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Village of Strasburg  
May 17, 2021  
Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on Monday, May 17, 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".

Village Clerk Linda Oakley gave the Oath of Office to the newly elected officials: Village President Cinda Held, Trustees Robert Anderson, Ian Kinkley, MaRanda McClain and Kristina Moore.

In attendance were Village President Cinda Held, Trustees Robert Anderson, Jack Clark, Jim Connell, Ian Kinkley, MaRanda McClain, Kristina Moore, Village Clerk Linda Oakley, Fiscal Clerk Lisa Rincker, Attorney Dustin Probst, and Tom Newell.

Tom Newell reported that he had gone ahead and ordered the Muck Remover Treatment and had treated the lagoon on April 26 and May 10. Sludge Judge on May 13 showed a decrease in several areas. He wanted to put on another 25 pounds of the Muck Remover along with 25 pounds of Pond Cleanse, two treatments that work together. He discussed the dissolved O2 numbers. In the morning, the numbers are bad and then about 10 a.m. they improve. He suggested that Mr. Riley collect the sample mid-morning and take to Effingham rather than having EJ collect the sample early in the morning. **Motion** by Trustee McClain to accept Mr. Newell's proposal from last month in the amount of \$3,750, with the Village purchasing the product, was seconded by Trustee Anderson. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea, Clark – yea, Connell – yea, Kinkley – yea, McClain – yea, Moore – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay.

**Motion** by Trustee Clark to reimburse Mr. Newell for the Muck Remover Treatment that he purchased in April was seconded by Trustee Anderson. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea, Clark – yea, Connell – yea, Kinkley – yea, McClain – yea, Moore – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay.

President Held will check with Ameren regarding cost of running electric to the lagoon.

Mr. Newell left the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

**Motion** by Trustee Clark to approve the Routine Business (approval of 4-19-21 minutes, financial reports, expenditures) was seconded by Trustee Connell. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

Attorney Probst had no report.

The monthly report from EJ was included in the packet, however, the data has not been updated since January. President Held will contact EJ regarding having updated information for the June meeting.

**Motion** by Trustee Anderson that the cost of the new lots located in York Acres Phase be \$5,000 with owner to receive reimbursement of property taxes up to \$5,000 over a period of up to 4 years, if the house is built by December 31, 2022 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.

The Village's Culvert Policy was discussed. In Resolution 16-3, the length is noted as 24 foot. President Held would like to increase that to 30 foot, as most of the new culverts that are installed are 30 foot in length. Discussion was held regarding individuals putting tile in their ditch.

President Held noted that she had had a discussion with Superintendent Kenny Schwengel regarding costs with the sewer project. Superintendent Schwengel said that the school district would take care of the electrical, the pumps and replace the pumps when needed, plus all maintenance on their lift station. During discussions last

month, the Village Board considered charging the District the regular sewer fee plus a maintenance fee. The School District said they did not think that a maintenance fee was needed. President Held and Clerk Oakley will look at the numbers again.

The Approval of Audit Services with Gilbert, Metzger and Madigan was presented. Clerk Oakley noted that information has already been delivered to the auditors.

The 2021-2022 Proposed Budget was presented to the board, along with the documentation of revenue and expenses from the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. A hearing will be held in June and the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year budget will be voted on in July.

Clerk Oakley noted that the TIF Board of Review Meeting would be held on Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:45 p.m.

President Held and Trustee Kinkley reported on the Town Makeover. They were pleased with the number of volunteers that showed up and the amount of work that was accomplished in a short time.

President Held noted that Trustee Kinkley's Foundation Grant submitted for the "4 Hole Disc Golf Course" was approved. Plans will be made to lay out the course and order the equipment.

President Held asked the Board about updating the Building Ordinance regarding trailers. Attorney Probst will work on an Ordinance to address trailers.

Trustee Moore noted that she had received a Foundation Grant for a special needs swing. The swing has been installed at the park.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Linda D. Oakley, Village Clerk