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Village of Strasburg
November 18, 2019 Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on Monday, November 18, 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, Anita Renshaw, Chuck Wade, Village Clerk Linda Oakley, Fiscal Clerk Lisa Rincker, Attorney Dustin Probst, Gary Kull and John Radloff.

Mr. Radloff lives on Spruce Street and is concerned regarding the semis and farm trucks speeding down the street during harvest. He questioned if there was something that the board could do to alleviate the issue. There are children in the neighborhood and he was concerned about their safety. A possibility would be portable speed bumps to place during harvest season. Clerk will check with Alan Spesard to see what requirements need to be met. Mr. Radloff left the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Motion by Trustee Clark to approve the Omnibus Agenda which included the minutes of the October 21, 2019 regular meeting, the financial reports, expenditures, general journal entries, bills to be paid with the exception of the bill from Mose, Yockey, Brown and Kull, LLC, and was seconded by Trustee Anderson. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; McClain – yea; Renshaw – yea, Wade – yes. 6 yea – 0 nay. As per Board's decision, the payment to the auditor (Mose, Brown, Lively and Kull) will be held until all information is received.

Attorney Probst noted that the tax levy had been filed with the county clerk. Next month the board will act on a reverter of the Storm and Boyer lots.

President Held, Trustees McClain and Anderson had met with Kent Kull regarding the Village's audit. The report showed that the Village was in good shape. Mr. Kull noted that the Village had lost \$800,000 in assets due to the sale of the water system. Mr. Anderson noted that there was an error in the report as the maintenance building was not sold, it would need to be put back on the books in next year's audit.

President Held gave an update on the lagoon. Tom Newell had given her a map of the lagoon that showed the reduction in sludge. There were areas that were reduced in depth more than others. Next spring the board will look again at the possibility of getting windmills to place at the lagoon. The cost of 3 windmills is \$8551.42.

President Held noted that she has judges for the Christmas Light contest. The judging will take place the week of December 16. Depending on the number of entries, the prizes will be determined at the December meeting.

President Held, Trustees Anderson and Clark met to look at updating the Village Building Permit Ordinance. More information is needed regarding the width of the village roads.

The park grant committee will meet December 3 at 6 PM. As the application for one of the grants is due January 17, 2020, the committee will work to have information together to apply for the grant in 2021.

Motion by Trustee Anderson to give the three village employees a \$1 an hour raise was seconded by Trustee Connell. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; McClain – yea; Renshaw – yea, Wade – yes. 6 yea – 0 nay

Motion by Trustee McClain to give the three village employees a \$75 Christmas bonus in the form of a gift card from Shortstop was seconded by Trustee Anderson. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; McClain – yea; Renshaw – yea, Wade – yes. 6 yea – 0 nay

Trustee Anderson asked about Keiffer Brothers returning to complete dirt work. President Held will be meeting with Lee Beckman and Eric Emmerich regarding this.

President Held noted that she had talked with Eric Emmerich regarding the fiber optic coming through Strasburg. Only 23 of 250 households in the Village have signed up as interested. Before the Illinois Fiber Connect will bring a trunk line into Strasburg, there needs to be 60% interest expressed. The board will need to go door to door to give residents the information to go online to express interest.

December 7 will be the recognition celebration. From 4-6 is a soup supper sponsored by SCAN. At 6 PM the Village Board will recognize successes of the past year, individuals who helped with village projects, and the announcement of the 2019 Volunteer of the Year.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Linda Oakley
Village Clerk