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Village of Strasburg
July 17, 2023
Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on July 17, 2023, 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, MaRanda McClain, Dawn Schlechte, Village Attorney Dustin Probst, Clerk Linda Oakley, Rex Gower with Milano & Grunloh, Ron Thomas, and Glen Ballinger. Absent were Trustees Ian Kinkley and Kristina Moore.

President Held opened the Public Hearing on the Annual Appropriation of the Village of Strasburg for 2023-2024. As there were no comments, the hearing was closed at 6:34 PM.

Rex Gower will be managing our projects for Milano & Grunloh. He went over the five projects that Milano & Grunloh are working on with the Village. The School Sewer Project, the Village Lagoon, The intersection of Commercial and Route 32, the IEPA regarding a violation notice, and the OSLAD Grant. Mr. Gower will be attending our meetings to keep us up-to-date on the various projects. He noted that he would be willing to meet with the park committee for the OSLAD Grant.

Mr. Gower left the meeting at 6:45 PM.

Mr. Ballinger expressed concern regarding side by sides jumping the highway and drag racing down the highway, also golf carts, UTVs and ATVs that are being driven on village streets without a village tag or allowing children to drive the vehicles. If community members see someone driving dangerously, they are asked to call the Sheriff's Office to report it.

Mr. Ballinger left the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Trustee Anderson had a question regarding sewer finance fees received on the Profit and Loss Report. Clerks Oakley and Rincker will check with Ms. Swing to find the answer.

Motion by Trustee McClain to approve the Routine Business (approval of 6-19-23 minutes, financial reports, expenditures) was seconded by Trustee Clark. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

Attorney Probst noted that the paperwork for the Drainage District was complete. He is still waiting on the signed easement from Larry VonBehren. He will again write a letter stating that the village would pay for any notary fee.

Motion by Trustee Schlechte to approve Ordinance #23-1 "Ordinance making the Annual Appropriations for the Village of Strasburg, Shelby County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024" was seconded by Trustee McClain. Motion voted on and carried by roll call vote. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – absent; Schlechte – yea. 4 yea – 0 nay – 2 absent.

EJ's monthly report had not been received prior to the meeting.

Mr. Thomas addressed the possible purchase of a SKAG Tiger CatZ mower. He talked with dealer in Pana and Sullivan. Both quoted the same price. The gentleman in Sullivan noted that he would give the village approximately \$7,800-\$9,000 for the Massey with the four

attachments (finish mower, bush hog, tiller, and mower deck). Mr. Thomas had checked with Brad Montgomery and said that the value was approximately \$10,000 give or take. Mr. Thomas noted that he had not used the Massey since he has been employed.

Mr. Thomas left the meeting at 7:25 PM.

President Held noted that oiling was scheduled for Thursday, July 27. She noted that depending on the weather it may be a day or two earlier or later.

Attorney Probst left the meeting at 7:30 PM.

President Held noted that the playground equipment was hopefully getting put in the week of July 24.

Clerk Oakley noted that Mr. Elson had contacted Joe Oakley that he was ordering the pipe and will be starting on the west ditch at York Acres.

Motion by Trustee Clerk that the incentives to build in York Acres Phase 2 be extended to December 31, 2025, was seconded by Trustee Anderson. The cost of the new lots located in York Acres Phase 2 are \$5,000 with the owner to receive reimbursement of property taxes up to \$5,000 over a period of up to four (4) years, if the house is built by December 31, 2025. Motion voted on and carried by roll call vote. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – absent; Schlechte – yea. 4 yes – 0 nay – 2 absent.

President Held reported that the 150th Committee is asking various organization to help sponsor events for the 150th Celebration. The village was asked if they would sponsor the fireworks. **Motion** by Trustee Schlechte that the village sponsor the fireworks with the cost not to exceed \$8,000 was seconded by Trustee Clark. Motion voted on and carried by roll call vote. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – absent; Schlechte – yea. 4 yes – 0 nay – 2 absent.

President Held noted that Joe Stratton had contacted a tree service to cut four trees. He was told that two of the trees are on village property. Consensus that the village remove the two trees.

Trustee McClain asked what the status was with EJ Cooperative regarding sewer customers who don't pay their sewer bill. President Held's contact is no longer at EJ, she will check with Lawrence Quick as to who she needs to talk with.

Trustee McClain asked if there was any word on fiber coming to Strasburg. President Held will reach out to Wabash for an update.

Motion by Trustee Anderson to adjourn was seconded by Trustee McClain. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Linda D Oakley,
Village Clerk