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Village of Strasburg
May 20, 2024
Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on May 20, 2024, 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 Trustees Robert Anderson, Jack Clark, MaRanda McClain, Kristina Moore, Dawn Schlechte and Ian Kinkley, Village President Cinda Held, Fiscal Clerk Lisa Rincker, Rex Gower with Milano & Grunloh, Ellen Strohl, Jodie Quest, Sue Bowers Ed Held Gary Kull, and Village Attorney Dustin Probst.

Rex Gower gave an update on the various projects that Milano & Grunloh is working with the Village on. Regarding the OSLAD grant, Village Trustees may discuss the need to borrow money to complete the park improvement project since bids have come back higher than first anticipated.

Mr. Gower left the meeting.

Jodie Quast and Sue Bowers gave an update regarding the upcoming Strasburg 150th Celebration to take place June 14,15,16, 2024. They requested that Commercial Street from the Apke building around the park to just before the south entrance of Equity be closed from Thursday, June 13 – Monday June 17 to accommodate the carnival for the Celebration. Since this was not an agenda item for this meeting, a special meeting will be held to act on the closure. Businesses along that route will be notified. Jodie and Sue asked if Village employee, Ron Thomas, could be responsible for getting extra barricades from Windsor and Stewardson to use for the Celebration. They reported that a proclamation in the Illinois State House of Representatives will be presented on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, in honor of the 150th anniversary of the founding of Strasburg. Board of Trustees Robert Anderson and Ian Kinkley will attend and receive the proclamation. Sue and Jodie reported they have secured LRS to provide a dumpster for use at the Celebration. They also reported that they will now have to revisit where they will have the carnival folks set up their campers since the former Yakey property has sold to Seamless Fiber and they have been advised by their lawyers not to allow the campers there. The next meeting of the 150th Anniversary Celebration committee is scheduled for May 22, 2024 at 6:30pm.

Mrs. Quast and Mrs. Bowers left the meeting.

Ellen Strohl with Strasburg Feed Mill reported that they would like to donate the Feed Mill building to the Village of Strasburg. She also reported that they would like to use the former Gym building as a gaming facility. They would like to provide liquor and pizza as well. President Held advised Mrs. Strohl that the Board of Trustees will take this under consideration and get back with her. The Board of Trustees will need to investigate if there is a limit on the

number of liquor licenses provided in the Village. Trustee Schlechte asked Mrs. Strohl to put the proposal in writing for the Board of Trustees to review.

Mrs. Strohl left the meeting.

Attorney Probst reported that he and Fiscal Clerk Lisa Rincker had met prior to the meeting to begin work on the 24-25 budget. There were some questions regarding where interest on CD's was being recorded. Fiscal Clerk Rincker will check with Village Clerk Linda Oakley upon her return from vacation and they will talk with Attorney Probst as well as Auditor Kelsey Swing. Attorney Probst was advised that Seamless Fiber has not lived up to part of their contract in that they have left a large, dangerous hole open in York Acres. Attorney Probst advised that a written notice be sent to Seamless Fiber requesting immediate action to repair the hole.

Attorney Probst left the meeting.

In Routine Business, Trustee Schlechte requested that her name be added to those in attendance at the last monthly Board of Trustees meeting. **Motion** by Trustee McClain to approve the Routine Business (approval of 4-15-24 minutes with correction, 5-9-24 special board minutes, financial reports, expenditures) was seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

EJ's Report noted that the effluent valve was open for all of April and will continue to be open through the month of May. Starting in May the village employees will be responsible for collecting the samples and delivering them to the lab.

Estimate of cost for parking on West Commercial was tabled.

Cost for Fiber for Village was tabled – Need current phone costs and whether the phone should be through the fiber company or left with current provider.

President Held noted that playground equipment has been ordered and presented a picture of what it will look like.

Board of Trustees considered placing an ad in the Effingham Daily News edition that will highlight the 150th Anniversary Celebration of Strasburg. **Motion** by Trustee Clark and seconded by Trustee Moore to place a Quarter page ad at the cost of \$290 Roll call vote taken: Anderson – yea, Clark – yea, Kinkley – yea, McClain – yea, Moore – yea, Schlechte – yea. 6 – yea, 0 – nay. Motion carried.

Time Capsule Ceremony at 5:30 on Friday June 14. Trustee Kinkley will MC with Trustee McClain as backup.

Board of Trustees were asked to sign up to work various times during the 150th Celebration. Sign up sheet will be forthcoming.

Information was given regarding the electric aggregate. No action needed.

Purchase of property from Seamless Fiber Innovations – Tabled for more information.

Road Oiling on June 20 or 21.

President Held noted that a letter will need to be sent to Mr. Matt Shook regarding the need to clean up the barn that burned in a fire on his property.

Gary Kull stated that there are still 2 Christmas decorations above the tennis court in the park. Village maintenance will be notified. Gary also asked if the event sign that is currently west of the Community Center door could be moved over by the post office. It was noted that the owner of that property would need to be contacted.

Special Board of Trustees meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 6:30pm

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Lisa D Rincker,
Fiscal Clerk