

## VILLAGE OF STRASBURG

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

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on April 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, Jack Clark, Ian Kinkley, MaRanda McClain, Kristina Moore, and Dawn Schlechte, Village President Cinda Held, Village Clerk Linda Oakley, Fiscal Clerk Lisa Rincker, Village Attorney Dustin Probst, Josh Storm, Rex Gower & Kenny Fleek from Milano & Grunloh, and James & Shelby Ripley.

Attorney Probst noted that budgets would be presented next month for trustees' comments. The budget will be adopted at the July meeting.

Mr. Gower noted that the School Sewer Project and Village Lagoon Project were combined and awarded 100% principal forgiveness. Change Order #2 was approved to relocate the aeration building. Foundations for the aeration building had been poured that day.

Mr. Gower and Mr. Fleek left at 6:40 PM.

Gary Kull entered the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Shelby and James Ripley addressed the board expressing concern that the cattails were removed from the town ditch prior to the heavy rain. It was their opinion that the town branch was on their property, and they were disappointed that they were not contacted prior to the removal of the cattails. It was their opinion that the rain was washing away their property. They asked that if the Village was working in the ditch that they be notified. As per Attorney Probst, if the Ripley's believe that the town branch is theirs and is not on the town right-of-way, they will need to submit a survey to that effect. They also requested that Mr. Clark not spray weeds on their side of the ditch.

James and Shelby Ripley left the meeting at 6:58 PM.

Discussion was held as to the village's responsibility. If the ditch does belong to them, and they do not maintain it and buildings downstream flood, the Ripley's could be sued for the damages as they did not maintain the ditch. It was noted that Tim Weeden placed rip rap on his side of the ditch to help with erosion.

Mr. Probst left at 7:15 PM.

**Motion** by Trustee McClain to approve the routine business was seconded by Trustee Kinkley. **Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.**

EJ's monthly report was presented. It was noted that we no longer receive a copy of the test results. Clerk Oakley will reach out to Lawrence Quick with EJ to see if they can be made available to the board.

**Motion** by Trustee Schlechte that we price the pavers for the "paver garden" at the pavilion as follows: 4x8 \$100, 8x8 \$250, 12x12 \$500, 12x12 with logo \$750 was seconded by Trustee Clark. President Held's estimated number of pavers were 80 - 4x8's, 48 - 8x8's, and 16 - 12x12's. Motion

voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay

An estimate for Phase 2 for the completion of the pavilion at the park was received from Grunloh Builders in the amount of \$416,802. Consensus that we ask Grunloh's if they can lower their estimate and also contact other contractors. Decision tabled until May board meeting.

Trustee Anderson presented information on two zero turn Grasshopper mowers from Niemeyer Repair Service in Humbolt. One diesel and one gas, both commercial grade mowers. Board members requested information on other mowers. Trustee Anderson will obtain information for May meeting.

**Motion** by Trustee Anderson to accept the estimate of Larry Beitz to repair the roof on the west maintenance building in the amount of \$1,285 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 Anderson to accept bid from Buff Tree Service in the amount of \$1,500 to remove two trees on Village property and grind stumps was seconded by Trustee Schlechte. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay

**Motion** by Trustee McClain to approve the 2025 Skeeter Slayers contract for mosquito abatement was seconded by Trustee Clark. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay

**Motion** by Trustee Moore to split the Sewer Service Contract for Renters into two documents, one for the renter to sign and one for the owner to sign was seconded by Trustee Kinkley. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay

Discussion was held regarding items for the time capsule. Items suggested included the June 2024 issue of the Gnome News, photos from the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration, maybe something from the various organizations, and the addition of Old Village Properties to the list of businesses in town.

Trustee Moore and Village President Held will be holding golf cart inspections on Saturday morning. Clerk Oakley will put a reminder on the Village's Facebook page.

Mr. Kull noted that Seasoned Citizens would be meeting on April 30, Main Street Makeover would be held May 3 beginning at 8:00 AM. Board members and their families are asked to help. Village Rummage Sales are May 24, and the Memorial Day Program will be held at 11 AM on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. The Lions Club will be hosting their annual chicken fry on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

President Held noted that interest has been expressed in a lot in York Acres. She introduced Josh Storm who was elected to serve as a Village Trustee and will be replacing MaRanda McClain.

**Motion** by Trustee Schlechte to enter into Executive Session to consider employment and compensation of employees was seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

Executive Session entered at 9:10 PM.

**Motion** by Trustee McClain to exit Executive Session was seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote. Executive Session ended at 9:45 PM.

**Motion** by Trustee Clark to enter Regular Session was seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote. Regular Session entered at 9:45 PM. In attendance were Village President Cinda Held, Trustees Robert Anderson, Jack Clark, Ian Kinkley, MaRanda McClain, Kristina Moore, Dawn Schlechte and Village Clerk Oakley.

**Motion** by Trustee Moore to interview and possibly offer the Maintenance Position to Jonathan Bergmann, if deemed he was qualified, at \$17/hour with 90 day probation using the job description and designated hours that is in place was seconded by Trustee McClain. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte

– yea. 6 yea – 0 nay Interview with Mr. Bergmann will be set and Clerk Oakley will send a letter to second applicant.

**Motion** by Trustee McClain to pay Ron Thomas \$19 for the mowing he had completed 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

President Held noted that Jim Closson, IML Insurance, visited the ball diamond. Due to the ball fence being deemed dangerous as it is, and as per the Lions Club request that it remain until after the tractor pull, a temporary fence must be in place prior to any games being played on the ball diamond. The Village will purchase the snow fence, t-posts and pvc pipe for the temporary fence.

**Motion** by Trustee Anderson to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Trustee Moore.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Linda Oakley  
Village Clerk