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Village of Strasburg
September 20, 2021
Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on Monday, September 20, 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 (entered meeting @ 6:50 PM), Jim Connell, Ian Kinkley, MaRanda McClain, Kristina Moore, Village Clerk Linda Oakley, Attorney Dustin Probst, Angie Edwards, Tom Newell and Gary Kull

Mrs. Edwards asked permission for the Burn Out in the Burg committee to close Cedar Street from Commercial to 1st Street for use during the exhaust competition on October 2.

Motion by Trustee Connell to allow the committee to close the road was seconded by Trustee McClain. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

Mrs. Edwards left the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Mr. Newell noted that the jetting by the company from Casey didn't do what he thought it would do. He used his machine and blew out more stuff out of the line from the manhole into the lagoon. He found a hole about 20 out and put concrete on it. He asked the board to spend another \$1,000 on the Aquafix VitaStim Sludge Reducer for the lagoon. **Motion** by Trustee Anderson to purchase another 60 pounds of Aquafix VitaStim Sludge Reducer at the cost of approximately \$1,000 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 presented a quote on pumps for 1st/Spruce lift station from Wastecorp Pumps. If ordered now, the pumps wouldn't be here until late November. He noted that we needed a light at the bottom of the lift station and the ballast plus filters need changed out. He will change both. Question was raised if we increase the flow do we need EPA approval. Mr. Newell will check with Mr. Lee Beckman. His ballpark estimate as to what it would cost with an electrician, plumber plus materials would be about \$45,000 total. He is getting another quote from another dealer.

Discussion held on the Sewer Project with Stew-Stras School District's Memorandum of Understanding. Several of the board members do not want the Village to own the lift station. The school needs to own it and maintain it. We would own from the exit pipe on to the lagoon. President Held will go back to the District Superintendent with the board's decision.

Mr. Newell asked about where the process was to get electric to the lagoon. President Held will check with Shelby Electric to see if they can bring electric to the lagoon from the west.

Mr. Newell left the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Motion by Trustee McClain to approve the Routine Business (approval of 8-16-21 minutes, financial reports, expenditures) was seconded by Trustee Clark. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

Attorney Probst had no report.

Motion by Trustee Connell to adopt Ordinance 21-2, "Ordinance Regulating Mobile Homes within the Village of Strasburg" 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

President Held noted that we had received the first payment of the ARPA-NEU monies in the amount of \$29,839.75. The Village plans to use that money for the new lift station pumps at 1st/Spruce or to bring electricity to the lagoon.

President Held noted that the OSLAD Grant had been submitted for the Park Improvement Project. Hopefully the Village should know something by December if we are in the running for a grant.

Motion by Trustee Clark to set Strasburg's Trick or Treat Night for Friday, October 29 from 6-8 PM was seconded by Trustee Moore. Voice vote – Anderson – aye, Clark – aye, Connell – nay, Kinkley – aye, McClain – aye, Moore – aye. 5 aye, 1 nay. Motion carried.

It was noted that WEIU had contacted the Village regarding doing a "This Is Out Story" program on Strasburg, Stewardson, Windsor & Gays. Word was received that this will be postponed until 2022 or 2023.

Consensus of the Board to again hold a Christmas Light Contest.

Trustee Connell proposed that Mr. Riley, our part-time employee, have set hours. 8 am – 12 noon, Monday -Friday with notice that he would be "On Call" 24/7 in case of emergencies. Trustee Connell and President Held will speak with Mr. Riley.

Mr. Kull noted that the old basketball goals have been removed from the basketball court and they are waiting on new concrete pads to be poured to place the new basketball goals.

President Held noted that a bid to move Dr. Schroeder's office had been received with the cost being between \$15,000-\$30,000. As the Village has no where to place the building and consensus was that \$30,000 was a lot to spend to move a building, the Village will not pursue taking the building.

Clerk Oakley noted that the Gold Star 500 bicyclists would be stopping in Strasburg on Saturday, September 25 from approximate 8:20-8:30 AM and asked for the Board's support in showing up.

President Held reminded the board members that the Community Wiener Roast would be held on Friday, September 24 at the park beginning at 6 PM. This is sponsored by the Lions Club and the Village.

Trustee Anderson noted that he had received a letter from EJ Water Cooperative that they are offering insurance for residents to fix the water line from the meter to the house. The cost would be \$3.95 and unless the customer goes online and opts out, they are automatically charged for the insurance. He will do more checking as no one else had received a letter on this.

Trustee Kinkley noted that Nick Oller had dug the holes for the Disc Golf and that it was all installed and ready to play.

Trustee McClain noted that during the Burn Out in the Burg that SCAN was doing the concession stand and encouraged the board members to come and eat.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Linda D. Oakley, Village Clerk