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Village of Strasburg  
June 17, 2024  
Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on June 17, 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 Trustees Robert Anderson, Jack Clark, MaRanda McClain, Kristina Moore, Dawn Schlechte and Ian Kinkley, Village President Cinda Held, Fiscal Clerk Lisa Rincker, Rex Gower with Milano & Grunloh, Village Employee Ron Thomas, Ed Held Gary Kull, and Village Attorney Dustin Probst.

Attorney Probst led discussion regarding Ordinance 24-5 budget. Discussed possibility of budgeting in a loan to complete the park renovations. Attorney Probst stated that the budget would be adjusted for loan payments if necessary. He stated that currently the General Fund along with the CD's taken out could pay for the completion of the park renovations.

President Held asked Attorney Probst to follow up with the needed sewer easement paperwork one more time so the sewer project with the Stewardson Strasburg High School could be completed

Rex Gower with Milano & Grunloh gave an update on the various projects that Milano & Grunloh are working on with the Village. **Regarding the School Sewer Project:** A September start date is anticipated. **Regarding the Village Lagoon:** A September start date is anticipated. Two local farmers were identified to ask if they wanted any of the sludge from the lagoon for their fields. Mr. Gower reported that the village made the Intended Use Plan with \$2,240,014.00 in funding and secured \$672,004 in Principal Forgiveness. There is potential for more principal forgiveness with NPDES Elimination and Compliance, equaling the remaining \$1,568,010.00. **Regarding the OSLAD grant,** The Village of Strasburg received a \$318,000 OSLAD Grant from the Illinois Dept of Natural Resources. The total project cost is \$636,000. The Village needs to fund the remaining portion of the project cost (\$318,000). The funding agency has approved the reduced scope and materials for the project. A bid opening was held on April 25 and the lowest bidder was Grunloh Building in the amount of \$923,536. Since the project is overbudget, a plan to reduce construction costs was developed. A change order will be presented for signature at the pre-construction conference on June 25 2024, to reduce the scope of the project within budget. An updated OS/DOC-4, Scope of Work Modification will need to be completed and submitted to DNR.

Mr. Gower and Mr. Probst left the meeting at 6:56pm.

Ron Thomas, Village employee, spoke regarding the questions concerning the placement of rock on the south side of the road along West Commercial St. He reviewed the

intended scope of the work to be done and assured that the manhole and drain by the bridge would not be a concern.

Mr. Thomas informed the Trustees of the intent to get roads in town oiled beginning June 19, 2024. Roads to be oiled will be E. Commercial starting at Rt 32 and going around the park to 1<sup>st</sup> St. up to Rt 32. 3 blocks of Locust and the entrance to York Acres. If there is enough oil left, Louisa St. north from Commercial St. will be oiled as far as they can go.

Mr. Thomas then informed Trustees that there have been wipes found in the York Acres sewer lift station again. Trustee McClain requested that we have proof that each household in York Acres has received a notice regarding the use of wipes and not flushing them. She requests that certified mail be sent so that the village has something to show that letters were received.

In Routine Business, Trustee Schlechte noted that there were 2 invoices from Mug-A-Bug listed on the outstanding invoice report regarding a 12-volt battery Fiscal Clerk Rincker stated that she would inquire as to why there were 2. **Motion** by Trustee Kinkley to approve the Routine Business (approval of 5/20/24 minutes, 5-9-24 special board minutes, financial reports, expenditures with exception of Mug-A-Bug invoice) was seconded by Trustee Moore. **Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.**

Approval to borrow money from SCSB for Park Renovation was tabled.

Park OSLAD Grant – It was noted that whatever stipulations are within the grant have to be completed before any overbudget items can be done. Rex Gower will be asked as to whether contractors can be contacted during the process to get scheduled as soon as possible after grant work is completed.

EJ's monthly report – It was noted that the water tower will be painted beginning July 8.

Parking on West Commercial – Ron Thomas spoke concerning this earlier in the meeting. **Motion** by Trustee Moore to accept the estimate for rock and work to be done. Trustee Anderson seconded the motion. Roll Call vote taken: Anderson – Yea, Clark – Nay, Kinkley – Yea, McClain – Yea, Moore – Yea, Schlechte – Yea. 5 – Yea, 1 Nay. **Motion carried.**

Cost for Fiber for Village was tabled for July meeting – Need current phone/fax information and tax-exempt information

Ordinance 24-4, Authorizing Sale or Disposal of Surplus Property – small playground structure at park. **Motion** – Trustee Anderson moved to approve Ordinance 24-4 Authorizing Sale or Disposal of Surplus Property – Small playground structure at park. Seconded by Trustee Moore. Roll Call vote taken: Clark – Yea, Kinkley – Yea, McClain – Yea, Moore – Yea, Schlechte – Yea, Anderson – Yea. 6 -Yea, 0- Nay. **Motion carried.**

150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Recap – All Trustees agreed that it was a very nice Celebration. Would like to commend Sue Bowers and Jodie Quast and all the committee for a job well done.

Feed Mill property – on hold

Purchase of property from Seamless Fiber Innovations – tabled. Need to know size of lot and amount. Waiting to hear back from Seamless Fiber.

York Acres Lot #10 purchase is in process. Dylan Meadows is purchasing to build a spec home. Trustees want to make sure Mr. Meadows has received a copy of the covenants for York Acres.

Approval of paying WEX Bank as ACH payment – **Motion** by Trustee McClain and seconded by Trustee Kinkley to approve payment of WEX Bank invoices via ACH. Roll call vote: Kinkley – Yea, McClain – Yea, Moore -Yea, Schlechte – Yea, Anderson – Yea, Clark – Yea. 6 – Yea, 0 – Nay. **Motion carried.**

Road Oiling on June 19 or 20 – discussed earlier in meeting.

Trustee McClain noted that there are some holes down at the park that need to be filled. Village maintenance will be notified.

Gary Kull asked if there was follow up to the event sign that is currently west of the Community Center door being moved over by the post office. It was noted that the owner of that property would need to be contacted.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Lisa D Rincker,  
Fiscal Clerk