**Village of South Charleston**

**Commission Meeting**

**February 18, 2025**

**5:00 P.M.**

Members Present: President Stucky, Commissioner Rogers, Village Clerk Jessica Hiser and Chief Brian Redish

Guest: Bob Entler, Jim and Deanna Park, 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 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. **Action Items**

* None

1. **Public Comments**

* Jim Parks is here about the traffic at Liberty and Chillicothe. This is yamada traffic speeding through. They also wanted to let us know about the traffic on Church Street as it has become a throughway. Chief asked about if this is in the morning or afternoon traffic. The Park’s said it is both. They are also running really fast in the school zone. President Stucky said thank you for the information and he turned it over to Chief to handle this situation. Jim Park’s would also like to tell the commission and thank them for the quick action on the water bill while he was in the hospital. He also asked about the plan for the newly purchased building. President Stucky said we are still in the process of deciding this. Potentially a more secure building for the employees. The commission decided that they didn’t want someone else to buy it and not doing anything with it. Bob Entler is here and he was informed of the good news from President Stucky and is happy that the Village is stepping in and making them aware of the situation. Things are moving and we will see what happens next.

1. **Village Manager Report**

* The estimate for a new big mower from Ag-Pro in your packets. The trade in value is good due to the lower number of hours on our current mower. When we got our current mower the hours on the old one was almost double and we only got 3K trade in on that. She would like to get a new one on order as soon as possible. She is working with 3 plumbing contractors and 3 remodeling contractors to get estimates on the Splash Pad Restrooms. She will let you know when she has updates. They got ready mix for potholes and the guys got Jamestown Road and Berschet Drive patched. They will continue patching holes until they runout of the ready mix and then we will purchase bulk mix this Spring. The guys are servicing the sludge tractor and it needs new and rebuilt parts. She is getting estimates on patching the big washed out area at the Splash Pad as will as a utility cut that is sinking on Clifton Road. Then we can get the parking lot seal coated and parking spots painted. Once all of that they will place the parking blocks. We closed on 2 East Mound Street and they will start to working on cleaning up the inside and the vegetation around the building. She needs to get an idea of what we want to do with the exterior before we change windows or siding. She sent Tammi amendments for the Zoning Ordinance and a new Nuisance Ordinance and a letter to cease commercial use and removal of temporary building. She will let everyone know when the letter is sent. She spoke to Bobby at CC Engineers office regarding the alley beside the pizza shop. He suggested adding a yard drain in Marianna’s yard to connect to the drain in the yard behind the pizza shop then remove at least 12 inches of the alley at the bend and replace it with compacted 304s. He thinks that the alley corner may be saturated so adding a new drain may dry it up and make the corner more solid. Zac and her have discussed the issue there, they don’t think that it’s a drainage issue. She feels that if they dig out the alley and put in a new base and put a thick chip seal that would solve the issue and it would be more cost effective.

1. **Clerk Report**

* We will be doing shut offs on February 25th. She sent out 130 Shut off notices. This number is lower but we still have a high number of shut offs even with this number going down. She is working on the increase for sewer and water according to the consumer price index the increase is 5% she would be asking for 4% and she will have the increase in packets. She asked if the commission would like to have her do the numbers for a different increase. President Stucky would like to see what a 3% increase looks like. She said that we did a smaller increase last year because the CPI was over 7% and we only did an increase at 4%. President Stucky asked if we are struggling in those funds and she said no we are not we are currently breaking even. We do have some updates coming such as the water tower being painted. That will be a loan through OWDA but we will have to pay it back. And the EPA is currently finding things that we need to update in the next year or two. She would also like to remind the commission that with all of the overages on the Splash Pad last year that we need to be conscious of our spending this year. She sees lots of plans that could get very costly but wants to remind them of the costs of every project.

1. **Chief’s Report**

* He spoke to the owner of 15 North Church Street and Chief is going to work with him about getting the property cleared up. The owner is moving back in to the property. He is doing some interviews and he is working to get back to full staffing. With the weather you have had a few traffic crashes. President Stucky asked how the moral of the department is with low staffing. He said he is working on keeping them up and making some changes. He is trying to staff as many shifts as possible.

1. **Commissioner Comments**

* None

1. **New Business**

* None

1. **Old Business**

* President Stucky asked if anyone had spoken to the library about their snow removal? Chief said that he can speak with them as he is dealing with another issue with the library and will speak with Jeff Smith.

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 5:29.

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