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

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on November 18, 2024, 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 Trustees Robert Anderson, Jack Clark, MaRanda McClain, Kristina Moore and Dawn Schlechte, Village President Cinda Held, Village Clerk Linda Oakley, Fiscal Clerk Lisa Rincker, Rex Gower with Milano & Grunloh, Village Attorney Dustin Probst, and Joe Oakley. Trustee Ian Kinkley was absent.

Attorney Probst had not received the signed easement on the Von Behren property and had not received anything from the Seamless attorney regarding the possible purchase of property.

Rex Gower with Milano & Grunloh gave an update on the various projects that Milano & Grunloh are working on with the Village. **Regarding the School Sewer Project:** The Bid Opening was held on October 3, 2024. The awarded contractor is B&T Drainage. **Regarding the Village Lagoon:** The Bid Opening was held on October 3, 2024. The awarded contractor is B&T Drainage with a bid of \$1,948,712. The village's IEPA Loan Ordinance was re-passed at the October meeting and was re-ran in the local newspaper. The 30-day comment period ends on November 25<sup>th</sup>. If no comments were received, then a No Referendum Certificate will be signed, and a new legal opinion will be needed from Attorney Probst. **Regarding the OSLAD grant,** a construction meeting was held on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the village office. Pavilion concrete and posts have been installed. Pavilion trusses and stringers are being installed. Pathway construction is substantially complete with minor remediation required. Playground equipment installation has begun. A change order was presented for a credit of \$5,089 for deletion of the HardiBoard wrap on interior posts. This was done due to the village's intent to begin finishing work on the pavilion soon after contract completion. STL LED intends to be on site early December to install lighting at the ball diamond.

Discussion was held regarding individuals not being happy with walking path as it was hard to walk on or push a stroller. Mr. Oakley noted that he has contacted a contractor regarding oiling/sealing the walking path. In a phone conversation, the contractor noted that two coats of oil and rock would be approximately \$13,000. Board approved Mr. Oakley to have the contractor make a site visit and give a formal estimate.

Mr. Probst and Mr. Gower left the meeting at 6:45 PM.

**Motion** by Trustee Schlechte to approve the routine business with the addition of the name Von Behren regarding the signed easement in Attorney Probst's report was seconded by Trustee Moore. **Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.**

**Motion** by Trustee McClain to approve Pay Estimate #3 payable to Grunloh Building in the amount of \$192,052.02 was seconded by Trustee Schlechte. Trustee Anderson questioned the validity of the notary signature on the Receipt and Waiver of Mechanics' Lien Rights page. Clerk Oakley will verify with Milano & Grunloh that it meets the legal requirements. **Motion voted on by**

**roll call vote and passed.** Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent

EJ's monthly report – It was noted that the lagoon is still producing an effluent with green tint, but it is much better than the previous month. During November, the valves will be closed, and the plant will not be discharging. All samples were collected properly during the month of October. October is the last month Fecal Coliform needs to be tested this year. All other samples will still need to be collected.

IDOT's Village MFT Compliance Review for the year January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 was presented to the board for their information.

Park- OSLAD Grant – Clerk Oakley distributed a new balance sheet with the expenditures that would be approved at this meeting showing the balance in the various accounts. She questioned how the board wished to proceed in paying the balance of bills for the OSLAD grant. Board consensus that the CD's be cashed in to pay. Approval to cash in CD's will be added to the December agenda.

**Motion** by Trustee Schlechte that a Christmas bonus of \$75 net be given to Lisa Rincker, Ron Thomas and Todd Apke. A Christmas bonus of \$150 net be given to Linda Oakley [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was seconded by Trustee Clark. **Motion voted on by roll call vote and passed.** Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent

**Motion** by Trustee McClain that a \$1.00 per hour raise be given to Linda Oakley, Lisa Rincker, Ron Thomas and Todd Apke was seconded by Trustee Moore. **Motion voted on by roll call vote and passed.** Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent

President Held noted that she had the judges for the Christmas decorating contest. The board will vote on prize money at the December meeting.

President Held reported that she had three individuals questioning her about the village getting a police officer. Currently, the village does not have the means to start a police department.

Joe Oakley noted that he had contacted Esker's regarding the use of a rock spreader to use to install the pea gravel under the new playground equipment. It will take approximately 140 T of pea gravel at \$13/Ton for a cost of \$1,820. The use of the machine and a man would be \$1,000. It would take approximately 4 hours to install the pea gravel. He asked that the village pay the township for the diesel used to truck the gravel. Consensus of the board noted that as the park was in the TIF District and that funds in the MUTF fund for the renovation were short, that the pea gravel and fuel be paid out of TIF Funds.

No further business, motion by Trustee Anderson to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Trustee Clark. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Linda Oakley  
Village Clerk