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Village of Strasburg  
January 20, 2020 Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on Monday, January 20, 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, Attorney Dustin Probst, John and Alice Jeisy, Jim Weiss, Martina Gratz, Rachel Kessler, Chris Lidy and Kriss Donovan of Illinois Fiber Connect, and Kurt Friese. Absent was Trustee Anita Renshaw and Fiscal Clerk Lisa Rincker.

Rachel Kessler and Martina Gratz, members of the Strasburg LEOs, told the board that they are wanting to have a Memorial Day celebration on Monday, May 25 in front of the Veterans Memorial. They are planning the program and have a speaker confirmed. They notified the board that they were awarded a grant to help put this program on. Ideas that they have include a meal with the veterans eating free. They asked the board's permission to close the road in front of the Veterans Memorial and in case of rain, the ability to move the program into the Community Center. Motion by Trustee McClain to close the road as requested and have the Community Center available was seconded by Trustee Anderson. Motion carried by voice vote.

Ms. Kessler, Ms. Gratz and Mr. Weiss left the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Chris Lidy and Kriss Donovan, of Illinois Fiber Connect, noted that 70 households/businesses have expressed interest in the fiber optics to come into Strasburg. Another thirty are needed to express interest for Illinois Fiber Connect to begin to plan for the fiber optics to come into the Village.

Mr. Lidy and Ms. Donovan left the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Motion by Trustee Clark to approve the Omnibus Agenda which included the minutes of the December 16, 2019 regular meeting, the financial reports, expenditures, general journal entries and bills to be paid was seconded by Trustee Wade. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

President Held noted that Justin Krile, on behalf of the Lions Club, had requested that the Village purchase new basketball goals, rims, nets, etc. for the park. Motion by Trustee Anderson that we order the equipment as requested was seconded by Trustee Clark. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; McClain – yea; Renshaw – absent, Wade – yes. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

Mr. Friese entered the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Mr. Friese noted that the softball field needs to be built up to alleviate so many rain-outs due to a wet ballfield. He proposed that 50 ton of red crushed brick be purchased and placed on the softball field at a cost of \$4,460 with the spreading and leveling done for a cost of approximately \$1,000. President Held noted that the Village has \$18,000 set aside for the park from hog roasts that were held in the past. Motion by Trustee Wade to purchase the material and have it spread and leveled was seconded by Trustee McClain. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; McClain – yea; Renshaw – absent, Wade – yes. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

Attorney Probst had no report.

President Held noted that Trustees Connell, McClain and herself are on the park committee. She noted the PARCC Grant had been completed and placed in the mail on Friday, January 17. President Held noted that we hope to hear within six weeks as to whether we were awarded the grant or not. She also noted that the Village would be applying of the OSLAD Grant in July.

Trustee Wade gave a report on the inspection of the lift stations. One of the items that was mentioned to Trustee Wade was that the electrical panel in the park lift station be moved from the pit to above ground. Clerk Oakley will contact Matt Figgins to see about getting a quote for what it would cost to move.

EJ Water is ready to proceed with the grant to construct a new water tower in Strasburg, but it would depend on whether the Village would be applying this year for a grant for the sewer. Motion by Trustee Wade to apply for a sewer grant in August 2020 was seconded by Trustee Clark. Motion voted on and failed. Anderson – nay; Clark – nay; Connell – nay; McClain – nay; Renshaw – absent, Wade – nay. 0 yea – 5 nay – 1 absent.

Trustee Connell raised the question of splitting the \$50,000 that the board will be putting in the budget for the park between the two grants. The board will wait to see if the PARCC grant is received before deciding.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Linda D. Oakley  
Village Clerk