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Village of Strasburg
April 17, 2023
Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on April 17, 2023, 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, MaRanda McClain, Kristina Moore, Dawn Schlechte, Village Attorney Dustin Probst, Fiscal Clerk Lisa Rincker, and Gary Kull. Trustee Ian Kinkley was absent.

Gary Kull brought to the Board's attention that there is considerable debris under the bridge by Highland Mart and there is concern of it causing flooding during a heavy rain. It was also noted that there is considerable erosion on East Franklin Street. President Held will bring this to the attention of Village maintenance.

It was noted that annual golf cart inspections will be held April 22 and April 26, 2023.

Motion by Trustee Moore to approve the Routine Business (approval of 3-20-23 minutes, financial reports, expenditures) was seconded by Trustee Schlechte. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

Attorney Probst had nothing to report.

EJ's monthly information was presented. President Held noted that Lawrence from EJ Water, received damage to his home as a result of the tornado that went through the Robinson area last month, therefore the monthly report was not as timely as usual. Information regarding low-income household water/sewer assistance was provided and will be included in the May sewer bills.

The draft copy of Ordinance 23-1, "Ordinance Regarding Delinquent Wastewater Service Charges" tabled to next meeting.

President Held reported that she has spoken with Nate Wascher at Shelby County State Bank regarding investment opportunities for village funds. Shelby County State Bank will offer 4.25% interest on a \$10,000 minimum investment and money would be available to withdraw with no penalties. Attorney Probst reported that Community Banks offer 4.5% interest and Charles Schwab offers 5.0% interest. President Held stated that she would like to keep the money local. Discussion was held regarding what fund accounts to take money from to invest and how much. Topic was tabled for more information and budget finalization.

Discussion was held on spring clean-up day. It was suggested that spring clean-up day with Doty Sanitation be moved to after the spring rummage sales on Memorial Day weekend. President Held noted that Main Street Makeover Day will be May 6 and the new playground equipment will be put up at that time.

Nothing new to report regarding the sewer grant.

Discussion was held regarding the drainage ditch district and payment to their engineer. It was reported that the school district would be willing to reimburse for costs incurred. **Motion** by Trustee McClain and seconded by Trustee Anderson to approve up to \$2,000 for engineering costs of the Drainage District to be crossed on the school sewer project, provided the drainage

district issues a crossing permit which is approved at a duly held, and noticed with an agenda, public meeting of the commissioners. Motion carried. Anderson – yea, Clark – yea, Kinkley – absent, McClain – yea, Moore – yea, Schlechte – yea. 5 yea, 0 nay, 1 absent.

President Held noted that she is not certain of the amount of interest in Wabash Communications. Trustees questioned what amount of interest is enough for them to proceed with the fiber option. Can the interest form be submitted on-line? President Held will inquire and report back.

Discussed drawings from Bill Utz for the park pavilion.

Discussed getting the tennis net ordered and whether the tennis court might be used as a batting cage. Dawn and Gerry Schlechte will look into it. Kristina Moore and Ian Kinkley are responsible for the playground equipment. It will be assembled during the May 6 Mainstreet Makeover Day. Trustee Moore requested a list of who is on each park committee and what they are responsible for.

President Held asked for suggestions on mulch vs pea gravel at the park. After discussion, it was decided to use mulch this year and look at drainage issues for the future.

A question was raised about who is responsible for the cleaning of the park restrooms. President Held will check with Bonnie Vonderheide of her willingness to clean them as she currently cleans the Community Center.

Skeeter Slayers has submitted their contract for monthly mosquito control from May – October 2023 at a monthly fee of \$225. (It was noted that Ron should make sure the Village sprayer is operational.) **Motion** by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Schlechte to approve contract. Anderson – yea, Clark – yea, Kinkley – absent, McClain – yea, Moore – yea, Schlechte – yea. 5 yea, 0 nay, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Discussed quote on adding a valve at York Acres. **Motion** by Trustee Clark and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve release valve work by EJ Water at York Acres at a cost of \$2,095. Anderson – yea, Clark – yea, Kinkley – absent, McClain – yea, Moore – yea, Schlechte – yea. 5 yea, 0 nay, 1 absent. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the 150th Celebration will be Tuesday, April 25th at 6:30 pm. Nothing else to report at this time.

President Held noted that she has been contacted regarding a fox with pups at the softball storage shed at the park. If it becomes a nuisance a game warden can be contacted otherwise, they will be left alone.

Trustee McClain noted they still don't have a place for soccer to be played this fall.

Trustee McClain also inquired about the timeline for the ditch work at York Acres. It is to be addressed in July.

Trustee Moore noted there is a sink hole in the alley west of Chestnut Street that needs some attention.

No citizen comments.

Motion by Trustee McClain to adjourn.

No further business, the Village Board meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Lisa Rincker, Fiscal Clerk