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Village of Strasburg
July 19, 2021
Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on Monday, July 19, 2021, 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, Ian Kinkley, MaRanda McClain, Kristina Moore, Village Clerk Linda Oakley, Attorney Dustin Probst, Stewardson-Strasburg Superintendent Kenny Schwengel, and Tom Newell.

A hearing was held on the Annual Appropriation Ordinance. As there were no public comments or questions, **motion** by Trustee McClain to adopt Ordinance 21-1, "Annual Appropriation Ordinance for 2021-2022" was seconded by Trustee Clark. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; Kinkley- yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay

Mr. Newell presented the latest sludge judge figures. Most of the numbers went down. He noted that he was running the aerator on the south pond approximately four (4) hours every other day. He reported that we need to clean out the pipe from the manhole to the discharge which is approximately 250 of clay pipe. He is getting quotes to clean out the pipe. He asked that the Village purchase muck reducer from Wisconsin at the cost of \$450 rather than what he had been using.

President Held noted in the July Assessment received from EJ that our numbers at the lagoon are looking much better.

Motion by Trustee McClain to approve the Routine Business (approval of 6-21-21 minutes, financial reports, expenditures) was seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

Attorney Probst had no report.

President Held addressed the sewer project with the Stewardson-Strasburg School District. She and Trustee Anderson had met with Superintendent Schwengel and School Board Member Chris Debolt. It was her understanding after that meeting that the new lift station would be owned by the Village and the Village would be responsible for all expenses with the exception of the electric. At that meeting it was also understood that the agreement would be re-evaluated annually to begin with. The school would be responsible for the line from the school to the lift station. The village board now needs to decide on the cost to include maintenance with the village taking on the maintenance of the lift station at the school. The school is going after a grant to install the new sewer lift station and lines. It was suggested that maybe part of the grant could be to install electric at the lagoon to help with the aeration. Trustee McClain suggested setting a commercial rate for the school. Discussion held for sewer bill to be the regular bill plus \$500 to put in a separate maintenance account as we have to assume that the system will need to be replaced at some point in time. Trustee Connell asked for a formal analysis of the cost to our lagoon with the added sewage, he expressed that he wanted the school to take care of the lift station at the school. Figures were debated with base charge and then amount per 100 gallons after the base. No decision was made, but there was a lot of food for thought. The Stewardson-Strasburg Board meets on Thursday. President Held and Trustee McClain will be attending the meeting.

Superintendent Schwengel and Mr. Newell left the meeting at 8:22 PM.

Discussion was held regarding the Trailer Ordinance. Trustee Anderson had talked with the Shelby County Assessor. If placed on a lot, a trailer is now taxed as real estate. Trustee Connell was against the proposed trailer ordinance as it didn't allow any new trailers to be placed within the Village. Discussion held on trailers age, size, etc. Trustee Connell will look at Ordinance 94-1 and update it to include trailer information as board wanted. Ordinance will be addressed again at the August meeting.

President Held asked Village Board Trustees to be thinking about possible TIF incentives for new businesses and residences in town.

In dealing with residents with unpaid sewer bills, EJ suggested the installation of a curb stop to lock off water until payment is received. Clerk Oakley will check with EJ as to what is entailed with a curb stop.

President Held presented information regarding a 2012 Caterpillar 420 FST Backhoe that she would like the board to consider purchasing. A special board meeting for the purpose of purchasing the backhoe was scheduled for Thursday, July 22 at 5:30 PM.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Linda D. Oakley, Village Clerk