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Village of Strasburg
May 16, 2022
Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on Monday, May 16, 2022, 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, Ian Kinkley, MaRanda McClain, Kristina Moore, Village Clerk Linda Oakley, Attorney Dustin Probst, Ron Thomas, Gary Kull and Tom Newell.

Tom Newell reported on the progress for the 1st/Spruce Lift Station. Pictures were given to the board members of the top that was completed with the concrete work. He reported that Figgins Electric would be working with him to hook the new lift station's electrical up sometime in June. He noted that he had done the sludge judge on the 2nd of May and presented the change from the measurements he took on September 16, 2021. He presented the board with a couple of proposals for treatment to add to lagoon. **Motion** by Trustee Clark to order 300 pounds of Sludge RX and 300 pounds of Oxypaks XL was seconded by Trustee McClain. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea, Clark – yea, Connell – yea, Kinkley – yea, McClain – yea, Moore – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay. Mr. Newell will be charging the Village for the disbursement of the chemicals into the lagoon.

Mr. Newell noted that the ditch at the lagoon needed rock as it was washing out. He had talked with Paul Tabbert who could haul 4x6 rip rap from Charleston. The rip rap would cost \$25.50/Ton, hauling rock would be \$12.00/T and Mr. Newell would charge \$250/loan to put the rock out. **Motion** by Trustee McClain for Mr. Newell to purchase fiber underlayment, contact Mr. Tabbert to haul two loads of rip rap from Charleston Stone, and use his excavator at \$250 per load of rip rap to spread the rip rap was seconded by Trustee Connell. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea, Clark – yea, Connell – yea, Kinkley – yea, McClain – yea, Moore – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay
Mr. Newell left the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Ron Thomas addressed the board regarding wet yard waste being burned and allowed to smolder. He would like to see the board pass an ordinance that would require that all yard waste be taken to the lagoon, and not burned within the Village limits. Board will verify the wording in the current ordinance and will address the issue. Suggestion that reminder be placed in sewer bill.

Mr. Thomas left the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Mr. Kull reported that he was getting a price on the sign at York Acres that shows the various lots. Mr. Ferguson (A Sign Store) said that he would install the sign once we decide where to place it.

Mr. Kull noted that the yard needed to be mowed at Metta Karn house.

Motion by Trustee Moore to approve the Routine Business (approval of 4-18-22 minutes, financial reports, expenditures) was seconded by Trustee McClain. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

Attorney Probst reported that the easement work has started for the Stew-Stras Sewer Project.

The monthly report from EJ was included in the packet. President Held noted that the numbers are looking much better.

A copy of the end-of-the year budget for 2021-2022 plus the proposed 2022-2023 budget was presented to the board members. President Held asked the Trustees to take the budgets home and look over. If they have any questions or see a line item that needs to be changed, they are to bring the questions to the meeting in June.

Trustee Anderson asked if we needed to check with the bank regarding redoing the TIF loan for 3 years rather than the one-year loan as interest rates are going up.

President Held was approached about whether a Tiny House would be allowed in the Village. As per our Ordinance, the minimum size of a house is 900 square feet. If individual was still interested, he needs to come to the board and talk with them about the possibility of a variance.

President Held noted that she was having trouble getting the packets to the trustees in a timely manner. She asked if they would like to receive it electronically. Question then raised if they would still have a paper packet for the meeting. Decision left that packets would be left at her house and trustees could come to her house and pick up the packet.

President Held noted that the members of the community that are part of the electric aggregate will see a savings in relation to those that are not part of the aggregate.

President Held reported that information had been submitted for the OSRAD grant as requesting by DCEO. Hopefully we will hear something this fall as to whether we are in the running for the grant.

Mr. Newell returned to the meeting. Noted that he had gone out to the lagoon to look at that ditch. Before he can put in the rock, he's going to have to regrade the ditch. He noted that he will be charging for the work done.

Trustee Clark asked if the Village was going to do something about the sidewalk on the south side of West Commercial. There is nothing left under the sidewalk.

Trustee McClain noted that the ditch that was cleaned out to the north (through Phase 2 lots) was filling back in. President Held noted that the hump needs to be leveled out so that it can be mowed.

President Held was asked if she had thought anymore about committees. This will be added to next month's agenda.

It was noted that there has been some vandalism at the park. The Village will be looking into getting cameras at the park to help discourage the vandalism and to prosecute the offenders.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Linda D. Oakley, Village Clerk