

Village of South Charleston

Commission Meeting

April 21, 2020

5:00 P.M.

Members Present: President Brad Taylor, Vice President Sam Stucky, Commissioner Larry Durfey, Clerk Jessica Hiser, Village Manager Trecia Waring and Chief Brian Redish

Guest:

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

I. Roll Call

II. Addition or Corrections to the Minutes

- None
- Vice President Stucky motioned to approve the Minutes and with a second from Commissioner Durfey, and with a vote of 3/0 the motion passes.

III. Discussion of the Bills

- None
- President Taylor motioned to approve the bills and with a second from Commissioner Durfey, and with a vote of 3/0 the motion passes.

IV. Action Items

- None

V. Village Manager Report

- They have been mowing, cleaning up trash, patching potholes, brush chipping, repairing the break line on the dodge, cemetery clean up as well grave work. They did make a new grave frame for the cemetery and did some street sweeping. She had Brian Stevenson out to vac the lines at Jamestown and Sprague and feels that the lines are all clear. They have also discovered a problem with people dumping trash over in Berschet. Trecia would like to remind everyone that if you see trash being dumped please report them. She had Louise from the Railroad out to look at

the blockage at the creek and the railroad. They are going to be working on another project so they will remove the large tree blocking the culverts. Then they will work together to get it cleared out. We had to have a red light replaced at 41 & 42. She spoke with Steve from Capital and they received all of the parts for the lights at John Street. We have received notice of order for 128 W. Jamestown Street and the property has to have plans submitted for construction or demolition of the property by May 8th. She has not heard from Veteran's Memorial Committee about the mowing down by the Veteran's Memorial. She will contact Archie and workout the mowing. She just wants to not be liable for the memorial and anything happening to it. President Taylor suggested us mowing that they take care of all the trimming. Commissioner Durfey asked about the property at 128 W. Jamestown and what caused the fire. Chief said that it was ruled an electrical fire. Vice President Stucky asked about the blockage in the creek and if this is something that is our responsibility to be checking. Trecia said that is was check last fall and it was all clear. Vice President Stucky thinks that this is something we should check after every heavy rain. President Taylor wants them to keep an eye on the creek so that in the future there are no more blockages. Vice President Stucky asked if when they are cleaning up the cemetery do they pick up all the flowers in the field or stuff that has blown in the tree line. Trecia said yes we do. He also wonder if there was a way we could make the shed look nicer and the outhouse. Or should be have the outhouse taken down. Trecia feels that we should keep the outhouse and Vice President Stucky said if we keep it we need to make it look a little nicer.

VI. Clerk's Report

- We had a window pane fall out of one of the top windows in town hall. The wood was so rotted that we were unable to put a new pane in the window. It is now boarded up. All of the water bills have been corrected from the error. Anybody who paid has been given a credit. This did not affect the minimum charges. There is still an increase but it is now not as drastic. She has been working on keeping Town Hall sanitized. She has also started on the budget for 2021. Governor Dewine has announced that school will remain closed for the remainder of the year. She will continue to work her current schedule until the end of May. The residents seem to be very understanding to the change in the schedule. She has also applied for FEMA grants to help cover the cost of COVID-19. The State of Ohio has announced that they will be cutting the budget by 20% for the expected shortfall in revenue. We have begun to make changes to our budgets as well. She has frozen all spending except for essential purchases and there will be no unnecessary projects. There is no good way to project the amount of revenue that we will lose. RITA is expecting us to lose 75K and delayed payments of over 130K. Jessica asked the Commissioners if they would like to see more drastic cuts made such as Holiday pay being cut. The Commissioners agreed that right now we will not touch the employee's benefits. Trecia said that they would remain

busy with the projects they have planned. They will be visible to the public out and about around town. President Taylor said to tell Trecia that this is all stuff that she should be doing anyway. Vice President Stucky would like for Jessica to keep an eye on the revenue and keep them up to date on the information coming in.

VII. Chief's Report

- The Easter Egg hunt was rescheduled initially but then had to be cancelled. The decision was made to deliver a bundle of eggs to kids around the Village they delivered them to their houses to have egg hunts at home. The decision was also made that there will be no Memorial Day Parade this year. They will have a small ceremony at the Veteran's memorial. 120 East Jamestown is scheduled to be demolished but Jessica spoke to the owners and they had a paperwork issue with the mortgage company but they are working to get it cleared up. Once it is demolished they have a contractor to begin the new rebuild. He has been in touch with some of the people about the nuisance letters sent out. He is not pushing too hard because of people struggling financially at this time to rectify their issues. We have cancelled Mayor's Court but the next one will be April 28th. After that we will have them every 4 to 6 weeks to keep up and not get backlogged. Linda is working a little bit here and there. Businesses have been doing well with the changes. Dollar general got off to a rough start but with the slowdown of business they have improved their operations. The grocery store has been exceptional with handling the changes that are thrown at them. We are having an issue with kids out at night since the weather has improved and they are being kept in the house. They are sneaking around and if things continue with the kids on lockdown he expects to see some vandalism and curfew breaking. President Taylor asked what the curfew hours are for the Village. Chief said the curfew is Sunday thru Thursday at 10pm and Friday and Saturday at midnight. Vice President Stucky asked if the park is to be closed. Chief said the park is open but the playground is closed, the basketball court should be closed as well but they are seeing kids playing there about every night. The Park board has not roped off these areas yet.

VIII. New Business

- None

IX. Old Business

- President Taylor asked about the sign and when it will be installed on John Street. Trecia said she is waiting on the date of installation. President Taylor also asked about the chipper at Buckeye. It has been running odd hours and we need to speak to them about it as well as the trash. Vice President Stucky will email Sam McAdow and talk with him about it. Trecia will also call over to Buckeye and discuss the trash.

X. Public Comments

- None

XI. Executive Session

-President Taylor moves to enter into executive session for personnel and with a second from Vice President Stucky and a vote of 3/0 we enter executive session.

-After leaving Executive Session President Taylor submitted his resignation from the Village Commission for Personal reasons. Vice President Stucky and Commissioner Durfey did accept his resignation. They wanted him to know that they have enjoyed serving on the Commission with him and wish him the best.

- Vice President Stucky and Commissioner Durfey will now look for a replacement and appoint the new person for the remainder of President Taylor’s term.

- Vice President Stucky will now become the new President of the Commission with Commissioner Durfey moving into the Vice President position.

XII. Motion to Adjourn

President Stucky motioned to adjourn the meeting and with a second from Vice President Durfey and a vote of 3/0, the meeting is adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:13 pm

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jessica N Hiser/Clerk

Samuel Stucky/President

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY
OF THE MINUTES AS TAKEN FROM THE FILES OF THE CLERK FOR THE
VILLAGE OF SOUTH CHARLESTON COMMISSION