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Village of Strasburg
April 19, 2021
Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on Monday, April 19, 2021 at the Strasburg Community Center. Village President Cinda Held called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with all reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance".

In attendance were Village President Cinda Held, Trustees Robert Anderson, Jack Clark, Jim Connell, MaRanda McClain, Chuck Wade, Village Clerk Linda Oakley, Attorney Dustin Probst, Kristina Moore, and Gary Kull. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, members/guests were spaced at least 6 foot apart to comply with requirements.

Motion by Trustee Clark to approve the Routine Business (approval of 3-15-21 minutes, financial reports, expenditures) was seconded by Trustee Anderson. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

Attorney Probst had no report.

Discussion was held regarding proposal submitted by Tom Newell to 1) cleaning out west rock filter, flow area, steps and end of pipe at sample point for a cost of \$2500; 2) Sludge Judge primary pond to give idea of depth of sludge in pond for a cost of \$250 (this was done on 4-6-21); 3) Oversee putting Natural Waterscapes products in primary cell to reduce sludge layer in pond (Village to purchase the product) and apply product close to target rate at the proper time frame and recheck sludge reduction monthly for a cost of \$1,000 – this was take approximately 3-4 months. **Motion** by Trustee McClain to table action on the proposal for a month to see if aerators running for a month would make a difference was seconded by Trustee Connell. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Wade – yea. 5 yea – 1 absent – 0 nay

President Held will check with Mr. Newell regarding running the aerators.

Motion by Trustee McClain to approve the MFT Resolution for 2021 was seconded by Trustee Wade. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Wade – yea. 5 yea – 1 absent – 0 nay

Trustee Kinkley entered meeting at 7:25 PM.

President Held presented information on York Acres Phase 2. The York Acres Committee was recommending that the cost of the lot be \$5,000 with an incentive that if a house were built and completed by December 2022 that the purchaser would receive their \$5,000 lot cost back. President Held will be checking with Ameren regarding the cost of extending the electric and gas to the 8 lots. Following much discussion, the cost and tax incentives will be tabled until the May meeting.

Motion by Trustee Wade to approve the contract with Skeeter Slayers for the 2021 season to treat for mosquito control monthly from April to October was seconded by Trustee Anderson. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; Kinkley – yes; McClain – yea; Wade – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay

The pedestrian bridge at the Karn house was discussed. As the bridge is not on Village property, Attorney Probst advised that the Village leave the bridge alone.

Information was presented from Stewardson-Strasburg CUSD #5A regarding the costs of running their sewer plant. The Village will be applying again in the fall for a grant to run the school's sewage to the Village's lagoon. The school board has said that if the Village does not receive the grant that they are going to proceed using other monies for the project. President Held asked the board members to look over the information and think

on what the Village should charge the school and what costs the Village might incur with this project and in the long term.

Discussion was held on the Culvert Resolution. This will be tabled until the May meeting.

President Held reported that the Park Committee was starting fundraising efforts along with SCAN and the Strasburg Lions Club with a goal of \$300,000 to update the park. This would include a new pavilion with ADA restrooms, upgrade tennis court and basketball court, and walking path. Their first fundraiser will start at SCAN's Burgers and Berries event on June 3.

President Held reported that the Town Makeover will be held on May 8th. SCAN will be placing a drain through the playground equipment on that date to help with drainage. The Village will be purchasing mulch to be placed in the park that day.

Held also noted that the bridge at the park has parts that need replaced. She has talked with the Industrial Arts teacher at Stewardson-Strasburg School District. The teacher hopes to use this project in her curriculum next fall.

Discussion was held on advertising the Veach property now that it is demolished. Consensus of the board that the board request a sealed bid to be received by May 17th, with the stipulation that purchaser must build a house on the lot within a year. The board would have the option to accept or reject any bid. Ad will be placed in the Beecher City Journal and the Gnome News.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Linda D. Oakley, Village Clerk