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Village of Strasburg  
July 21, 2025  
Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on June 21, 2025, 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, Ian Kinkley, Kristina Moore, Dawn Schlechte, and Jack Clark, Village President Cinda Held, Village Attorney Dustin Probst, Rex Gower and Kenny Fleek from Milano & Grunloh and Ed Held. Trustee Josh Storm was absent.

A Public Hearing was held on the proposed 2025-2026 Appropriations Ordinance. There were no public comments or questions.

Attorney Probst noted that IML had sent the village information regarding passing a 1% grocery tax as the State of Illinois had done away with it. Consensus of board members that we would not be pursuing the tax.

Regarding the purchase of the Seamless property. As per Trustee Anderson, Seamless's attorney was going to do the bill of sale and take care of the survey. Once that information is received, the Village will pass a Resolution to the effect that the Village President can sign the paperwork and agree to the purchase/sale of the property. President Held will verify the information with the representative from Seamless.

Kenny Fleek, Milano & Grunloh, presented information on the school sewer project. The force main from the school to the lagoon is 100% complete. The Lift Station construction as the school is 70% complete. With the Village Lagoon project, the blower building has been constructed. B&T Drainage is scheduled to install all piping after the excavation at the lagoon is finished. Lagoon cleaning and excavation began last week. The new lights at the ball field are to be installed in the next week or two.

Mr. Fleek and Mr. Gower left the meeting at 6:50 PM.

**Motion** to approve routine business. Trustee Schlechte moved and was seconded by Trustee Kinkley. Motion voted on by voice vote and passed.

The monthly wastewater report from EJ was presented. Trustee Kinkley inquired about receiving the charts again. Clerk Oakley will check with EJ.

**Motion** by Trustee Moore to approve Ordinance 25-1, "Appropriation Ordinance for 2025-2026" was seconded by Trustee Kinkley. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea; Storm – absent. 5 yea – 0 nay - 1 absent.

Attorney Probst left the meeting at 7:00 PM.

**Motion** by Trustee Kinkley to approve Loan Disbursement Request #3 includes Pay Estimate #2 from B&T Drainage and an engineering invoice from M&G was seconded by Trustee Clark. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea; Storm – absent. 5 yea – 0 nay - 1 absent.

**Motion** by Trustee Schlechte to approve Amendment #4/Certification of Engineering to approve the difference between what the village was quoted from Ameren and what the actual bill was to run electric to the lagoon was seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – no; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea; Storm – absent. 4 yea – 1 nay - 1 absent.

**Motion** by Trustee Kinkley to approve Change Order #3 approving the installation of the 4" gate valve on the school force main was seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea; Storm – absent. 5 yea – 0 nay - 1 absent.

The two estimates for Phase 2 to complete the pavilion were presented. Estimates were received from Grunloh Building, Inc in the amount of \$345,421.00 and Peters Buildings, Inc. in the amount of \$301,952.22. **Motion** by Trustee Anderson to accept the estimate from Peters Buildings, Inc, with any additional costs to be voted on was seconded by Trustee Clark. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; Moore – no; Schlechte – no; Storm – absent. 3 yea – 2 nay - 1 absent.

**Motion** by Trustee Schlechte to approve the "Return-To-Work" Policy with the Village President as the designated contact was seconded by Trustee Kinkley. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea; Storm – absent. 5 yea – 0 nay - 1 absent.

Approval of process to purchase of property from Seamless was acted on during Attorney's Report.

**Motion** by Trustee Anderson to accept the resignation of Ted Kessler effective June 26<sup>th</sup> was seconded by Trustee Clark. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea; Storm – absent. 5 yea – 0 nay - 1 absent.

Pay increase for part-time employee(s) will be addressed in November.

**Motion** by Trustee Moore to include Bonnie Vonderheide in Paid Time Off figures was seconded by Trustee Schlechte. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea; Storm – absent. 5 yea – 0 nay - 1 absent.

Discussion was held regarding amending the requirement for a Fence Permit Application/requirements. Consensus of board that no action will be taken at this time. Clerk Oakley will draft an ordinance for the August meeting with one of the requirements that no fence shall obstruct or cover village/utility easements.

Discussion was held regarding purchasing security cameras for the park. Also, the installation of security lights. Members will present ideas at the August meeting.

President Held noted that the Illinois Municipal League was encouraging communities across Illinois to take part in America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on July 4, 2026. She asked the members to give thought as to a possible celebration to be held in Strasburg.

President Held noted that at the moment, oiling will be on July 30 in the village. This is subject to change.

Gary Kull was concerned regarding the marketing of York Acres. Trustee Moore will be placing the lots on Zillow. Mr. Kull also raised a question about a dead tree on the edge of his property/village alley. If the tree is on village property, the village will dispose of it; if it is on his property, he is responsible for the removal of it.

It was noted that Dylan Meadows has not been mowing the lot that he purchased in York Acres. Clerk will send him message reminding him that he is responsible for mowing it.

Trustees Moore and Kinkley have been researching swing frames and swings for toddlers. More information will be given at the August meeting.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.