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Village of Strasburg
February 20, 2023
Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on February 20, 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, Ian Kinkley, MaRanda McClain, Kristina Moore, Village Attorney Dustin Probst, Clerk Linda Oakley, Josh Storm, Lee Beckman, and Gary Kull. Absent was Trustee Dawn Schlechte.

President Held presented the 2022 Volunteer of the Year Award to Kristina Moore. President Held noted that Kristina is a member of the village board, SCAN (Strasburg Community Action Network), the Lions Club, and the American Legion Auxiliary. She is also involved in volunteer work outside of the community including PTSA (Parent-Teacher-Student Association) and her church. She was instrumental in getting accessible swings for the park playground.

Mr. Beckman noted that the application for the sewer grants will be completed and should be submitted within 30 days. He speculated that we would more than likely be receiving the grant in 2024 rather than this year. The school’s part of the grant should be a 100% grant, and the village’s part if not 100% may be a 70/30 or 60/40. Our Non-Compliance Plan with the IEPA for the lagoon was not extended past November 2023. Regarding the OSLAD Grant for the Park Renovation, Mr. Beckman said that the topographic survey had been completed and the design is in the process.

Motion by Trustee Moore to approve the Routine Business (approval of 1-16-23 minutes, financial reports, expenditures) was seconded by Trustee McClain. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

Attorney Probst had no report.

EJ’s monthly information was presented. The valves at the lagoon should be replaced by the end of February.

Information was presented from the Village’s Electric Aggregation. Our current contract with Homefield Energy expires in December 2023. **Motion** by Trustee Anderson to approve the Electric Municipal Aggregation Service Agreement recognizing Satori Enterprises, LLC as the consultant for Strasburg was seconded by Trustee Clark. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – absent. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

Motion by Trustee Clark to approve the Municipality Power of Attorney for the electric aggregation program was seconded by Trustee Anderson. Motion voted on and

carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – absent. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

A draft copy of Ordinance 23-1, “Ordinance Regarding Delinquent Wastewater Service Charges” was discussed. Board members were asked to look over the ordinance and bring suggestions back for the March meeting.

Consensus of board to award the Volunteer of the Year Award at the September 15th Village Wiener Roast this year.

Motion by Trustee Anderson to adopt Resolution 23-1, “Resolution in Support of Tax Increment Financing” was seconded by Trustee McClain. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – absent. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent. This Resolution was adopted in response to IML’s (Illinois Municipal League) request for support of tax increment financing. Legislation had been filed that would weaken or diminish municipal authority in administering TIF programs.

Motion by Trustee Clark to adopt Resolution 23-2 “Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code” for the use of MFT funds was seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – absent. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

Discussion was held regarding addressing the lots in Phase 2 of York Acres. In discussion with Zoning and 911 Board, Phase 1 lots need to be re-addressed to be consistent with the rest of the Village, however it would be up to the village to make those changes. Mr. Storm noted that all of the current residents of York Acres do not want their addresses to be changed. Consensus of board was to leave the current addresses as they are and number the lots in the new addition separately.

The re-addressing was brought up as a result of discussion with Wabash Communications. Wabash Communications will bring fiber to Strasburg if there is a return on their investment. The Village is to supply Wabash Communications with a list of all residential addresses (not resident names, just street addresses). President Held noted that Wabash Communications will be competing with Consolidated Communications and Mediacom, however neither of those will be bringing fiber to the village anytime soon. Residents will be receiving an “interest form” in their March sewer bill, and will be asked to return the form whether or not they are interested in fiber. Representatives of Wabash Communications will be at the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast on February 25th to answer questions.

President Held noted that there was a grant for villages to purchase trees to plant on village property. She was looking at the park and maybe York Acres.

President Held stated that the date of the 150th Celebration will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 14, 15, 16, 2024. At this time a carnival is under contract, there will be a tractor pull, entertainment, and other activities.

Mr. Kull noted that SCAN needed to purchase a tree for Jesse Brandt’s to plant on their property. SCAN purchases a tree for each new home that is built in the subdivision.

Trustee Kinkley noted that in the ditch near the Feed Mill has some rebar sticking out. He questioned if it needed to be cleaned out. (Note: It was pieces placed in ditch to help with erosion.)

No further business, the Village Board meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Linda Oakley, Village Clerk