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Village of Strasburg  
May 18, 2020 Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on Monday, May 18, 2020 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, and MaRanda McClain, Village Clerk Linda Oakley, Attorney Dustin Probst, Rex Foreman and Tom Newell. Absent was Trustee Anita Renshaw. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, members were spaced at least 6 foot apart to comply with requirements.

Mr. Foreman addressed the board after receiving a letter from the village regarding parking a semi on village street. He noted that he is parking at his house, on his property and not in the road. President Held noted that all semi drivers were sent the same letter as a designated parking area is north of the ball field. President Held informed him that if he were not parking on the village right-of-way, but on his property, he could continue to park there.

Trustee Chuck Wade entered meeting at 6:40 PM.

Mr. Newell noted that he and President Held had a conference call meeting with Eric Emmerich and Gene Sligar of EJ Water Cooperative and Lee Beckman of Milano and Grunloh. Mr. Sligar noted that he likes what Mr. Newell is doing now with the addition of the sludge reducing bacteria to the primary cell. As part of Proposal 1 that the board accepted in April, the equipment that was approved to be purchased Mr. Newell returned as it was not what he thought it would be. The company exchanged the equipment for more chemicals. Mr. Newell noted that he would be measuring the lagoon again in June.

Mr. Foreman and Mr. Newell left the meeting.

Motion by Trustee McClain to approve the routine business items was seconded by Trustee Connell. Motion carried by voice vote.

The proposal by Figgins Electric to install an above ground motor fault indicator light at the park lift station was presented. Members did have a few questions regarding what Mr. Riggins would be installing. Clerk Oakley will ask Mr. Figgins to contact President Held. Motion by Trustee Clark to accept the proposal was seconded by Trustee Wade. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; McClain – yea; Renshaw – absent; Wade – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent

Clerk Oakley noted that trustees and employees of the village must now complete a Sexual Harassment Prevention Training prior to December 31, 2020. Information was given to trustees with the website to complete the training.

The Wastewater Operator Contract with Gene Sligar was presented. It is a 3-year contract. Motion by Trustee Anderson to renew the contract was seconded by Trustee Wade. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; McClain – yea; Renshaw – absent; Wade – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent

President Held noted that the OSLAD Grant at this moment is not available. Lee Beckman had told Held that we should know by June 1<sup>st</sup> if it would be available. If so, Mr. Beckman would be starting on the application to file by the end of July deadline.

The TIF Board of Review Meeting will be held on June 15 at 6 PM prior to the regular June village board meeting.

Clerk Oakley noted that the village had received "Rebuild Illinois" money to be used for MFT projects. It is hoped that disbursements will be received twice a year for three years. Discussion was held as to the possibility of using these funds for the reconstruction of the intersection of Route 32 and East Commercial.

President Held noted that she had received a request from Chapin Rose asking for feedback to take to the special legislative session regarding the COVID pandemic. She had submitted a letter to Mr. Rose.

Discussion was held on dredging the ditch through town. Question was raised whether the village/residents could develop a drainage district.

President Held also noted that after the heavy rains, the water had backed up from the corner of East Commercial/Locust/Cedar Streets (fire department corner.) It was thought that the problem was the field tile that runs south to the ditch. However, when the corner was dug-up to verify direction of field tile, it ran east and west. 40 foot of tile was replaced. Hopefully, this will alleviate some of the back-up/flooding.

Attorney Probst presented the proposed 20-21 budget. Each of the trustees had received prior to the meeting a copy of the 19-20 budget with the total amounts that were either received or spent, plus a copy of the proposed budget. Board members discussed various line items and updated as needed. Attorney Probst will send Oakley an updated budget for distribution to the trustees, plus will send the Public Hearing Notice to the paper. The Public Hearing will be held on July 20 at the beginning of the monthly village board meeting.

Clerk Oakley reported that the village would be receiving the resignation of Trustee Anita Renshaw prior to the next village board meeting. President Held noted that she had some residents in mind and asked that the Trustees let her know if they have anyone that might be interested in the position.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Linda D. Oakley  
Village Clerk