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Village of Strasburg
February 19, 2024
Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on February 19, 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 Village President Cinda Held, Trustees Robert Anderson, Jack Clark, Ian Kinkley, MaRanda McClain, Kristina Moore and Dawn Schlechte, Clerk Linda Oakley, Fiscal Clerk Lisa Rincker, Rex Gower with Milano & Grunloh, Jim Weiss, Gary Kull and Village Attorney Dustin Probst.

Mr. Weiss noted that he was expecting some LEO members to be in attendance to talk to the board about the planning for the Memorial Day Program. As no students were there, he noted that they will attend the March meeting.

Mr. Weiss left the meeting.

Rex Gower gave an update on the various projects that Milano & Grunloh is working with the Village on. Regarding the OSLAD grant, Mr. Gower noted that the project is ready to bid once the revised Scope of Plans has been approved by the state.

Mr. Gower left the meeting at 6:40 PM.

In reviewing the items for the routine business, questions were asked as to what the village planned to do with the old street signs. Consensus was to sell the signs. Clerk Oakley will prepare an ordinance to sell them as surplus.

Motion by Trustee McClain to approve the Routine Business (approval of 1-15-24 minutes, 1-24-24 special board minutes, financial reports, expenditures) was seconded by Trustee Kinkley. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

The village received a notice from Dove and Dove that Dustin Probst was no longer affiliated with Dove and Dove. While Dove and Dove would be privileged to continue its representation of the village, the firm does not have at present the capacity to service our needs in the manner we deserve.

President Held appointed Dustin Probst, of Boehm and Probst Law, LLC, as the village's attorney.

Motion by Trustee Schlechte to approve the appointment of Dustin Probst of Boehm and Probst Law, LLC as village attorney with the same conditions that were in place with Dove and Dove was seconded by Trustee Anderson. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay

EJ's report was presented for the month of January 2024. It noted that the effluent valve to the plant was closed for the first part of January but had to be opened on 1/24 due to

infiltration in the collection system. The effluent valve will continue to be open again for the month of February.

Seamless Fiber Innovations is interested in purchasing the Veach property to place their building for their fiber. If the board wishes to sell the property to Seamless, we need an ordinance signed by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the board, and a notice of bid must be published 30 days prior to the opening of the bids. President Held is also looking at village property on the south side of the park near the east/west ditch.

Motion by Trustee McClain to adopt Ordinance 24-1, "An Ordinance Granting to Seamless Fiber Innovations LLC, certain rights within the public right-of-way in the Village of Strasburg, Illinois" was seconded by Trustee Schlechte. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay

Clerk Oakley noted that all of the new street signs are in place with the exception of three signs that had been ordered.

President Held noted that Angie Edwards asked again about receiving money from the TIF District to assist she and her husband Jason in their endeavor to start a small eatery. Their property is not located in the TIF district, but across the street from property that is included in the TIF district. Gary Kull reiterated that the money can only be awarded for property within the TIF.

President Held noted that the 150th Committee would be meeting on Tuesday night, February 20 at 6:30 pm. She noted that plans were coming together for the celebration.

President Held reported that the trees have been removed from the drainage ditch. As it did not take them as long as they thought, they were going to dip out the ditch by York Acres.

A building permit has been issued to Effingham Equity for a new scale house at the southern edge of the property. They are also submitting an application for sewer as the facility is not currently connected.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Linda D Oakley,
Village Clerk