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Village of Strasburg  
January 17, 2022  
Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on Monday, January 17, 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, Jim Connell, Ian Kinkley, MaRanda McClain, Kristina Moore, and Village Clerk Linda Oakley. Absent was Trustee Jack Clark.

**Motion** by Trustee Anderson to approve the Routine Business (approval of 12-20-21 regular meeting minutes, 12-23-21 special board meeting minutes, financial reports, expenditures) was seconded by Trustee Kinkley. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

Attorney Probst presented the Intergovernmental Agreement between Stewardson-Strasburg CUSD #5A and the Village of Strasburg regarding the construction and maintenance of a sewer line extension. A Zoom meeting was held with Superintendent Kenny Schwengel, Principal Justin Deters, School District Attorney Eugene J. Hanes, Jr., Village President Cinda Held, and Village Clerk Linda Oakley to go over the Intergovernmental Agreement. Clerk Oakley will contact the insurance company regarding the Indemnification and Insurance section. As the Trustees had just received a copy of this agreement, once they read over it and they have any concerns they are to reach out to Village President Held prior to January 28<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped that the School District Board and Village Board can both adopt this Intergovernmental Agreement at their February meeting.

**Motion** by Trustee Connell to retain Dustin Probst as the Village Attorney for the 2022 year at a cost of \$5,200 was seconded by Trustee Kinkley. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – absent; Connell – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

EJ’s Monthly Report was discussed. All of the numbers in November were below the allowed IEPA figures. President Held noted that she would be meeting with Gene Sligar, Eric Emmerich, and Hillary from EJ in the near future.

The Annual Inspection Report of the sewer lift stations by Vandevanter was discussed. Trustee Anderson would like to know what the numbers mean on the report and would like to have a better report to explain the report. Clerk Oakley will reach out to Vandevanter to attempt to get his answers.

**Motion** by Trustee Connell to give Todd Apke a \$75 Christmas bonus was seconded by Trustee McClain. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – absent; Connell – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent. Mr. Apke’s hourly pay will remain at \$15/hour.

Discussion held on advertising for a part-time employee. Advertising will take place on Facebook and Gnome News. Village President Held would like to start the process as soon as possible.

Trustee Anderson reported that he had reached out to the Soil and Water Conservation Office regarding drainage at York Acres. They are in the middle of a project and will reach out to us hopefully in 5-6 weeks.

Discussion held on holding a town cleanup day where residents put their items next to the curb rather than taking it to a dumpster, with no cost to the residents. Clerk Oakley will contact Doty's to see about setting a date.

President Held will be contacting SCAN and the Lions Club to see if they will be willing to again help sponsor a Discover Central Illinois ad.

In 2024, the Village of Strasburg will be celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. President Held announced that she will be holding an organizational meeting in July for anyone (town resident or rural resident) who would be interested in helping plan the celebration.

In 2010, due to the financial situation that the Village found themselves in, the Village Board voted to terminate the Village President and Trustees salary. As the Village is now in a better financial position, discussion is being held to adopt an ordinance to reinstate the Village President and Trustees salary. Ordinance would not take effect until June 1, 2025, as current elected officials cannot vote themselves a raise. Board members will be asked to think about what the salary should be, and what meetings, etc. need to be reimbursable.

Trustee Kinkley is also the sponsor of the LEOs Club at the high school. Mr. Kinkley noted that the LEOs would like to attend the February meeting to discuss the Memorial Day program to be held Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

President Held noted that she attended a Zoom meeting on the ARPA-NEU grant money that we plan to use on the park lift station and to bring electric to the lagoon. We are to have an expenditure report filed with the State in April; however, the State isn't sure what kind of report is to be made at this time.

President Held also talked with engineer Lee Beckman regarding the intersection of East Commercial and Route 32. The Village has \$30,000 at the moment to concrete the intersection. Mr. Beckman will begin to get estimates as to the cost. As per Mark Tarter of The Equity, April and May would be the best time to close the road down due to the construction.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Linda D. Oakley, Village Clerk