**Village of South Charleston**

**Commission Meeting**

**June 20, 2023**

**4:45 P.M.**

**Budget Hearing**

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

Guest: Debra Smith, Jeff Ditmer, Jeff Ratliff and Michelle Thacker

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Roll Call**
3. Clerk Jessica Hiser presented the Budget. The commission asked about expected expenses and she said just a new cruiser. They also asked if we are expecting any extra revenue and she said no.
4. **Addition or Corrections to the Minutes**
* None
* President Stucky motion to approve the minutes and with a second from Commissioner Rogers and a vote of 2/0, 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 2/0, the motion is approved
1. **Chief’s Report**
* He gave his calls of service report. They are working on nuisance and have cited 2 and one has been brought into court and plead guilty. They have until Friday to get the property cleaned up. Then the Commission will decide how they want it cleaned up. Trecia can clean it up and then we can put a lien on the property and assess the taxes. This property has also been reported to the Health Department. He has completed the leads audit and the audit for the 1033 has begun. The Heritage Days planning has begun. They are also aware of the lighting issue on E. Mound Street and have contacted Miami Valley Lighting about the issue. The commission as asked if the landlord is aware of the issue with the property and yes, he has been notified. And he should be held accountable. Commissioner Rogers asked if the property is livable and Chief said he has not been passed the front door. Trecia said the property is structurally sound she believes. President Stucky said the property is a mess he feels the tenants should be cited not the landlord. Give him time to clean it up after they are gone and then we can cite him if it is not cleaned up. This property has also been served an eviction notice. He isn’t sure if the eviction was a 3 day or 30 days. Even with an eviction notice it could be a 30-60-day process if they don’t leave. President Stucky wants the Village to stay on this and keep up with our ordinances as well as the State ordinances.
1. **Public Comments**
* Jeff Ditmer from 20 Oak Street is here about the neighbor issue. He has lived in this Village for 8 years and has had no problems until this neighbor. He would like for the Village to look into doing something with rental properties. He would like to see that the Village has a rental agreement. The current landlord is a slum lord. They are having issue with the property being nasty as well as the kids and adults being disrespectful. He feels that if the neighbor steps foot on his property now he will consider it a threat. President Stucky sympathizes and he is a strong advocate of nuisance abatement. He would like for him to know that we will do all that we can within the legal limits. Springfield City just passed an Ordinance for landlords to register the properties. Michelle Thacker is here from 17 Oak Street and she is a tenant of the landlord in question. He is very hard to deal with and he is not a good landlord. She wants to purchase the property but has been served an eviction notice. She has cleaned up her property. Jeff Ratliff is here from 319 Jamestown St for his mother Brenda. He grew up there and he is frustrated that he feels he can’t help his mother. She is scared to leave her house. President Stucky reassured them that the Village is working on this situation but with the government we have steps we must take and unfortunately those steps do take time.
1. **Action Items**
* Ordinance 2023-7
* AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE PARKING OF COMMERCIAL TRAILERS, RECREATIONAL TRAILERS, OR SEMITRAILERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH CHARLESTON, OHIO
* This is the first reading of this ordinance. This is to prevent the parking of trailers on the Village streets.
* RESOLUTION 4-2023
* A RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN LINE ITEMS AND AMENDING THE BUDGET ACCORDINGLY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
* This is to increase the budget for the street repairs on Mound Street
* President Stucky motioned to approve the Resolution and with a second from Commissioner Rogers and a vote of 2/0, the Resolution is approved.
1. **Village Manager Report**
* They have been working on cleaning out catch basins and putting down cold mix. Cemetery cleanup is done and they are working on leveling and straightening stones. She called about the Loveless property and they have sent out a reminder. Still working on changing meters. The Tahoe and radios will go on govdeals. Church Street will be crack filled this week. She also wanted to know if the commission wanted to look back at the Ordinances about vacant lots and absently landlords. Commissioner Rogers asked if there was a price for the catch basin on William. Trecia explained that since it is a newer catch basin they don’t want to replace it. They have a plan to feather it and not make it as bad. President Stucky asked about the catch basin cleanout is that vacuumed? Trecia said yes but she is going to have the one on Willow camera ran because it seem to be possible blocked. He also asked where the storm water goes. Trecia said it depends on where in town. They all run to different places.
1. **Clerk Report**
* She has finished the budget and has been scheduling meter appointment.
1. **New Business**
* None
1. **Old Business**
* Commissioner Rogers asked about the Highmiller and Charters property. Have we sent letters? Jessica said she doesn’t believe so. He also said that the sidewalks on Mound Street will be getting done in the next two weeks.
1. **Executive Session**

- None

1. **Motion to Adjourn**

President Stucky motioned to adjourn the meeting and with a second from Commissioner Rogers and a vote of 2/0, the meeting is adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:59.

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