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Village of Strasburg
January 24, 2024
Special Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees held a special meeting on January 24, 2024 regarding Fiber Optic for the Village. The meeting was held 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 and Dawn Schlechte, Clerk Linda Oakley, Seamless Fiber Innovations represented by Josh Esker, Metro Communications Co. represented by Walker Culver, Justin Fulk, Will Culver, Doug Iheunga, Miranda Lovett and Brock Read. Trustee Ian Kinkley was not present.

Josh Esker noted that he was interested in bringing fiber to Strasburg. He had just finished installing fiber in Neoga. His company is a small company and has installed fiber in Casey, Marshall, Martinsville, Neoga and now planning on Strasburg. He noted that the highest package is 1 gig for life. He noted that his rates are extremely competitive. He was looking for a piece of property to purchase to place his building. He will be bringing the fiber from Neoga to Strasburg. He estimated that it would take 2 months to install the lines in town and 2 months to bring the line from Neoga, so 4 months total. He noted that they would install in town first and then bring line over from Neoga. Installation is free for new customers as line is installed. Generally, service calls are not charged, but if a charge is needed it's \$65. If it is a large home, individuals can purchase a second router for \$80.

Mr. Esker left the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Metro Communications employee Doug addressed the board. He noted that Metro is out of Sullivan. Metro has approximately 200 employees. They would not need property to place a building, they would have a cabinet that would be placed in the right-of-way. He noted that they would be bringing the line from either Sullivan or Shelbyville. He presented an overview of the proposed lines that would be placed in town and the customer drops. They are planning to have installation this spring. They are working with IDOT for the permit to bore under the highway. That may determine when the project can start.

Brock Read noted that the Village needs a permit process to make sure the businesses are bonded, and that the business adds the Village as additional on their insurance. Clerk Oakley will forward that information to Attorney Dustin Probst.

Employees from Metro Communications answered many questions from board members and left at 8:40 PM.

Special Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Linda Oakley, Village Clerk