department to issue a notice of violation. All mobile homes are exempt from building codes. She has done zoning on more new builds in Berschet Farms that makes 14 in total. She will be having a meeting with Justin from EES to put together some plans for sidewalks in the Houston Park addition. He has been out of the office and has a few things to clear off his schedule this week and then they will set a time. President Stucky asked if Asebrook came out and looked and Trecia said it was through email but she will ask. The mobile homes are exempt from the building codes because when they are manufactured, they have to meet state standards. The problem is that the old ones are falling apart and she will get in contact with the health department. Nathan asked if we have R-1 zoning and this would allow us to condemn properties with broken windows or missing doors. He will look at Springfield Ordinances so we can use them because they are tough on the landlords. Nathan is working on some noise ordinances and he will be showing the commissioners two different option.

1. **Clerk Report**

* Shut offs will happen tomorrow morning and right now we have 40. She would like to ask the commission about reviewing the shut off procedures. The Commissioners would like for her to gather other information from other villages on their charges.

1. **Chief’s Report**

* He has a meeting with Dean on Monday at 2:30. He also has a meeting with Tom to joint he collaborative tomorrow. With the switch to Lexipol we will be more open to receiving grants. The Commissioners asked about how many in the county are in the collaborative and Chief said two as of now.

1. **Commissioner Comments**

* President Stucky would like to encourage the community to go to the meeting on September 3rd not matter which way you feel about solar panels and let the citing board know.

1. **New Business**

* President Stucky may not be here at the next meeting.

1. **Old Business**

* President Stucky said that he received a compliment on the Splash Pad from an out-of-town resident.

1. **Executive Session**

- President Stucky motioned to enter executive session for Real Estate and personnel and with a second from Commissioner Rogers and a vote of 3/0 we enter executive session.

1. **Motion to Adjourn**

President Stucky motioned to adjourn the meeting and with a second from Vice President Sweeney and a vote of 3/0, the meeting is adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:29.

ATTEST: APPROVED:

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Jessica N Hiser/Clerk Samuel Stucky/President

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS ATRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE MINUTES AS TAKEN FROM THE FILES OF THE CLERK FOR THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH CHARLESTON COMMISSION