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Village of Strasburg
October 19, 2020 Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on Monday, October 19, 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, MaRanda McClain, Chuck Wade, Village Clerk Linda Oakley, and Attorney Dustin Probst. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, members were spaced at least 6 foot apart to comply with requirements.

Consensus of board members was to leave the vacancy created by Anita Renshaw's resignation open unless someone wants to fill the position and then run for the position in the April 2021 election.

Motion by Trustee McClain to approve the Routine Business (approval of 9-28-20 minutes, financial reports, expenditures, general journal entries/transfer of funds) as seconded by Trustee Connell. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

Attorney Probst noted that it was time to work on the tax levy. Given the multiplier, he estimated that the Village would receive approximately \$8,865.50 next year. He will prepare the Tax Levy to be voted on at the November meeting.

Discussion was held on paying the TIF loans off. If the General Fund loans the TIF Fund the money to pay the loans off, that money must be paid back to the General Fund within the current fiscal year. As the TIF fund balance would not allow that to be paid back at this time, the idea will be brought up again in March 2021.

Jeffrey Houska, from the Shelby County Health Department, has inspected the properties at 307 Pine, 108 W. Commercial Street, and 104 S. Chestnut. He deemed the properties at 307 Pine and 108 W Commercial Street as dangerous buildings as they allow for harborage of wild animals, insects, rodents, vermin, etc. and they represent a public nuisance. **Motion** by Trustee Clark to have Attorney Probst proceed with the paperwork needed for a speedy demolition of the Veach property at 307 Pine Street was seconded by Trustee Wade. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; McClain – yea; Wade – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Karn property at 108 W. Commercial. Consensus was that we proceed with the Veach property first and then revisit the Karn property.

President Held reported that Dale Navis looked at what could be done to alleviate some of the problems along Cobra Creek. He stated that we probably needed a 4-5 year plan, and that cleaning it out needs to be started at the west end and work towards the east end. President Held will check to get bids from surveyors for surveying the fall of the creek.

President Held also reported on that the culvert by Lela Ostermeier is a concrete culvert and will probably need to be replaced.

Tiffany Durbin is the leader of the Strasburg Tailtwisters 4-H Club. Due to Covid, they are no longer allowed to meet at the church. They requested permission to meet in the Community Center on the 3rd Sunday of each month, if there was nothing scheduled. As per the board, permission was granted however, if someone wanted to rent the building, the renter would take precedence.

SCAN is planning to decorate and place a Christmas tree in the “outside dining” area of Subway. The tree will be a live tree that can be planted following Christmas. They asked permission from the board to allow it to be planted on Village property following the holidays. Consensus of board to allow tree to be planted at the park.

President Held noted that several Ash trees on Village property are dying.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Linda D. Oakley
Village Clerk