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

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on November 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, Jack Clark, Ian Kinkley (arrived late) MaRanda McClain, Kristina Moore, Dawn Schlechte, Village Clerk Linda Oakley, Attorney Dustin Probst, Lawrence Quick of EJ Water, Blake Pree and Gary Kull.

Mr. Pree explained the pictures from cleaning out the lagoon ditch. He noted that the stumps that are left will need to be cleaned out.

Mr. Quick introduced himself to the Board. He is the new sewer operator for the Village of Strasburg as contracted through EJ Water. His job is to evaluate our facilities. He noted that we have had violations in our discharge waters. He explained that we need more oxygen to inhibit the growth of the algae. The construction crew has on their schedule to replace the valves at the lagoon to help with the discharge. He noted that we do need electric to the lagoon and that the 3 phase costs less to run that single phase, although the expense to install is more expensive.

He explained the process that was used in Robinson to help with water services being stopped for individuals who fail to pay their sewer bill.

Lee Beckman joined the meeting by phone call. He noted that the with the school project there is a new grant available that would give 100% principal forgiveness. The EPA says the Village should be the applicant and include the upgrades to the lagoon. The Village is eligible for 60% principal forgiveness. This could also have 100% forgiveness for upgrade at lagoon plus the 100 % forgiveness for the school sewer project. He encouraged the Village to submit one application to include both the school sewer project and the village lagoon update. Item to be on agenda for the December meeting.

Gary Kull noted that the 150th Book Committee was seeking stories from residents. He noted that the Lion's Club planted 3 trees at the park at the west side of the soccer field.

Motion by Trustee McClain to approve the Routine Business (approval of 10-25-22 minutes, financial reports, expenditures) was seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

Trustee Anderson asked about moving some of our money into CD's.

Attorney Probst noted that Chris Rincker and Nikki Rincker has signed their easement. He was working with Shelby Cooperative and will be sending information to Larry Von Behren (land on the south side of road across from high school). He had given Mr. Anderson an updated easement for him to review and sign, hopefully meeting Mr. Anderson's concerns.

Motion by Trustee Schlechte to approve Tom Newell's bill for the sewer replacement at 1st/Spruce following the receipt of bills was seconded by Trustee Anderson. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent

Trustee Kinkley entered the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Motion by Trustee Clark to accept Vandevanter's Revised Maintenance Contract Proposal for 2023 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

A quote was received from Detection Security Co regarding installing a closed-circuit surveillance system at the park for the cost of \$13,405. No action will be taken at this time.

Clerk Oakley noted that she had received one nomination for Volunteer of the Year.

Information collected from IDOT on the traffic count on Commercial Street was shared with the board. Traffic count in the fall was over 4,000 vehicles/week for a 2-week period compared to 2000 in the spring.

President Held noted that for the OSLAD grant the village needs to choose and architect and engineer. Information will be sent to Milano & Grunloh, The Farnsworth Group, Civil Design, Inc., Utz & Associates, and Walk Architecture.

Motion by Trustee Clark to give the following Christmas Bonuses (with check to be in that net amount) Lisa Rincker, \$75, Ron Thomas, \$75, Todd Apke \$75, Blake Pree \$75 and Linda Oakley \$150 was seconded by Trustee McClain. 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 enter into Executive Session as per 5 ILCS 120/2(c) for the appointment, employment, of specific employees 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

Executive Session entered at 8:30 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Moore to leave Executive Session 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

Executive Session exited at 8:50 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Clark to give the following salaries to begin January 1, 2023. Linda Oakley \$19.75, Lisa Rincker \$17 was seconded by Trustee McClain. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay

Two applications were received for the Maintenance position with the Village. **Motion** by Trustee Schlechte to offer position to Ron Thomas at the rate of \$15/hour until January 1st then \$17 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 Clark to raise Todd Apke's salary as of January 1, 2023 to \$17/hour 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 she had received a call from Illinois Fiber for Stewardson. She is reaching out to various companies to bring fiber to Strasburg.

Motion by Trustee Schlechte to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Clark.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Linda D. Oakley, Village Clerk