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Village of Strasburg
December 21, 2020 Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on Monday, December 21, 2020 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 Village President Cinda Held, Trustees Robert Anderson, Jim Connell, MaRanda McClain, Chuck Wade, Village Clerk Linda Oakley, Attorney Dustin Probst, Fiscal Clerk Lisa Rincker, Ian Kinkley, Kristina Moore, Tom Newell, Bubba, Ryker and MaKinley McClain, Brittany Kaufman, Danielle Storm, Justin Krile and Gary Kull. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, members were spaced at least 6 foot apart to comply with requirements.

Motion by Trustee Wade to appoint Ian Kinkley to fill the trustee vacancy as a result of Anita Renshaw moving out of the community was seconded by Trustee McClain. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Connell – yea; McClain – yea; Wade – yea; Clark – absent. 4 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

Village Clerk Oakley gave Mr. Kinley his Oath of Office and he was seated as a Village Trustee.

Trustee Jack Clark entered the meeting.

Village President presented the 2020 Volunteer of the Year to MaRanda McClain.

Mr. Newell reported that he had hoped that the pumps that he had placed in the lagoon would add oxygen to the water, but it did not work. Found out that at this time of the year, it takes oxygen out of the water. His game plan is to re-do this in the spring to add oxygen to the water. He did sludge judge, but things are still in a fluff. He going to re-sludge judge after several calm days.

Mr. Newell, Mrs. Kaufman, Mrs. Storm, and the McClain family left at 6:40 PM.

Trustee Wade noted that the hours meters at the lift station at 1st/Spruce were not working. Clerk Oakley had ordered two new meters to be installed.

Motion by Trustee Clark to approve the Routine Business (approval of 11-16-20 minutes, financial reports, expenditures) as seconded by Trustee Wade. Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.

Attorney Probst noted a court date of January 5 at 11:00 AM had been set for the Veach property. Hopefully, it will be completed by the end of February.

Motion by Trustee Anderson to adopt Ordinance 20-5 "Annual Tax Levy Ordinance for FY 2020-2021" was seconded by Trustee Connell. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Wade – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay

Motion by Trustee McClain to approve the Attorney Employment Contract with Dove and Dove with the advance payment retainer of \$4700 was seconded by Trustee Wade. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Wade – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay

Motion by Trustee Clark to approve "Resolution 20-1 Establishing a Schedule of Meetings for 2021" was seconded by Trustee Anderson. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; Kinkley – yea; McClain – yea; Wade – yea. 6 yea – 0 nay

President Held noted that the Unsewered Community Grant had been submitted. Eric Emmerich had told President Held that he had someone lobbying for us. Mr. Anderson asked if the Village needed something in writing from the school district showing their support of the grant.

President Held reported that the York Acres Committee had met. Lee Beckman will be at the Community Center on Monday, January 4 at 9 AM to answer any questions that individuals have regarding York Acres expansion.

President Held presented information regarding advertising in the Discover Central Illinois Magazine that is published by an Arthur Company. Board members were asked to think it over and a decision will be made at the January board meeting.

Winners of the Strasburg Christmas Light contest were announced. 1st place Dale and Bonnie Vonderheide, 2nd place Joe and Sheila Stratton, 3rd place Dylan and Amelia Ohnesorge. It was suggested that a sign be made to place in the winners' yard for next year.

Trustee Wade noted that the Village should be receiving a one-year contract from Vandevanter.

Trustee Anderson asked that the board put pressure on Mr. Plank to continue with the building of the new home.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Linda D. Oakley, Village Clerk