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Village of Strasburg
August 16, 2021
Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on Monday, August 16, 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 (entered meeting at 6:55 PM), MaRanda McClain, Kristina Moore, Village Clerk Linda Oakley, Attorney Dustin Probst, Kelsey Swing Village Auditor, Tom Newell and Gary Kull

Kelsey Swing, of Gilbert, Metzger & Madigan, presented the Village's Audit of the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. The Village received a clean audit. Fund balances showed an increase from the previous Fiscal Year.

Ms. Swing left the meeting at 6:50 PM.

Mr. Newell presented three bids to clean the line from the manhole to the lagoon. He recommended Bolin Enterprises, Inc. from Casey. **Motion** by Trustee Clark to contact Bolin Enterprises was seconded by Trustee Connell. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; Kinkley- yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay

Mr. Newell also presented the latest sludge judge figures. He was not pleased with the figures and asked the board to purchase enough Aqua-Fix to give lagoon a "double dose". **Motion** by Trustee Anderson for the Village to purchase double the amount of Aqua-Fix from what was purchased in July 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 left the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Motion by Trustee McClain to approve the Routine Business (approval of 7-19-21 minutes, 7-22-21 special board meeting minutes, financial reports, expenditures) was seconded by Trustee Kinkley. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

Attorney Probst had no report.

EJ's Monthly Report was submitted. It was noted that the chart showing the Effluent Suspended Solids Analysis was misleading as the sample was taken as Mr. Newell was cleaning out the east rock filter.

President Held addressed the sewer project with the Stewardson-Strasburg School District. She and Trustee McClain has attended the Stewardson-Strasburg School Board Meeting. It was their understanding that the school's rate would be the resident base rate times 20 for the first 40,000 gallons then 50 cents per 100 gallons over 40,000. **Motion** by Trustee Moore that the school's rate would be the resident base rate times 20 for the first 40,000 gallons then 50 cents per 100 gallons over 40,000 be included in the Memorandum of Understanding. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; Kinkley- abstained; McClain – yea; Moore – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 abstain. Attorney Probst will work on the Memorandum of Understanding and have available at the September Village Board Meeting.

As a result of the Audit, Ms. Swing recommended that the unused Sewer accounts be closed. **Motion** by Trustee Anderson to close the Sewer B & I Reserve account, the Sewer B & I Sinking account and the Sewer Depreciation account and place the monies from those accounts into the Sewer Emergency Fund 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

Discussion was held regarding a proposed Mobile Home Ordinance. Trustee Connell has made suggestions as to adapting the Ordinance to the Village of Strasburg. Attorney Probst will go through the Ordinance and it will be presented at the September meeting.

President Held noted that the roads were oiled on Thursday, August 12. Right after oiling the Village received a large rain and the oil floated. The Village purchased addition rock and rocked the roads.

President Held noted that the Village had applied for the ARPA-NEU grant. This is Covid-Relief money that was available to the Village to use for various projects. The Village will be receiving a total of \$59,679.51. Possible projects include running electrical to the lagoon, and/or help with replacing the sewer lift station at the park.

President Held and Clerk Oakley have been working to complete the application for the OSLAD grant for park improvements. **Motion** by Trustee McClain to approve the OSLAD Grant Program Resolution of Authorization was seconded by Trustee Connell. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; Kinkley- yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay

A special town meeting will be held on Monday, August 23 at 6:30 PM regarding the proposed Park Improvement Grant. Community input is needed as part of the grant process.

Clerk Oakley reported that the unofficial count for census of Strasburg increased our number to 531 residents.

President Held asked members of the board if they would again be willing to serve on committees. She also noted that Ron Boldt was selling his business. The new owner will be disposing of Dr. Schroeder's building. She questioned whether the building was capable of being moved and if the Village would be interested in taking the building.

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

Linda D. Oakley, Village Clerk