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Village of Strasburg
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Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 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, Jack Clark, Jim Connell, MaRanda McClain, Chuck Wade, Village Clerk Linda Oakley, Attorney Dustin Probst, Jim Weiss, Mariah Hoene, Thomas Davis, Garrett Hoene, and Russann Devall. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, members/guests were spaced at least 6 foot apart to comply with requirements.

Mariah, Thomas and Garrett are all members of the Lions LEO Club, Mr. Weiss is their sponsor. The LEOs are planning to hold a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 31 at the Strasburg Veteran's Memorial. They applied for and received a \$975 grant from Siemer Milling to help supplement the cost of the event. They approached the Village Board as they would like to close Locust Street between the fire house and the Veteran's Memorial on Sunday, May 30th after church until Monday, May 31st after the ceremony. In the case of rain, they asked that the program be moved into the Community Center. Mr. Weiss noted that they have a speaker coming that was a Green Beret during the Vietnam War. They have talked with the Lion's Club and a meal will be provided for any veteran following the program. Those not a veteran will pay a fee for their meal. They are seeking sponsors to help defray the costs of the program. \$20 Bronze Sponsor, \$30 Silver Sponsor, \$50 Gold Sponsor. **Motion** by Trustee Connell to close the road between the fire house and veteran's memorial Sunday afternoon and Monday and permission to use the Community Center if necessary was seconded by Trustee Anderson. Motion voted on by voice vote. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Ms. Hoene, Mr. Davis, Mr. Hoene and Mr. Weiss left the meeting.

Russann Devall presented information and asked permission from the board to allow her family to get a Julian Pig (miniature pig). This would be a domesticated animal that would live in the home. They will be purchasing the animal from Violet's Pigs out of Indiana. Following questions Trustee Wade moved that the family be allowed to have a Julian Pig as an indoor pet. Motion was seconded by Trustee Connell. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain -yea; Wade – yea. Motion carried. 5 yea, 0 nay, 1 absent.

Ms. Devall left the meeting.

Motion by Trustee McClain to approve the Routine Business (approval of 1-18-21 minutes, financial reports, expenditures) as seconded by Trustee Clark. Motion voted on and carried. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Connell – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Wade -yea. 5 yea, 1 absent, 0 nay

Attorney Probst reported that the Veach property now belongs to the Village of Strasburg. The Village will apply for a tax exemption for the property but will need to pay the taxes on the property this year. The Village has two options – sell it or keep it.

Village President Held noted that the Village was not awarded the Unsewered Communities Grant. The School Board had met and has asked that the Village apply again in the fall.

The disposition of the Veach property was discussed. Clerk Oakley is to check with Paul Tabbert as to the estimated cost to demolish the property.

The EJ Monthly report was discussed. The Village and members of the community are disillusioned with Illinois Fiber Connect. The numbers that need to be signed up have now raised. President Held will be checking with Gene Sligar regarding several of the Medium/Low Priority items to see what needs to be done.

The Lift Station Inspection Report that was completed by Vandevanter was discussed. President Held will be checking with Gene Sligar regarding the report, especially on the lift station at the park.

Although Trustee Kinkley could not be at the meeting, he sent information regarding the Frisbee/Disc Golf Course for the park. President Held will speak with Trustee Kinkley about the possibility of applying for a Foundation Grant to help with the expense.

Information was provided to the Board from Dales Diesel Service regarding the price of a new trailer to replace the trailer that was stolen from the Village on Christmas Eve. Trustee Wade suggested that the Village go with a 24-foot trailer as we do haul 30 foot culverts. Trustee Wade and Bill Riley will go to the trailer sales in Arthur to get a quote from them.

President Held gave an update from the York Acres Committee. Each member was given a copy of the draft of the Plat and Covenants. There will be 8 lots. The Board will vote on the Plat and Covenants at the March meeting. Discussions are still in progress regarding the cost, tax incentives, utility costs.

President Held has been working with Karen Kull on the Discover Central Illinois Ad. Monies had been received from SCAN and the Strasburg Lions Club to help defray the cost of the ad. It will be a full page ad in 2 colors.

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

Linda D. Oakley, Village Clerk