**Village of South Charleston**

**Commission Meeting**

**April 16, 2024**

**5:00 P.M.**

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

Guest: Bridgette Miller, Greg Altman and Elizabeth Altman, Regina Timmons, Russ White, Kathy Hart, Joe and Peggy Ricca, Tina Chafins, Mark Angel, Dan Roncalato, Woody Mohler, and Debra Smith

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. **Action Items**

* Sunrise Variance Request
* The zoning board recommended it for approval
* President Stucky motioned to approve the zoning request and with a second from Vice President Sweeney and a vote of 3/0, the motion is approved.
* ORDINANCE 1-2024
* AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO DESIGNATE RESIDENTIAL RESERVED PARKING SPACES FOR MOBILITY IMPAIRED RESIDENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
* President Stucky motioned to approve the Ordinance and with a second from Commissioner Rogers and a vote of 3/0, the Ordinance is approved.
* RESOLUTION 3-2024
* A RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN LINE ITEMS AND AMENDING THE BUDGET ACCORDINGLY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
* This is for the Splash Pad picnic tables and bathroom supplies
* President Stucky motioned to approve the Resolution and with a second from Commissioner Rogers and a vote of 3/0

1. **Public Comments**

* Woody Mohler is wanting to know what growth we can expect from Sunrise in the future. Dan said that this is the last grain bin. They are running out of property. He said that the corn dust is a big concern. Dan did let him know that in July they will be installing a 750K new dust filter system. Woody would like to say that since the last meeting he has noticed a difference in the noise. Greg Altman is here and he said he has lived with the dust and asked Sunrise if they ever considered building a wall around the dryer. He was upset with the conversation that Elizabeth and Dan had on the phone. He was unwilling to listen to her and was rude. Dan disagreed that he was anything but professional with her. He is unhappy with the train whistle that blows through out the day and night. His wife had counted a train whistle 128 times in 7 hours. Dan explained that yes, they do have to blow the train whistle every time they cross 41 but this is a safety issue by the railroad. He said that they are only blowing the whistle during the hours of 7:30-4. If the whistle is blown any other time than that it is the railroad. He said that when he gets a train they drop the cars off during the night and then Dan has 15 hours to load the cars before they are picked up. He doesn’t have any control of when the railroad comes in and drops them. By blowing the whistle it prevents accidents with motorist. Bridgette would like to thank the Village for working so hard to get the handicap parking. Mark Angel isn’t happy about the dust on his car. He was wondering about Sunrise putting in a carwash. It is a possibility just go and talk to Dan about it. Mike Garringer has lived here for 41 years and he lived 7 years on Mound Street. The dust was much worse in the 80’s. He said it has always been a farming community. Joe Ricca said the dust has always been a problem and that Sunrise has always been a good neighbor. President Stucky said that the Sunrise always works hard to address our concerns and that they are regulated by the Ohio EPA. We are blessed to have Sunrise who does invest in the Community and it does help our economy by having farmers and workers going to the grocery, NAPA, and getting gas. With the closing of the grain bin in South Solon it decimated that town and we are lucking for the economic growth in our small town. Debra Smith has two houses close to the track and she doesn’t hear the trains as much anymore. President Stucky did say that we looked into a quiet zone and it seem to be cost prohibited. Elizabeth Altman said that she was told the quiet zone would range from 250K to 1 million dollars. She asked if she was able to achieve the quiet zone for the village and get funding for it would the Village be on board. Yes, the Village or Sunrise would not interfere with the quiet zone going through. They encouraged her to still work her avenues to acquire the quiet zone. He would be okay if they never had to blow the whistle as long as everyone was kept safe but as it stands now he isn’t able to do that without blowing the whistle. Regina Timmons is here about a community member. She is unhappy about that the Commission has not done anything about the property next to hers. She reads the Village minutes and she knows that they send letters to Charters and Highmillers and are concerned about the looks of those properties. Her neighbors house was condemned and she has the letter to prove it. The Village was not aware that the house had been condemned. She was also upset that the Village decided to not cite Mr. Brooks because he was a long-standing citizen. She called health department on the property multiple times. President Stucky said that he had checked on Mike Brooks and had many conversations with him. Chief Redish had also called adult protective services on him. Regina said that he was living in the house which he was not supposed to be. The Commissioners were unaware he was living in the house. Regina asked President Stucky if he asked him and he said no he didn’t ask him. Regina finally called his son and had him come and get him because she didn’t want to find him dead one morning.

1. **Village Manager Report**

* The hydrant on Calico is fixed and operational. She sent over the street replacement approval to the Engineers office. They started brush pickup today. She placed letters in their last packets about Highmillers and Charters. She would like for the Commission to give her details on the current issues for the Culberston property. So, she can send a letter to them. They are continuing to update valve box cards. She has been looking at signs for the park. She put in front of the commissioners a couple sign ideas. She was asked to look into the truck traffic that turns into US Trucking facility. They are cutting the corner and could potentially crush the concrete culver pipe. It doesn’t look like there is much we can do on this end. The Commissioners discussed that Trecia should contact Travis Vanover the owner of the property. The Splash Pad construction has started they will be back next week to lay the flooring and hopefully we will have water to test it. She doesn’t have firm dates for the shelter house or fence and they are working on getting the bathrooms in order. They may not be opened in time for the opening so we might have to get a port-a-potty.

1. **Clerk Report**

* She has been working to get the audit started. She will also begin the budget process here in the next couple of weeks. Water bills have been coming in. She also gave the results of the survey online about names for the splash pad. After reviewing the names, the commission decided on the name of Village Splash.

1. **Chief’s Report**

* He gave his calls of service report. The fire department is looking for $500 to put towards the fireworks. Heritage Days will be September 28th. He met with the community club about issues at the park. He and Karmen discussed that there will be a no tolerance for vandalism or fighting at the park. They will be banded from the park if the child in question is paying baseball they will be allowed in the park for game or accompanied by a parent. The list of the kids causing problems is growing. They are ranging from 13 to 20 years old. They have also been going around town saying racial slurs. He sent out some nuisance letters. Some of the issues have been resolved and some are being worked on. He has even issued some citations. He has been working on some criminal investigations. Commissioner Rogers asked about the cruiser and Chief explained they are still waiting on a production day and don’t have a build date. Commissioner Rogers asked about changing to Dodge versus Ford. Chief explained that when we have had a Dodge and with it we ran into so many problems. He feels that Ford has better quality vehicles.

1. **New Business**

* None

1. **Old Business**

* Commissioner Rogers asked about the quote for the new traffic poles and Trecia said no she would check with them again.

1. **Executive Session**

- President Stucky motioned to enter executive session for the purpose of real estate and with a second from Vice President Sweeney 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 Commissioner Rogers and a vote of 3/0, the meeting is adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:27.

ATTEST: APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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