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Village of Strasburg  
July 15, 2024  
Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on July 15, 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, Kristina Moore and Ian Kinkley, Village President Cinda Held, Fiscal Clerk Lisa Rincker, Rex Gower with Milano & Grunloh, Ed Held, Mark Branscum and Village Attorney Dustin Probst. Absent were Trustees Dawn Schlechte and MaRanda McClain.

President Cinda Held opened the Public Hearing on the Annual Appropriation of the Village of Strasburg. Discussed Appropriation Ordinance for 2024-2025. **Motion** by Trustee Clark to accept Appropriation Ordinance 24-5 with correction to Municipal Sanitary Sewer Fund (Restricted) Balance on Hand. Seconded by Trustee Moore. Roll Call vote taken: Anderson – Yea, Clark – Yea, Kinkley – Yea, Moore – Yea. 4 – Yea, 0 Nay, 2- Absent **Motion carried.**

Attorney Probst reported on the sale of Lot 10 York Acres. **Motion** by Trustee Moore to approve Resolution 24-2, Sale of Lot 10, York Acres. Seconded by Trustee Kinkley. Roll call vote taken: Clark – Yea, Kinkley – Yea, Moore – Yea, Anderson – Yea. 4 – Yea, 0- Nay, 2 Absent. **Motion carried.**

Attorney Probst was asked if the Village needs to have an ordinance regarding the placement of solar panels. He, along with Trustees, will investigate and report back.

President Held reported that she still has not heard from Seamless Fiber as to the exact area of land they will offer to the village for purchase.

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. **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. The village has completed demolition except the foundation for the old bathrooms, due to lack of adequate equipment. Trustees were advised that any foundations the contractor encounters that must be removed will incur additional costs

to the project. Contractor expects to mobilize next week, with 4-5 weeks work expected to complete earthwork, concrete, electrical and plumbing before pavilion construction begins. The building corners have been staked for village approval of location. Gable wall panel color selection is still needed. Taupe color was chosen by those present at the meeting.

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

Mr. Mark Branscum introduced himself as the new owner of the building that previously housed The Gym. He explained that he would like to use the space as a Creative/Maker Space. He plans to check the soundness of the block building next to The Gym building to see if it could be used as well. He intends to provide space for crafting use with laser imaging and metal cutting. He hopes to be operational in about a year. Mr. Branscum was welcomed to the community by President Held.

**Motion** by Trustee Kinkley to approve the Routine Business (approval of 6/17/24 minutes, financial reports, expenditures) was seconded by Trustee Clark. **Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.**

Completion of Pavilion Buildout was tabled until completion of Phase I.

EJ's monthly report – Question was raised as to whether the water tower painting has begun.

Park- OSLAD Grant – Covered in report by Rex Gower earlier in meeting.

GigFire requested to put in telephone type poles for better internet service. Fiscal Clerk Rincker reported that she had requested a representative from GigFire be present at meeting to explain. No word back and no rep present for meeting.

President Held reported that Lot 4, York Acres remains empty, and it was brought to her attention that residents on either side of the lot might be interested in purchasing the lot. Discussed what this might entail. President Held asked Trustees to consider and discuss at next meeting.

President Held reported that a Burrito Fundraiser is being planned. Date suggested was September 28. Calendar was checked and that date is already booked. Will report back.

Trustee Kinkley reported that there are weeds growing out of control at the park, around the flagpole. Questioned who took care of it and can it be sprayed. He will pull the weeds in front of the community center.

Trustee Moore requested that an updated OSLAD Grant funds report be prepared for the next Village Trustee meeting.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.  
Lisa D Rincker,  
Fiscal Clerk