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

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on November 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, MaRanda McClain, Kristina Moore, Dawn Schlechte, Clerk Linda Oakley, Rex Gower with Milano & Grunloh, Village Attorney Dustin Probst, and Gary Kull. Trustee Ian Kinkley arrived later.

Rex Gower gave an update on the various projects that Milano & Grunloh is working with the Village on. The School Sewer Project has been approved by the IEPA. The loan application for the village lagoon has been approved, and the construction permit has been issued. Now more paperwork needs to be completed to finish the loan. Mr. Gower had been asked by President Held if the Village was eligible to apply for the TARP Grant (Truck Access Route Program) to help with the corner of Commercial and Route 32. Mr. Gower noted that it was not worth pursuing at this moment. It will be available again in a couple of years. The Non-compliance issue with the lift station at 1<sup>st</sup>/Spruce Street has been resolved and the lift station is now in compliance. He noted that Architect Utz was still working on the plans for the pavilion.

**Motion** by Trustee Clark to approve the Routine Business (approval of 10-16-23 minutes, financial reports, expenditures) was seconded by Trustee McClain. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

**Motion** by Trustee Anderson to adopt Ordinance 23-3 “2023-2024 Tax Levy Ordinance” was seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

**Motion** by Trustee Schlechte to adopt Ordinance 23-4 “Ordinance authorizing Village to borrow funds from the IEPA Water Pollution Control Loan Program” was seconded by Trustee McClain. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

**Motion** by Trustee Moore to adopt Ordinance 23-5 “Ordinance authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property – Leak Trailer” was seconded by Trustee McClain. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

**Motion** by Trustee Moore to purchase new computer as per the price quote by Mytec Solutions was seconded by Trustee Schlechte. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

President Held discussed the possible acquisition of property belonging to Joe Pierce next to the Apke Building. There are two lots. Item will be placed on the agenda for December.

**Motion** by Trustee McClain to give the same Christmas bonuses to the employees as last year. The amount to be received is the net amount, not the gross. Motion seconded by Trustee Clark. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

Trustee Kinkley entered the meeting at 7:35 PM.

**Motion** by Trustee Schlechte that the four employees received a \$1/hour raise effective January 1, 2024, 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.

Clerk Oakley and Fiscal Clerk Rincker are to apprise the board of the plans to implement the Paid Leave at the December meeting.

President Held noted that the 150<sup>th</sup> Committee is still looking for stories for the book.

Attorney Probst noted that he had contacted American Fiber Company and was waiting to hear back.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Linda D Oakley,  
Village Clerk