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Village of Strasburg
February 21, 2022
Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on Monday, February 21, 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, Jim Connell, Ian Kinkley, MaRanda McClain, Kristina Moore, Village Clerk Linda Oakley, Angie and Jason Edwards, Larry & Jane Giertz, Gary Kull, and Tom Newell. Absent was Trustee Jack Clark.

Mrs. Edwards addressed the board with concerns as to rumors regarding Equity building a road to connect to E N 1st Street north of the ball diamond. She is concerned about the amount of traffic that would be increased around the park and fire department. She voiced concerns regarding what would happen with the current use of the space north of the ball diamond. SCAN's Burn Out in Burg takes place in that location, it's a designated location for individuals park their semis, would Equity pay for the upgrade and upkeep of the roads as they are currently not meant for the traffic that would be created. Larry and Jane Giertz also voiced their concerns regarding items that had been addressed by Mrs. Edwards. President Held noted that the board was also concerned.

Jason and Angie Edwards left the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Mr. Newell presented a revised proposal to clean out the discharge area of cell #1 at the lagoon. He would be using a backhoe and barge to clean out the rock that covers the discharge area. **Motion** by Trustee Anderson to accept Mr. Newell's revised proposal to clean out the discharge area of cell #1 at the lagoon with no cost difference was seconded by Trustee Connell. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – absent; Connell – yea; Kinkley – yea, McClain – yea; Moore – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

Mr. Newell noted that he has the plumber ready when it comes time to replace the lift station at the park. He also noted that he would be willing to use his excavator to help remove the trees on the south side of the ditch on the south side of the lagoon.

Larry and Jane Giertz and Tom Newell left the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Gary Kull noted that the Lions Club Pancake and Sausage breakfast would be held on Saturday, February 26.

Motion by Trustee Anderson to approve the Routine Business (approval of 1-17-22 meeting minutes, financial reports, expenditures) was seconded by Trustee McClain. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

Attorney Probst had no report other than he would address the issues later on the agenda.

Motion by Trustee McClain to Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Stewardson-Strasburg CUSD #5A and the Village of Strasburg regarding the Construction and Maintenance of a Sewer Line Extension was seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – absent; Connell – yea; Kinkley – yea, McClain – yea; Moore – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

Motion by Trustee McClain to approve Ordinance 22-1, “Ordinance Amending Ordinance 76-6, as amended, regarding the Sewer Tap Fees for Village of Strasburg” which refers to the Stewardson-Strasburg School District was seconded by Trustee Kinkley. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – absent; Connell – yea; Kinkley – yea, McClain – yea; Moore – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

Motion by Trustee Connell to approve the Sewer Application regarding Stewardson-Strasburg School District was seconded by Trustee McClain. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – absent; Connell – yea; Kinkley – yea, McClain – yea; Moore – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

Motion by Trustee Connell for the Village to place a lien on any property whose sewer bill has been unpaid for six (6) months was seconded by Trustee Anderson. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – absent; Connell – yea; Kinkley – yea, McClain – yea; Moore – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

Discussion was held on proposed Resolution 22-1 regarding Village Alley Pavement Policy. Attorney Probst will update the various discussion points. Action will be taken at the March meeting.

Trustee Kinkley left the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Motion by Trustee Anderson to Opt-Out of the EJ Water Service Line Protection Program for the three Village services (Maintenance Building, Community Center and Park) was seconded by Trustee McClain. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – absent; Connell – yea; Kinkley – absent, McClain – yea; Moore – yea. 4 yea – 0 nay – 2 absent.

Discussion held regarding holding a Village Clean-Up Day this spring. Information presented for a roll-off dumpster or doing curbside pickup with a rear load truck. **Motion** by Trustee Anderson to schedule a Village Clean-Up Day with Doty Sanitation doing the curbside pickup with a rear load truck was seconded by Trustee Connell. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote. Clerk Oakley will check with Doty Sanitation to schedule the end of April.

The Strasburg Foundation Grant application is due March 31st. Discussion was held on the Village applying for a grant for playground equipment as a start to the park renovation. Action tabled until the March meeting.

Discussion was held regarding Equity’s expansion and routing traffic. Consensus of the board was that they were not in favor of routing traffic to a road north of the ballfield. President Held and Trustee Anderson will meet with Mark Tarter of Equity to express the Village’s concerns.

President Held will be contacting Zed Brehmer, President of the Lions Club, to see if they would be willing to again pay for 1/3 of the Discover Central Illinois ad.

Information was presented regarding “Spark!” a new museum on Main Street Exhibition. Gary Kull noted that another town had participated in this program and it was probably more than what we could do. Consensus was that we would forgo action on this program.

Discussion was held regarding what salary would be offered for part-time help. Consensus was that salary should be based on qualifications and experience.

President Held noted that the envelope fundraiser for the Park Improvement Project was now down to having less than \$8,000 left on the board. It will be placed in the Gnome News to hopefully finish it within the next month or two.

Mr. Kull asked about marketing the lots at York Acres. President Held will contact Eric Emmerich regarding the marketing.

President Held noted that she is not going to formally name committees, however she would like to have assistance from members of the board on various projects and items as she cannot do it all. Members of the board were asked to think about what they would like to help with.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Linda D. Oakley, Village Clerk