**Village of South Charleston**

**Commission Meeting**

**September 17, 2024**

**5:00 P.M.**

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

Guest: Artie, Oliver and Shine Thompson

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**

* **Variance Request for 342 West Columbus Road**
* President Stucky motioned to uphold the Zoning Boards recommendation of denying the request for rezoning the property and with a second from Vice President Sweeney and a vote of 3/0 the motion is denied.

1. **Village Manager Report**

* Trecia asked if the they had a chance to look over the code of conduct and if they did are they ready to motion and vote. The commission says it wasn’t in the packets. She said we will table it until the next meeting. We have had 31 skunks removed from the village to date. They have been locating more manhole covers for Arbor homes. The splash pad is closed for the year and winterized. The porta potty will be picked up on the 20th. The dump truck is on govdeals. It is currently going for $410. Commissioner Rogers asked about if it had a reserve and Trecia said no. She has been speaking with street sweeping contractors and the cost would be $2400 a month for sweeping with at total of 28K a year. The cost of new ones is well over the 150k and it would take us 7 years to reach 200K. The Commission doesn’t feel that street sweeping once a month would be enough and at the end of those 7 years we would have paid all that money with nothing to show for it. They asked if we would keep and run our old street sweeper and she said yes but it isn’t very good as they have seen. She will get more information as well as look at other street sweepers and cost and have an update for them at the next meeting. She was looking at the contract due to the depletion of the General fund with the splash pad. There will be railroad work coming up and they will be replacing Willow Street from 9/23-9/27 then they will get Jamestown Road on 9/30-10/4. We will also have a heavy load coming through town on 9/28/24 around 2 or 3. Chief said that with everything going on it isn’t the best time but they will figure it out. Trecia asked about the Christmas decorations she priced out some lighted decorations and for 2 of them it would be about 2K. They asked why all of the poles are not getting decorations and Trecia explained that the other ones do not have outlets. She wanted to ask before she ordered them because she would need the commission to appropriate for them. Vice President Sweeney asked if that is something we can do this year or if we need to hold off until next year. Jessica recommended that we wait until next year and suggested lights on the current wreaths. Commissioner Rogers asked the cost of getting outlets to the other post and Trecia said that the last estimate was 5K a pole. Vice President Sweeney asked if we had removed the sign that we are open at the splash pad and Artie Thompson said that he removed it today. President Stucky was asking about if we could winterize ourselves. This first year was covered under the price of the splash pad but going forward we will take care of it ourselves. Zac was down there all day so see how they did it.

1. **Clerk Report**

* She was asked about automatic withdrawal from several residents for their water bills. She did look into them and she found that it could not be done with our current online bill pay system. We would have to add a different payment system and it would not be a simple task. She will continue to look into it but at this moment we are not going to offer it.

1. **Chief’s Report**

* He is still working on a lot of nuisance issues. He put in their packets the pricing from the architect for the police building. There is a lot of fluff in there and with the hopes of being able to hire a project manager and avoid the large overhead but we would still have to pay prevailing wage. He would hope to be able to start project by 2026. President Stucky wondered if we had any shot at a levy passing to pay for the building. Trecia was surprised by the passing of the road levy. Chief also wanted to remind the commission that the renewal for the street is also coming up so we wouldn’t want to interfere with that renewal. President Stucky asked if we had any luck with grants and Trecia said no. He said we would call the FOP and the National Law Enforcement in DC. Chief also said that the county has gone encrypted with all of the happening. They are preparing for Heritage and Homecoming. The fireworks are scheduled for Friday before Heritage Days. It possible that the fireworks would not be allowed to be set off due to the extreme drought.

1. **New Business**

* None

1. **Old Business**

* None

1. **Public Comments**

* None

1. **Executive Session**

- 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 6:02.

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