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Village of Strasburg
October 18, 2021
Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on Monday, October 18, 2021, 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, Ian Kinkley, MaRanda McClain, Kristina Moore, Village Clerk Linda Oakley, Attorney Dustin Probst, Chad Smith, Chris Debolt, Tom Newell, and Gary Kull

Mr. Newell reported to the board that another person was coming the next week to give a quote on the park lift station. The quotes that he had received previously were not valid as the EPA would not allow the flow to increase by the rate he wanted. He did get a quote on a woodshed to cover the new lift station. It's an 8 x 10 with a 36-inch door and window, fully insulated with tin roof for \$4378. He was disappointed in the results of the sludge judge. He also presented the board with a proposal to clean out the discharge area at the end of the 8-inch pipe in cell #1. Proposal would entail putting an eight-inch pipe from the south bank approximately 150 feet to the discharge area and then hook an eight-inch pump to the pipe. He would then pump gravel and sludge from the cell to a dump truck keeping the gravel separate and putting the wash sludge into cell #1. He would also loosen the area around the end of the pipe approximately 25 foot and pump it to the truck. This proposal would cost \$7500.

President Held noted that she, Trustee McClain, and Trustee Connell met with School District Superintendent Kenny Schwengel and School Board Members Chad Smith and Chris Debolt. Held noted that the lift station at the school would be like Kull Lift Station. Held had talked with Lee Beckman, Mr. Beckman said that the school should own the lift station but the Village would do the maintenance, and any capitol expenses would be the school districts. Held also talked with Mr. Probst, and he thought that the Village should own all of it. Mr. Newell, interjected that he thought that the school district needed to own the lift station and the school district should maintain it. He also thought that the school district should own the line to the lagoon.

Mr. Smith noted that the initial agreement was twenty times the base rate that residents pay with the extra money put aside for future maintenance.

Trustee McClain had a chart to show the various rates that could be used with the school district. The Village Board need to decide who owns what and who was responsible for what.

Motion by Trustee McClain that in the Memorandum of Understanding the School District would be responsible for everything from the school to the lift station, the Village would be responsible from the lift station to the lagoon with other provisions which are not contrary to the Memorandum of Understanding was seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion voted on and

failed. Anderson – nay; Clark – nay; Connell – nay; Kinkley – abstain; McClain – yea; Moore – yea. 3 nay – 2 yea – 1 abstain.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Debolt left at 8:12 p.m.

Discussion continued on the sewer plan. Consensus that the Board would place it on the agenda for discussion and hopefully action in November.

Mr. Newell left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Anderson to approve the Routine Business (approval of 9-20-21 minutes, financial reports, expenditures) was seconded by Trustee Kinkley. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

Attorney Probst had no report.

A copy of EJ's Monthly report was distributed to members. It was noted that the suspended solids were high.

Discussion was held on possible incentives to offer Josh Porter from the TIF. One suggestion was to refund 80% of property tax for a period of five years. Following discussion, it will be tabled until November.

President Held reported that Joe Oakley had reworked the ditch at York Acres from Smith's to the north. If the Village were to put in dual wall plastic pipe from Merle Plank's new home to the north that cost would be approximately \$20,000-\$25,000. Trustee Anderson volunteered to work with President Held to figure out the best solution to the drainage problem.

The proposed 2021-2022 Tax Levy was included in the packet. If members of the Board didn't have any questions, approval of such will be put on the agenda for November.

President Held noted that Kurt Storm was filling in and working for the Village for 24 hours per week. Consensus that salary should remain at minimum wage for the time being.

President Held reported that the new backhoe had been delivered.

Members of the board were asked to think about the possibility of approving an Ordinance whereby the Village President and Trustees received a salary for serving. If the Ordinance would be passed now, only those elected at the next election would be eligible to receive a salary. Board members were asked to think about it.

Grace Church will be replacing all the concrete in front of their church, including the sidewalk from the north to the south. Cost has been estimated at \$4,000 to replace the sidewalk. As per Village resolution, the Village will pay ½ of the cost of the sidewalk. This project will probably not be completed until next spring.

Gary Kull noted that the quote received from Gilberts for the cost of the concrete for the basketball goal is \$2,450. He asked if the Village would help pay for the concrete. Approval to pay for all of the concrete will be on the November agenda.

Motion by Trustee McClain to approve Mr. Newell's proposal to clean out Cell #1 at the lagoon was seconded by Trustee Anderson. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Linda D. Oakley, Village Clerk