## VILLAGE OF STRASBURG

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Village of Strasburg
January 15, 2024
Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on January 15, 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 Village President Cinda Held, Trustees Robert Anderson, Jack Clark, Ian Kinkley, MaRanda McClain, Kristina Moore and Dawn Schlechte, Clerk Linda Oakley, Fiscal Clerk Lisa Rincker, Rex Gower with Milano & Grunloh, and Village Attorney Dustin Probst.

Rex Gower gave an update on the various projects that Milano & Grunloh is working with the Village on. He noted that Lawrence Quick was going to get sludge samples and then apply for the sludge permit to remove the sludge from the sewer lagoon. In response to the Attorney General's meeting with the Village, President Held noted that it went very well. Lee Beckman and Lawrence Quick had attended the meeting with her. Mr. Beckman presented all the plans for the lagoon work and noted that the village was waiting on funding approval from the IEPA. We hope to know by April if the village receives the funding. Regarding the OSLAD grant, Mr. Gower noted that Bill Utz had completed the revisions on the pavilion and the MEP (mechanical, electrical and plumbing) engineering was being completed. He noted that the project should be ready to bid within the week.

Mr. Gower Left the meeting at 6:50 PM.

**Motion** by Trustee Kinkley to approve the Routine Business (approval of 12-18-23 minutes, financial reports, expenditures) was seconded by Trustee McClain. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

Attorney Probst had no report.

**Motion** by Trustee Schlechte that the Revised Fee Schedule with EJ Water Cooperative be approved with the operator fee being raised to \$400 per month and the village employees will pull the samples and take/mail samples to a lab for analyzing beginning May 1, 2024 was seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay.

**Motion** by Trustee Anderson to approve the employment agreement for retention of Dove and Dove for 2024 was seconded by Trustee Schlechte. Attorney Probst noted that there were two changes. Rather than the fee being an advanced retainer it is now considered a Security Retainer fee, plus he will only be present for 40 minutes at the monthly village board meeting. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay.

**Motion** by Trustee Clark to approve Ordinance 24-1 "An Ordinance Appointing Village Attorney" was seconded by Trustee Kinkley. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay.

Four proposals had been received for cleaning out the drainage ditch. Those submitting proposals were David Myers, Myers Boom Mowing LLC; Overton Farms; Bartels; and Paul Tabbert. After reviewing the various proposals **motion** by Trustee Schlechte to accept the proposal from Overton Farms, Option 2, was seconded by Trustee Anderson. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay.

To comply with the new Illinois law regarding paid leave, Clerk Oakley and Fiscal Clerk Rincker created a spreadsheet to track the hours worked, paid leave earned and leave used. **Motion** by Trustee Anderson to approve the implementation of paid leave noting that holiday hours are not included in "hours worked", and paid leave may not be paid out to an employee upon separation was seconded by Trustee Clark. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay.

In each board member's packet was the Sexual Harassment Prevention Training. All board members and employees must complete the training and return the form certifying the completion to the village clerk.

Discussion on updating the Building Permit Application will be tabled until February.

**Motion** by Trustee McClain to approve the advertising for bids for the park grant when ready was seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay.

President Held noted that the information for the playground equipment from Hutchison Recreation & Design from Lake Saint Louis, Missouri was given to Mr. Gower for the site plan for the OSLAD Grant.

**Motion** by Trustee Clark to approve the purchase of additional street signs and hardware for a cost of \$2,238.29 was seconded by Trustee Schlechte. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay.

President Held noted that she had received a phone call from Seamless Fiber Innovations regarding bringing fiber to Strasburg. A copy of a franchise ordinance from the company was given to board members. President Held will contact him with questions.

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

Linda D Oakley, Village Clerk