

## VILLAGE OF STRASBURG

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Village of Strasburg  
May 19, 2025  
Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on May 19, 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."

Village Clerk gave the Oath of Office to the newly elected Village Officials: Village President Cinda Held; Trustees Robert Anderson, Ian Kinkley and Josh Storm.

In attendance were Trustees Robert Anderson, Ian Kinkley, Kristina Moore, Dawn Schlechte and Josh Storm, Village President Cinda Held, Village Clerk Linda Oakley, Fiscal Clerk Lisa Rincker, Village Attorney Dustin Probst, Rex Gower from Milano & Grunloh, James & Shelby Ripley, and Tim Weeden. Trustee Jack Clark was absent.

Attorney Probst noted that budget would be presented next month for trustees' comments. A copy of the proposed budget will be sent to the trustees to review prior to the June meeting. The budget will be adopted at the July meeting.

Mr. Gower noted that Ameren had extended the electrical service to the lagoon. The lagoon building foundations were constructed. Work has slowed due to increased lead times on materials. Minor adjustments to plans have been made to electrical to meet needs and Ameren requirements. He also noted that the OSLAD Grant was complete. Milano & Grunloh had reached out to IDNR for clarification on grant closeout requirements. The ball field lighting has been delayed due to the wet weather. STL LED stated that installation is expected to be completed by the end of June.

Shelby and James Ripley asked the board what, if anything, the board was going to do to the town ditch in front of their house. President Held noted that they will need to prove that the ditch is their property, however the board would seek various avenues for a solution.

James and Shelby Ripley and Tim Weeden left the meeting at 6:55 PM.

**Motion** by Trustee Moore to approve Pay Estimate #1 to B&T Drainage in the amount of \$80,213.78 was seconded by Trustee Schlechte. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – absent; Kinkley – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea; Storm – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

**Motion** to approve routine business with corrected minutes (Moore voted no on tree service at Joe Stratton's) was seconded by Trustee Kinkley. Motion voted on by voice vote and passed.

Information was received as per the board's request on the figures from the sewer sample testing. The information was reviewed, but questions were needed as to the color coding of the report.

The estimate from Grunloh Building to complete the pavilion was discussed. In the new proposal, the cost was lower, but they had eliminated the electrical for the ball diamond. President Held will reach out to Grunloh Building again. It was suggested to contact Heritage Builders for a bid. Clerk Oakley will check with Grunloh Building regarding the water line inspection results.

Information was presented regarding zero-turn lawn mowers from Grasshopper, XMark and Kubota. **Motion** by Trustee Moore to purchase the 2025 Grasshopper 725DR Diesel for \$19,347.90 was seconded by Trustee Schlechte. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – absent; Kinkley – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea; Storm – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

**Motion** by Trustee Anderson to employ Ted Kessler to mow for the village was seconded by Trustee Kinkley. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – absent; Kinkley – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea; Storm – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

Discussion was held regarding hiring a high school seasonal worker. **Motion** by Trustee Anderson to post on Facebook the position and hire individual at \$13 an hour was seconded by Trustee Schlechte.

**Motion** by Trustee Anderson to remove and replace the catalytic converter assembly on the 2006 Ford F-250 for the estimated price of \$1,199.91 was seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – absent; Kinkley – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea; Storm – yea. 5 yea – 0 nay – 1 absent.

President Held reported that the Village has requested three trash totes from LRS to be placed at the concession stand at the park. She also noted that the temporary fence had been installed in the outfield of the ball diamond as per the request of our insurance company.

Trustee Moore left the meeting at 8:05 PM.

President Held noted that there were white folding chairs stored in the Maintenance Building. She questioned whether the Village board would want to sell them. Consensus of board to hold off until the pavilion is completed.

President Held noted that she wanted the roads patched in town, but there is no new patch mix.

Clerk Oakley reported that the walking path will be oiled and chipped in June or July. It needs to be warmer weather to complete the work.

**Motion** by Trustee Schlechte to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Linda Oakley  
Village Clerk