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Village of Strasburg
April 15, 2024
Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on April 15, 2024, at the Strasburg Community Center. Village Clerk Linda Oakley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with all reciting the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

In attendance were Trustees Robert Anderson, Jack Clark, MaRanda McClain, and Kristina Moore, Clerk Linda Oakley, Fiscal Clerk Lisa Rincker, Rex Gower with Milano & Grunloh, Justin Krile, Tim Weeden, James & Shelby Ripley, Gary Kull, and Village Attorney Dustin Probst. Absent was Village President Cinda Held and Trustee Ian Kinkley.

Motion by Trustee Schlechte that Trustee McClain run the meeting was seconded by Trustee Clark. Motion voted on and carried.

Rex Gower gave an update on the various projects that Milano & Grunloh is working with the Village on. He presented the proposal for LED lights at the ball diamond and tractor pull area from STL LED, LLC. The total project cost is \$26,458.00 with an Ameren Cash Incentive of \$16,512.50 our cost would be \$9,945.50 Using LED lights would realize an estimated annual electrical savings of \$1,696.02.

Regarding the School Lift Station and Sanitary Sewer Permit, we are still waiting to hear regarding the funding. Regarding the OSLAD grant, Mr. Gower noted that the bid opening is scheduled for Thursday, April 25 at 10 AM.

Mr. Gower left the meeting.

Attorney Probst addressed the request for a Sanctuary City Resolution. He noted that the Village could adopt a Resolution, but it has no teeth to it. He noted that our village does not offer assistance, so we really don't need to worry about it. He noted that the end of our fiscal year is April 30, and time to start on a budget for the 24-25 fiscal year. Clerk Oakley and Fiscal Clerk Rincker will be getting him a balance at the end of the year for the various accounts.

Attorney Probst left the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ripley along with Mr. Weeden addressed the board regarding their concerns about the parking on West Commercial Street during auctions. When there is an auction going on, that street is very congested with parking situations. People do not want to park in the grass along the road, so they park partially on the road on both sides of the road, so one vehicle can hardly get through. **Motion** by Trustee Moore to get an estimate on the cost of preparing the surface and rocking of same from Mr. Weeden's drive west to the stop sign on the south side of Commercial, so that can be used for parking was seconded by Trustee Schlechte. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – nay; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 4 yea – 1 nay – 1 absent.

Mr. Krile noted that he would help pay for the rock, and that we contact Mr. Levitt at 32 Below to see if he also would help with payment.

Mr. and Mrs. Ripley and Mr. Weeden left the meeting.

Motion by Trustee Moore to approve the Routine Business (approval of 3-18-24 minutes, 4-8-24 special board minutes, financial reports, expenditures) was seconded by Trustee Schlechte. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

EJ's Report noted that the effluent valve was open for all of March and will continue through the month of April. It was noted that the debris basket that was installed at York Acres lift station to catch the rags before they enter the wet well of the pump station be pulled once a week due to the amount of rags that keep being flushed from the subdivision. During the month of April, EJ staff will be showing our village employees how to properly collect wastewater samples and will be instructing them on how to deliver to the lab.

Motion by Trustee Clark to adopt Resolution 24-1 for Maintenance Under the IL Highway Code (MFT) was seconded by Trustee Anderson. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yes; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

Motion by Trustee Moore to adopt Ordinance 24-3 “Ordinance Authorizing the Sale or Disposal of Surplus Property – Street Signs” was seconded by Trustee McClain. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yes; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

Motion by Trustee Anderson to approve the 2024 Proposal from Skeeter Slayers for spraying of the village through October was seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yes; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

York Acres Lift Station issues with wipes was discussed. The cost to have either EJ or Vandevanter pull the pumps and “unclog” them has cost the village \$5,815.75 this fiscal year, with the last two bills over \$1,000 each. A letter will be sent to all homes that are on the sewer line to York Acres with the costs to the village, the issue and ask that they refrain from placing anything down the sewer other than toilet paper.

Spring Clean Up Day was discussed. There are no companies that will collect “clean-up” items along the road like has been done the past several years. This is due to insurance liability and a shortage of employees. We could get a roll off dumpster, but someone would need to stay with it 24/7 to monitor what was being disposed of. At this time consensus was to wait until after the 150th Celebration.

Seamless Fiber purchased the property to the west of the basketball court and will be placing their cabinet on the southwest corner of the property. Josh Esker had noted that he would be open to selling the remaining property to the village. Consensus of board members that Village President Held and Trustee Anderson be allowed to negotiate with Mr. Esker.

Motion by Trustee Moore to accept the proposal for LED lights at the ball diamond and tractor pull area from STL LED, LLC with a cost to the Village of \$9,945.50 was seconded by Trustee McClain. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yes; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

Information was presented to the board regarding wi-fi packages for the village office. This was for information only at this time.

Trustee McClain agreed to inspect golf carts on Saturday, April 27 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. and Trustees McClain and Schlechte on Wednesday, May 1 from 6-7:30 p.m. with all inspections taking place at the park.

Mr. Krile asked if the board had contacted someone as a general contractor for the OSLAD project. Clerk Oakley noted that President Held had talked with someone, but she did not have the results of that discussion.

The next 150th Celebration committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Linda D Oakley,
Village Clerk