**Village of South Charleston**

**Commission Meeting**

**February 7, 2023**

**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: Mary and Ron Seymour, Woody and Elissa Mohler, John and Diane Montgomery, Russ White, Mary Jane Dennis, Eliane Raine, Joe Hamilton, Tina and Randy Chafins and Kathryn Hart

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Public Comments**
* Dan is here from Sunrise. President Stucky said that we met with him on the 19th of January with Jessica. Dan has been with Sunrise for the last 12 years and he has seen a tremendous growth. He wanted to start off by saying that Sunrise is permitted through the EPA and every piece of equipment has to be inspected through them as well. The fans run at night and this is because of the temperatures and humidity being the lowest at night in the warmer months. The grain keeps best at 30-50 degrees. They only run the fans when the temperatures or humidity exceeds the numbers to avoid the grain from going sour. Sunrise takes in the grain to store it and disperse it throughout the year when grain is not being harvested. Sunrise supplies grain to major livestock feeders like Tyson. They take in 17 million bushels of grain each year and that equates to over 120,000 local acres for farmers. They have grown in size but they have also upgraded the way they do business by trying to make it more efficient and less waste. This includes a silencer on the fans, this help dampens the noise but doesn’t eliminate it. They treat the driveway so reduce the dust from trucks. They have installed an automated system to help to shut fans off while filling to prevent dust. He would like for people to give him dates on the worst days of the dust. He doesn’t work well with just being told it was bad this year. If he has specific dates he can evaluate what happened that day and look for a solution by narrowing it down. He said he can be called or texted with these dates. His name and number are on the website as well as on the side of the building. He won’t apologize for them doing business. Along with all of the changes that Sunrise has made they have also been a good neighbor by helping to open up some drain tiles that all of the water on the southside drains too. Russ White said that since the last meeting the fans have not been running. Dan explained that this is not because of the complaints this is because the grain temperature is low enough to not have to have the fans running. Lisa Mohler asked what season to they test the air quality? Dan explained that they are spot tested throughout the year. She says that when the dust is blowing they can eat outside and they feel that is a health concern since they are breathing it all in. She is just looking for what can be done with the issue. John Montgomery asked what the exhaust fan do. Dan explained that they blow air through the corn. Kathy Hart said that the worst dust is when they are unloading it on the trains. She also would like for the trains to not idle in the part of the Y where she lives. He doesn’t control the railroad but he can ask them to not do that. Russ White asked about the lights at the facility and Dan said that those lights are up for safety and they need to stay up there because they do work up there at night. Mary Jane Dennis said that this summer was the worst by far and Dan did say that we did have a seven-week drought. President Stucky that he feels that Dan has been working to make it better for the Village. Joe Hamilton stated that they are unable to sit on the porch because of the dust. He asked what we have done with Sunrise. President Stucky said that after the last meeting we contacted Dan and we had a meeting. Joe also wanted to know if Sunrise plans on getting bigger and if they do will the Village regulate them. President Stucky said that they are zoning Industrial and as long as they stay within the regulations of that zoning district they can expand. Joe doesn’t feel that Sunrise is very neighborly and he would like to have us change the zoning regulations for Sunrise. President Stucky told he that they would be grandfathered in on those regulations. John Montgomery said that the guys working there probably do not realize the dust since they are right in it. Randy Chafins asked how they treat the driveways. They treat them with Calcium Chloride. He also stated that when it is bad and dusty that the residents need to call the EPA and complain and they would get fined. Diane Montgomery said the dust in the streets are not the problem and she wanted to know if they vacated Mill street and yes, the Village did. They also discussed that High Street is an old country road. John stated that at one time Sunrise was to keep that nice. President Stucky will speak to Sunrise about it. Russ White on an unrelated subject. The damage to the railroad tracks. Trecia as spoken to Lou Agrest about the railroad crossing and they put it on the repairs and it should be done in March.
1. **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**
* RESOLUTION 2023-2
* A RESOLUTION DOCUMENTING AUTHROIZATION FOR FILLING OUT THE NATUREWORKS APPLICATION
* This is a resolution for a grant for the property that the pool currently sits on
1. **Village Manager Report**
* The resolution allows her to apply for a grant for NatureWorks funding of a project at the pool property. It also states agreement to obligate Village Funds to complete the project in order to get reimbursement under the terms of the NatureWorks Grant Program. She would like to have a clearer picture of what the Commission would like to see at the property. She has picture of splashpads, shelter house and pavilions for outdoor plays and concerts. The more specific the grant application the better chance we will have. She is currently waiting on a few more demolition quotes for the pool. She would also like to get pricing for the roads, so we can submit them to the county for estimates. They put down trim at the garage shop and then worked on the old dump truck. They treated streets during the low temperatures. They replaced a sign that was knocked down. Next week they will be replacing the light fixtures in the Police Department. There are also interview for the Mayors Court.
1. **Clerk Report**
* She has put in front of the Commission the Opera House Lease renewal. It is expired this January after ten years. She would like for the Commission to review the agreement and adjust any changes they would like to make. Also, she would recommend that they up the lease agreement cost. Due to the increase in prices. She also stated that they never paid their lease agreement last year.
1. **Chief’s Report**
* He gave his calls of service report. There is a giant uptick in traffic citations. President Stucky asked if this was due to more patrols. Chief said yes some of them but most are people have no regard for traffic laws right now. Chief started working on some nuisance properties and sent out some letters. He asked the Commission to get him properties that they feel should be cleaned up. The EMR class has started and he has 5 officers in this training class. This class will help the residents when the squad struggles to get out. President Stucky asked if the traffic report will be out for the public and Chief said he is going to have Jessica put it on the website.
1. **New Business**
* None
1. **Old Business**
* President Stucky asked if we have any new information on the sidewalks in Houston Park Edition. Trecia said we are waiting on the grants and we will need a new LMI.
1. **Executive Session**

-President Stucky motioned to enter into executive session for Legal 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 6:52.

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