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Village of Strasburg  
March 18, 2024  
Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on March 18, 2024, at the Strasburg Community Center. Village Clerk Linda Oakley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with all reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance".

In attendance were Trustees Robert Anderson, Jack Clark, Ian Kinkley, MaRanda McClain, and Kristina Moore, Clerk Linda Oakley, Fiscal Clerk Lisa Rincker, Rex Gower with Milano & Grunloh, Jim Weiss, Briar Smith, Tim Weeden, Gary Kull and Village Attorney Dustin Probst.

Fiscal Clerk Rincker gave an update on Village President Cinda Held. Cinda was in the hospital. She had had a stroke on Sunday, March 17.

**Motion** by Trustee Moore that Trustee McClain run the meeting was seconded by Trustee Clark. Motion voted on and carried.

Rex Gower gave an update on the various projects that Milano & Grunloh is working with the Village on. Regarding the School Lift Station and Sanitary Sewer Permit, the permit was granted for construction. Hopefully funding information will be released at the end of the month. Sludge samples have been taken and sludge user sheets were sent out for signatures to complete the sludge application permit. Regarding the OSLAD grant, Mr. Gower noted that the bid information will be published in the paper on Friday, March 22nd. Bid opening is scheduled for Thursday, April 11 at 10 AM.

Mr. Gower noted that the unknown current draw of the existing ball field lights resulted in extremely large electrical from the pavilion to the ball field. Due to this, Milano and Grunloh contacted STL LED about utilizing Ameren incentive programs to replace the lights with LED. Mr. Gower will be meeting with representatives from STL LED and Ameren to discuss potential rebates, as well as combining the separate Ameren services. Incentives are based on energy reduction, and it was estimated that approximately \$500 per light replaced could be achievable. This would allow for a substantial reduction in the amount of feeds required for the diamond, in turn reducing the cost of the electrical upgrade considerably.

Mr. Gower left the meeting.

Mr. Weiss and Mr. Smith, President of the LEOs, address the board regarding the Memorial Day Program to be held on Monday, May 27. They requested that they be allowed to close the road in front of the memorial on Sunday afternoon to set up the stage, etc. for the program the next morning. The program will be held at 11:00 AM and last approximately 45-60 minutes. **Motion** by Trustee Anderson to allow for the closure of the road and/or use of Community Center in case of inclement weather was seconded by Trustee Kinkley. Motion voted on and carried.

Mr. Weiss and Mr. Smith left the meeting.

Mr. Weeden addressed the board regarding West Commercial Street. When there is an auction going on, that street is very congested with the parking situation. During the one sale, there were so many people parked on both sides of the road that he could not get out of his driveway. He asked if the village could possibly add rock from the road to the sidewalk on the south side of the road to help people park closer to the sidewalk, or maybe block off either the north or south side of West Commercial with no parking. Trustee McClain noted that the board would look into possible solutions to help with the parking situation.

Mr. Weeden left the meeting.

Attorney Probst noted that on the April agenda we add the selection of a President Pro-Tem until Cinda returns. That way we would have an individual who could sign documents in place of Cinda.

Attorney Probst left the meeting.

**Motion** by Trustee Clark to approve the Routine Business (approval of 2-19-24 minutes, 3-7-24 special board minutes, financial reports, expenditures) was seconded by Trustee Kinkley. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

EJ's Report noted that the effluent valve was open for all of February and will continue through the month of March. It was noted that a basket was installed at York Acres lift station to catch the rags before they enter the wet well of the pump station. This was because of having to contact EJ as the pump was jammed with flushable wipes again, and the pump had to be pulled and cleaned out.

Discussion was held regarding the opening of the bids for the Park Renovation Project. The date for the bid opening is April 11 at 10:00 AM. The board will have the bids presented to them at the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting for their approval/rejection. Discussion held regarding the bid requirements. Clerk Oakley will notify Mr. Gower that the bid spec does not have the pavilion completed by June 1<sup>st</sup> but requested that contractor note when they could start on that part of the project. Once the bid has been accepted other parts of the project could begin such as playground material, tennis court, etc. Lee Beckman joined the meeting by phone. Questions that members had were answered. The RFQ's would be sent from Milano and Grunloh to those contractors requesting such.

All the new street signs have been installed with the exception of the two Walnut Street signs that had to be reordered as Walnut was spelled incorrectly.

Discussion and update of the Building Permit Application was again tabled until the April meeting.

The 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee's next meeting is Monday, March 25 at 6:30 pm.

Trustee Anderson noted that Seamless Fiber Innovations had purchased the Yaakey property. Anderson and President Held had met with David Yaakey regarding the possible purchase of part of the property for Seamless to place their building on the southwest corner. Seamless purchased the entire property. Trustee Anderson suggested that what Seamless does not need that they might donate to the village. If not, the village will negotiate a purchase price.

Trustee Anderson asked that Attorney Probst prepare an ordinance declaring that the Village of Strasburg is not a sanctuary city.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Linda D Oakley,  
Village Clerk