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Village of Strasburg  
September 16, 2024  
Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on September 16, 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, Kristina Moore and Dawn Schlechte, Village President Cinda Held, Clerk Linda Oakley, Fiscal Clerk Lisa Rincker, Rex Gower with Milano & Grunloh, Ed Held, Village Attorney Dustin Probst, Kelsey Swing, and Ed Held.

Attorney Probst noted that the board members had received a copy of the proposed tax levy. It will be placed on the agenda in October for adoption.

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 MPDES 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. A change order to reduce the scope of the project was approved and executed to bring the project within budget. The village has completed 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. Pay Estimate #1 was approved in August for \$91,923.00. Pay Estimate #2 was presented this date for \$120,590.27 and Change Order #2 was presented for \$4,452.43 for additional work due to hitting unmarked storm pipe. A grant extension has been requested. 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.

The village removed active water lines from the foundation area and the pavilion foundations are complete.

Mr. Gower noted that he would be checking on the status of the new lights for the softball field.

Mr. Gower left at 6:35 PM.

Kelsey Swing, auditor with Gilbert, Metzger & Madigan, presented the village's audit. She noted that the village received a clean audit. She reviewed the audit and answered any questions that the board had regarding the audit.

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

**Motion** by Trustee Schlechte to approve the Routine Business (approval of corrected 8-8/19/24 minutes, financial reports, expenditures) was seconded by Trustee Clark. **Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.**

**Motion** by Trustee Clark to approve Change Order #2 was seconded by Trustee Moore. **Motion voted on and carried.** Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay.

**Motion** by Trustee Kinkley to approve Pay Estimate #2 payable to Grunloh Building, Inc in the amount of \$120,590.27 was seconded by Trustee McClain. **Motion** by Trustee Clark to approve Pay Estimate #2 payable to Grunloh Building, Inc in the amount of \$120,590.27 was seconded by Trustee Moore. **Motion voted on and carried.** Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay.

EJ's monthly report – It was noted that the effluent valve was opened in August.

**Motion** by Trustee Clark to approve the application of Gary Thompson gravel the alley from West Commercial to the back of his property as he is planning to build a garage in the back yard was seconded by Trustee Moore. **Motion voted on and carried.** Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay.

Park- OSLAD Grant – Clerk Oakley noted that the new playground equipment had arrived, and thanked Richland Township for their help in unloading the equipment. It is currently being stored at Richland Township.

Gary Kull was not present, but President Held noted that the Lumpkin Grant had been applied for. In talking with the representative from the Lumpkin Grant Foundation, she was made aware that the village could not receive additional grant monies until after the OSLAD Grant had been closed.

President Held noted that she had not received any response from Seamless regarding purchasing their land.

Trustee McClain noted that on September 27<sup>th</sup> the village in conjunction with SCAN and the Lions Club would be holding a Cass' Burrito meal. Village board members were asked to sign up to work. Profit would be designated for the Park Renovation Project.

Clerk Oakley will notify Dylan Meadows that he is responsible for mowing the lot that he purchased in York Acres.

A letter will be sent to the Ripley's regarding their being responsible to mow/weed eat the ditch along Commercial Street.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Linda D Oakley  
Village Clerk