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Village of Strasburg  
December 16, 2019 Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on Monday, December 16, 2019 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, MaRanda McClain, Chuck Wade, Village Clerk Linda Oakley, Gary Kull and Justin Deters. Absent was Trustee Anita Renshaw, Fiscal Clerk Lisa Rincker and Attorney Dustin Probst,

Chris from Illinois Fiber Connect rescheduled to come to the January meeting. President Held noted that Strasburg needs 100 households to express interest and then 50 must sign on for the high-speed internet. Trustee McClain was given information to take around town. Discussion was held regarding having a time where community members could come in and ask questions and sign up if interested. Clerk Oakley was asked to send the link to those receiving the Gnome News by email.

Motion by Trustee McClain to approve the Omnibus Agenda which included the minutes of the November 18, 2019 regular meeting, the financial reports, expenditures, general journal entries and bills to be paid was seconded by Trustee Clark. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; McClain – yea; Renshaw – absent, Wade – yes. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

Motion by Trustee Anderson to approve the "Release of Possibility of Reverter" for Lot 8 and Lot 6 located in York Acres (Boyer & Storm) was seconded by Trustee Connell. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; McClain – yea; Renshaw – absent, Wade – yes. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

Motion by Trustee Wade to approve the 2020 Attorney's Employment Contract with the Advance Payment Retainer was seconded by Trustee McClain. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; McClain – yea; Renshaw – absent, Wade – yes. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

President Held reported that the Park Committee had met, and the Village Board needs to determine what it is willing to pay for a grant. The committee is looking to replace the south pavilion and add bathrooms to the pavilion, new playground equipment, and a new backstop at the ballpark. Committee members are coming up with prices. Other possibilities include resurfacing the tennis courts and walking path. The pavilion and ballpark are higher on the priority list with the pavilion having handicapped accessible bathrooms. The committee will be meeting again on December 19. It was noted that all work would be paid at prevailing wage. President Held also noted that the Village's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be in 2024 so she would like to the board to get started and ask the community for help. Motion by Trustee Clark to budget \$50,000 in next year's budget for the park grant (this is separate from the \$18,000 already earmarked for the park) was seconded by Trustee Anderson. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; McClain – yea; Renshaw – absent, Wade – yes. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

Discussion was held regarding the drainage on NE 1<sup>st</sup> Street from Chestnut to Route 32. President Held will talk with Joe Oakley and Bill Riley.

Motion by Trustee Clark to approve Resolution 19-2, "to Establish a Schedule of Meetings for 2020" was seconded by Trustee Anderson. Motion voted on by voice vote and carried.

President Held had talked with Jesse Brandt regarding what it would take for the Village to get a part-time police officer. The Village would need to furnish the car, and we could go for a grant to pay for it. Consensus was that the Village could not afford it at this time.

The Christmas Light Contest will be judged on Tuesday, December 17. There will be two categories. Hallmark and Judge's Choice. Winners will receive a credit on their sewer bill with amounts being the same as last year.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Linda D. Oakley  
Village Clerk