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Village of Strasburg
September 28, 2020 Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on Monday, September 28, 2020 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, Fiscal Clerk Lisa Rincker, Gary Kull, and Kelsey Swing. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, members were spaced at least 6 foot apart to comply with requirements.

Kelsey Swing, Village Auditor, of Gilbert, Metzger & Madigan LLP presented the Village's audit from the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Ms. Swing explained the various items in the audit and noted that the Village was in good standing. Following questions, Ms. Swing left the meeting at 6:55 PM.

Motion by Trustee Clark to approve the Routine Business (approval of 8-17-20 minutes, financial reports, expenditures, general journal entries/transfer of funds) as seconded by Trustee Connell. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

Trustee Anderson requested that it be placed on the agenda for the October meeting to pay the TIF loans at the Shelby County State Bank.

The report from EJ Water was discussed. This report included various charts regarding influent and effluent readings.

Liens have been placed on the following properties for outstanding sewer bills: Shook, Karn and R. Stremming.

Discussion was held regarding the condemnation of properties. President Held had talked with Jeff Houska of the Shelby County Health Department. He had inspected three properties (Veach, Karn and Shook) and was sending a report to Attorney Dustin Probst. Trustees will discuss the Village's options regarding these properties at the October meeting.

Information from Jordan Haarmann of our electrical aggregate was discussed. The Village has extended its agreement with the aggregate for another 36 months. As per Mr. Haarman, our rate should not be higher than Ameren.

Discussion was held regarding the alleyway behind the Apke building and the jeep behind the building. A letter will be sent reminding owner to not park in alley and to remove the jeep.

Discussion was held regarding that part of Cobra Creek along the Karn, Weeden and Kelly properties. The north side of the bank is eroding under the sidewalk. President Held will check with Dale Navis as to what can be done. A letter will be sent to Metta Karn regarding the sidewalk in front of her house that is in disrepair.

President Held noted that letters had been sent to all property owners along Cobra Creek regarding keeping the weeds and trees clear of the creek.

Trustee Connell had talked with Delbert Miller regarding the Miller Oil property north of the ball diamond. He was told that Brad Ohnesorge will be doing the negotiating. Concern was expressed if there was a letter from EPA clearing the land of leached chemicals. Clerk Oakley will ask Attorney Probst to check with the title company about how we could get a clear title.

Concern has been expressed by a resident over the speeding farm trucks during harvest along Spruce Street. Last year it was brought up to possibly putting speed bumps to slow the grain trucks. Trustee McClain expressed concern over the speeding of the grain trucks by the park while there are activities going on at the park. Speed limit

signs will be placed on Spruce Street and warning barricades will be put in place at the park. President Held will talk with Effingham Equity's Ron Wirth regarding the grain trucks slowing down.

The Volunteer of Year will again be held. The winner will be announced at the End of the Year Recognition Celebration in December.

President Held met with a representative of IDOT regarding the drainage issues in front of Dollarheide's and Newell's. The Village is responsible for the drainage issued from Dollarheide's to the north. IDOT will take care of the issue by Nate Stremming's business. Mr. Newell suggested that the Village have IRWA scope the drainage tile. The cost would be \$350. Trustee Anderson asked if it would not be cheaper to have a local plumber with a camera scope the drainage line.

President Held presented two ideas for the expansion of York Acres. Trustee Anderson wanted the committee to meet again and discuss the proposals. Members of the board wanted to see another plan with the sewer lift station not being within a lot.

Motion by Trustee Wade that Strasburg Trick or Treat night be Saturday, October 31 from 6-8 PM was seconded by Trustee Connell. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

Motion by Trustee McClain that the Village again have the Christmas Light Contest as seconded by Trustee Wade. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

Trustee McClain noted that the Santa Brigade Breakfast will be held on November 14 at the Strasburg Community Center, with the breakfast being held from 6-10 AM. There will be no vendor fair this year.

The TIF Joint Review Board will meet on October 19 at 6 PM.

Question as raised as to who oversees collecting the trash at the park. President Held stated that she would have Mr. Riley collect the trash at the park. If events are held at the park, that organization sponsoring the event would be responsible for collecting their trash.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Linda D. Oakley
Village Clerk