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Village of Strasburg  
September 16, 2019 Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on Monday, September 16, 2019 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, Jim Connell, MaRanda McClain, Anita Renshaw, Chuck Wade, Village Clerk Linda Oakley, Fiscal Clerk Lisa Rincker, Attorney Dustin Probst and Gary Kull.

Motion by Trustee McClain to approve the Omnibus Agenda which included the minutes of the August 19, 2019 regular meeting, the financial reports, expenditures, bills to be paid, and general journal entries was seconded by Trustee Clark. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; McClain – yea; Renshaw – yea, Wade – yes. 6 yea – 0 nay

Trustee Anderson asked if the Village had heard from the auditor. Clerk Oakley will email Mr. Kull reminding him that he will be on the agenda in October for presentation of the audit.

Attorney Probst noted that it was time to approve the tax levy for submission to the County Clerk. This year's CPI is 1.9. He will have the tax levy at the October meeting for the board's approval. He also noted that the board needs to think about the sale of recreational cannabis. The board can decide if it wants to prohibit the sale of it within the Village limits, or if it allows the sale then if the board wants to impose a local 3% tax on the sale of the recreational cannabis. He will prepare ordinances for the October meeting for whichever decision is made by the board.

The Village will again have a Christmas Light Contest. This year the categories are "Hallmark Christmas" and "Griswold Christmas." Another category may be added later. Those interested in entering the contest will be asked to contact the Village Office.

Trustee Renshaw noted that she had received several complaints from people regarding members of the community walking their dog and not cleaning up after their dog.

Questions were raised as to when Kieffer Brothers would be returning to till and re-seed. Milano and Grunloh will be contacted. If the Village does it, then do we bill Kieffer Brothers?

Dean Swingler, EJ Water Cooperative, noted that EJ Water Cooperative would be interested in purchasing the stainless-steel clamps and couplings for \$500 and the fire hydrants for \$500. Motion by Trustee Anderson to sell these items to EJ Water cooperative was seconded by Trustee Connell. Motion voted on by voice vote and carried.

Trustee Anderson noted that the fiber optic line that is going to Windsor is being installed a mile west of Route 32. A trunk line will be coming into Strasburg and members of the community should check into this and sign up if interested. It was noted that information had been sent in the sewer bill, in the Gnome News and on Facebook.

Bill Riley asked what the board wanted to do with the blue tank at the back of the maintenance building. Board gave permission for him to cut it up for scrap. Board also gave permission for him to scrap the old pumps, the old electrical panel and purchase a reciprocating saw.

President Held reported on the following items: 1.) a neighborhood watch sign had been donated to the Village and Mr. Riley noted that the Strasburg sign at the south edge of town would need to be moved to install the sign. Board disapproved the move of the sign. 2.) she had been told that they (not sure who they are) were going to put a tile in the park to drain the playground area. Drain would go to the creek. A drain is already in the park; however, it had been put in many years ago and is probably a clay tile. The issue will be checked into further. 3.) the south pavilion needs major repair. Gary Kull noted that the Lion's Club would help. This is one of the projects that could be included in the grant through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The grant committee that was appointed at the August meeting (Jim Connell, MaRanda McClain, Cinda Held and Justin Krile) will meet within the next month. 4.) She, Lisa Shelton, Karen Kull and Clerk Oakley are working on the new website. It will hopefully be up and going by the end of the year. 5.) Tom Newell reported that he had measured the sludge again. Some areas had gone down two inches and some areas (mainly in the middle of the ponds) had not gone down at all. He will put the third treatment of chemicals in late this month.

Discussion was held regarding using the windmills at the lagoon. Board will address this again in the spring.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Linda Oakley  
Village Clerk