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Village of Strasburg  
August 19, 2024  
Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on August 19, 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, Ian Kinkley, MaRanda McClain, Village President Cinda Held, Clerk Linda Oakley, Fiscal Clerk Lisa Rincker, Rex Gower with Milano & Grunloh, Ed Held, Village Attorney Dustin Probst, Gary Kull, Gary Thompson, Kevin Beitz and Josh Overbeck. Absent was Trustee Dawn Schlechte.

Attorney Probst spoke to the solar panel ordinance. The setback requirements may be part of the original building permit ordinance. Clerk Oakley will send attorney the ordinance to verify. At the moment, members of the board were not concerned about establishing an ordinance addressing solar panels. Regarding the purchase of land from Seamless, the board is waiting to get information from Seamless on sale price and new survey.

Josh Overbeck was present requesting permission to place rock from N.W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street north to the north edge of his shed so that he can park his truck behind the shed and not tear up the alley. Mr. Overbeck presented his application but was informed he needed to send a letter to the Moschenrose family. His application will be acted on at the September meeting.

Mr. Overbeck left meeting at 6:40 PM.

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 village/school has been attempting to secure the remaining easement and hopefully will be receiving it. If the easement is not secured, it is intended to install the force main along the right-of-way. The IDOT Permit Application has been acquired. **Regarding the Village Lagoon:** The village made the Intended Use Plan with \$2,240,014 in funding and secured \$672,004 in Principal Forgiveness. There is potential for more principal forgiveness with NPDES Elimination and Compliance, equaling the remaining \$1,568,010. Decisions regarding additional funding from NPDES elimination and Compliance will not be disclosed until after bidding on the project is completed. A bid opening has been scheduled for October 3, 2024, at 1:00 PM. **Regarding the OSLAD grant,** The Village of Strasburg received a \$318,000 OSLAD Grant from the Illinois Dept of Natural Resources. The total project cost is \$636,000. The Village needs to fund the remaining portion of the project cost (\$318,000). The funding agency has approved the reduced scope and materials for the project. A bid opening was held on April 25 and the lowest bidder was Grunloh Building in the amount of \$923,536. Since the project is overbudget, a plan to reduce construction costs was developed. A change order to reduce the scope of the project was approved and executed to bring the project within budget. The village has completed

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demolition, excepting the foundations for the old bathrooms due to lack of adequate equipment. Any foundations the contractor encounters that must be removed will incur additional costs to the project. The building corners have been staked for the village's approval of location. A pay estimate is being submitted for approval in the amount of \$91,923.00. A grant extension will be required but cannot be granted until advanced monies have been exhausted. Actions taken at this meeting will exhaust the remaining advanced funds. The pavilion subgrade has been placed and compacted, existing basketball court was removed, and existing subgrade was determined to be satisfactory to be recycled into proposed court. All of the walking path will be removed and will be replaced by compacted CA6 at five (5) foot wide. The village removed active water lines from the foundation area.

Gary Thompson was present to address the building permit that was submitted to the village office. He will be building a garage in the backyard. Consensus of the board that building permit be approved. Mr. Thompson also presented an application to rock the alley to the proposed new building. Mr. Thompson will be asked to send a letter to Kathy Manhart regarding the application. His application will be acted on at the September meeting.

Mr. Probst, Mr. Gower and Mr. Thompson left the meeting at 7:00 PM.

**Motion** by Trustee Kinkley to approve the Routine Business (approval of 7/15/24 minutes, financial reports [with correction on the budget sheet], expenditures) was seconded by Trustee Clark. **Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.**

**Motion** by Trustee Anderson to approve Pay Estimate #1 payable to Grunloh Building, Inc in the amount of \$91,923.00 was seconded by Trustee Clark. **Motion voted on and carried.** Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – absent. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

**Motion** by Trustee Anderson to approve payment to Hutchinson & Design for playground equipment in the amount of \$40,000 was seconded by Trustee McClain. **Motion voted on and carried.** Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – absent. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

EJ's monthly report – It was noted that the effluent valve was closed for the month of July which in turn negates the need to test the effluent. Considering all the rain received during July, EJ will have to open it back up in August.

Discussion was held regarding the billing for the second sewer tap at Eddy's Grab N Go. As the precedent has been set but another homeowner that has two sewer taps receiving a bill for each tap, the consensus of the board was that the Edwards should receive two sewer bills. One for the home and one for the business (or the second tap).

A phone conversation with Bob Wenthe, representative of Conxxus, answered many of the questions that the board had regarding costs, etc. **Motion** by Trustee McClain for the village to subscribe for phone, fax and internet with Conxxus for approximately \$163 pre-tax per month was seconded by Trustee Moore. **Motion voted on and carried.** Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – absent. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

Consensus of the board that the 2024 Trick or Treat night for Strasburg be set for Thursday, October 31 from 6-8 PM.

Discussion was held regarding Lot 4 of York Acres. At this time the discussion of splitting the lot for possible sale has been dropped.

Park- OSLAD Grant – Clerk Oakley noted that the new playground equipment should be arriving in October.

Gary Kull noted that the board needed to be pro-active in raising monies for the Park Renovation Project. SCAN along with the Village Board and Lions Club is sponsoring a Burrito fundraiser on September 27. Board members will be asked to sign up to help.

Mr. Kull noted that he had taken the initiative to apply for a Land, Health, Community Grant through the Lumpkin Foundation for funds to assist with the OSLAD Grant. Individuals from the Lumpkin Grant will be making a site visit on September 12. One of the issues may be that the monies can only be used after the OSLAD Grant is closed.

Clerk Oakley noted that the terms for Village President and 3 trustees (Robert Anderson, Ian Kinkley, MaRanda McClain) will be expiring in 2025. Petitions are now available for these positions.

President Held noted that Ron Thomas will be retiring next spring. She asked the trustees to think about if they want to hire the mowing out, if they want to buy a new mower, or if they want to hire someone only to mow. She also noted that Kurt Friese is no longer taking care of the ball diamond. She questioned if we need to appoint a park board to take care of the ball diamond.

Trustee McClain noted that for the burrito dinner there is a sign up for monetary donations, and there will also be a sign up for workers. There will be a bake sale on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> during the fall rummage sale...proceeds to the park renovation fund. Board members are asked to furnish items for the bake sale and possibly work the table.

Clerk Oakley noted that the work on West Commercial Street has been postponed until after the water tower painting is completed as there is nowhere to put the rock that is needed.

Kevin Beitz asked if the lot being sold by Wayne Wirth is in the TIF District, and if purchased if something has to be built on it. It is in TIF District, but no building must be built.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Linda D Oakley  
Village Clerk