**Village of South Charleston**

**Commission Meeting**

**January 2, 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: None

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**

* None

1. **Village Manager Report**

* They will be taking down the banners and wreaths this week. The meters have been read and bills have been sent out. Coffee and Conversation will be cancelled for tomorrow due to Village Cup being closed. She is waiting on a quote from Miami Valley Lighting for the new traffic lights. She put the new pay rate schedule in the packets. This would allow for longevity and allow for annual and merit raises. President Stucky asked what the raise for the Maintenance department was and Trecia said it was a little over the 3.2% cost of living. The Mayors Court Clerk was 0.50 cents. President Stucky asked if we give more money would this help to keep officers. Chief said yes it would be easier to keep officers. We are competing with Enon and German Township and they pay considerably more than us. He asked how many officers we have now and Chief said 8 and we need to have 12-15 for full staff. We have 5 full time officers including Chief. President Stucky asked where the police department is funded and Jessica said through the General Fund. He said from the comparisons we are underpaying everyone it looks like he then asked how the SRO works. The School and the Village are in a 60-40 split. President Stucky said that the scale looks good likes that starting point is at the raise comparisons.
* The Commissioner would like to enter executive session to discuss personal. President Stucky motioned to enter executive session and with a second from Commissioner Rogers and a vote of 3/0, they enter executive session.
* Upon leaving executive session the Commission agreed to change the pay rates of the Village Manager to $26 and the Clerk at $23. They would like to recommend that the Chief be paid $29. The Commission just asked that they work hard. They will keep the Treasurer at the same pay.
* President Stucky motioned to approve the Pay Rate Schedule for 2024 and with a second from Commissioner Rogers and a vote of 3/0, the motion is approved.

1. **Executive Session**

- President Stucky motioned to enter executive session for the reason of Personal and with a second from Commissioner Rogers and a vote of 3/0 we enter executive session.

1. **Clerk Report**

* She is working on the End of year. Water Bills are also coming in.

1. **Chief’s Report**

* He said the holiday went smooth with just a drunk driving issue. Hopes the New Year gets off on the right foot. Commissioner Rogers would like for Chief to look into the mobile home on Jamestown Road because of trash.

1. **New Business**

* Commissioner Rogers was approached about an Ordinance for the no sale of marijuana in the Village. Other Villages and Cities are putting an Ordinance in place. President Stucky would like to see the breakdown of how the Village voted on Issue 2 and he is in thought that we should not going against the state law.

1. **Old Business**

* Commissioner Rogers spoke to Mr. Charters he has a potential developer for the property and is looking as well to sell it. President Stucky asked if Trecia had a chance to look into a street sweeper. She is looking for a used one and have a couple emails out for a quote. A new street sweeper would run 150K. She has also priced a hydrovac and a new one will run about 65K. These are not good options to purchase a used one. This is due to the fact if someone is getting rid of one it due to issues. President Stucky wanted to thank Trecia for cleaning up the rocks and asked if she was going to do the concrete around the pole. She said they will do that in the Spring but wants to check with our Attorney first. He asked about any issue with 17 Oak and they said no but there are some questions about the water at the property. Trecia will look into this. Commissioner Rogers asked for an update on 8 Church Street and the trash. Chief said they are working on it. Also, is the trash still a problem at 16 Oak Street? Chief said that was being cleaned up and they are supposed to be evicted tomorrow. Police Department update? There is no update at this time. Commissioner Rogers asked for a splash pad update and we are still waiting for the authorization of the grant.

1. **Public Comments**

* None

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 6:06.

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