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Village of Strasburg  
October 25, 2022  
Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on October 25, 2022, at the Strasburg Community Center. Village President Cinda Held called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. with all reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance".

A budget hearing on the Amended Budget was held. As there was no discussion or questions, the budget hearing was closed.

In attendance were Village President Cinda Held, Trustees Robert Anderson, Jack Clark, MaRanda McClain Kristina Moore, Village Clerk Linda Oakley, Attorney Dustin Probst, Superintendent Justin Deters, Sue Bowers, Blake Pree, and Gary Kull. Absent was Ian Kinkley.

**Motion** by Trustee McClain for Dawn Schlechte to fill the vacant trustee position was seconded by Trustee Clark. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

Clerk Oakley gave the Oath of Office to Trustee Schlechte. Following the oath, Schlechte was seated on the board.

Sue Bowers, Co-Chairman of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee gave a report on the activities of the committee. Fundraisers held so far included bake sale and Maggie's burritos dinner. On November 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM will be the Golf Ball Drop. There are 100 numbered golf balls. Individuals purchase a ticket with a corresponding golf ball number for \$100. The individual whose golf ball lands closest to the pin after being dropped from a height will win \$5,000. That day there will be a food truck and a sweet tea truck, plus the committee will be selling hot chocolate, coffee, and fresh baked cinnamon rolls from 11-2. She noted that the industrial arts class at Stewardson-Strasburg High School is working on an ornament that will be for sale at the Santa Brigade. In December the Committee will be taking orders for fresh baked cinnamon rolls to be picked up on December 23. Plans are in the works to have a live nativity on December 16-17 complete with carolers. For the celebration, they are hoping to have a carnival, fireworks, and entertainment. The estimated amount of funds to be raised is \$30,000-\$35,000. The Committee is planning on a commemorative book. The public is asked to keep up to date with activities on the Facebook page "Strasburg 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration."

Ms. Bowers left the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Gary Kull noted that the Santa Brigade Breakfast is scheduled for November 12, and on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> the 150<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting will be held at 6:30 pm.

**Motion** by Trustee McClain to approve the Routine Business (approval of 9-19-22 minutes, financial reports, expenditures) was seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

Attorney Probst noted that the public hearing had been held on the proposed Amended Budget. **Motion** by Trustee Anderson to Approve Ordinance 22-6, "Amended Ordinance for the Annual Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2022-23" was seconded by Trustee Clark. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

**Motion** by Trustee Clark to approve Ordinance 22-7, "Annual Tax Levy Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2022-2023" with a clerical error to be corrected prior to filing with County Clerk was seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

Attorney Probst left the meeting at 7 pm.

**Motion** by Trustee Anderson to approve the audit as presented at the September meeting by Auditor Kelsey Swing was seconded by Trustee Schlechte. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

**Motion** by Trustee Anderson to approve the estimate from Dale Navis for the repair of the sidewalk on West Commercial Street was seconded by Trustee Clark. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

Discussion was held on the bills as presented for Tom Newell for labor, and parts for the rebuilding of the 1<sup>st</sup>/Spruce Street Lift Station. Before bills could be approved, the board needed a more detailed billing with labor, cost of equipment and copies of receipts for items purchased. **Motion** by Trustee Schlechte table the bill until more information is received was seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

**Motion** by Trustee Clark for EJ to replace 3 – 8" valves that are inoperable at the lagoon for the estimated price of \$7,000-\$10,000 (including valves and labor) was seconded by Trustee McClain. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

A copy of Vandevanter's Inspection, which was completed on October 13, 2022, was included in the packet of information. President Held noted that after the inspection we had trouble with the York Acres Lift Station. Due to inspectors not seating the pump correctly. Our bill will reflect a discount for having to have someone other than Vandevanter fix the problem.

A copy of the Violation Notice that the Village from the Illinois EPA was included in the packet. Lawrence Quick from EJ will answer part of the violation issues and Lee Beckman will be answering the part regarding the permit violation.

Trustee Moore noted that she was in contact with Detection Security Systems and they are in the process of getting a quote for the village.

Information will be sent out seeking nominations for Volunteer of the Year for 2022. A program to announce the winner will be held after the first of the year.

President Held noted that there is now a \$1,000,000 sewer grant that the school can apply for to bring the sewage to the village's lagoon. There is a separate 100%

grant that the Village can apply for to update our lagoon. Approval to apply will be on the November agenda.

President Held noted that before we can do anything with the OSLAD Grant we need an engineer to look at it. She is checking with our contact as to what we can do if we want to change items, especially the size of the pavilion.

Clerk Oakley noted that petitions can now be circulated for the three trustee positions that will be on the ballot in April 2023.

Blake Pree noted that he is working on the trees at the lagoon.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Linda D. Oakley, Village Clerk