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Village of Strasburg
December 16, 2024
Village Board of Trustees Meeting

The Strasburg Village Board of Trustees met on December 16, 2024, at the Strasburg Community Center. Village President Cinda Held called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. with all reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance."

In attendance were Trustees Robert Anderson, Jack Clark, MaRanda McClain, Kristina Moore and Dawn Schlechte, Village President Cinda Held, Village Clerk Linda Oakley, Fiscal Clerk Lisa Rincker, Rex Gower with Milano & Grunloh, Village Attorney Dustin Probst, Gary Kull and Joe Oakley. Trustee Ian Kinkley was absent.

Attorney Probst had not received the signed easement on the Von Behren property and had not received anything from the Seamless attorney regarding the possible purchase of property.

Rex Gower with Milano & Grunloh gave an update on the various projects that Milano & Grunloh are working on with the Village. **Regarding the School Sewer Project:** The project combined with the lagoon improvements project was awarded 100% principal forgiveness. At this time, we are waiting for the loan agreement from the IEPA before a pre-construction meeting can be scheduled. **Regarding the Village Lagoon:** The Bid Opening was held on October 3, 2024. The awarded contractor is B&T Drainage with a bid of \$1,948,712. As electric extension is needed at the lagoon, a quote from Ameren was received in the amount of "\$8,507.20 to be covered by the village in the loan. The project combined with the school sewer project was awarded 100 % principal forgiveness. At this time, we are waiting for the loan agreement from the IEPA before a pre-construction meeting can be scheduled. **Regarding the OSLAD grant,** a construction meeting was held on December 9th at the village office. Pathway construction is substantially complete with minor remediation required. The date for substantial completion will be in January. The lights at the ball diamond will be handled by STL LED in 2025. The playground equipment has been installed by the village and requires minimal work to complete. Pavilion framing is complete with roofing at 25% completion. The basketball court has been poured. The tennis court has been sealed and the versa court installation was completed.

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

Joe Oakley addressed the bridge at West Commercial and Elizabeth that someone hit the bridge and knocked over the west banister and loosened the headwall. Joe called the Shelby County Engineer to have him inspect the bridge and give an estimate to fix or replace the bridge. With materials and labor, the estimate from the county was \$12,943.90. Joe talked with Paul Tabbert if he would be willing to do the work. With Mr. Tabbert's labor and the materials the estimated cost was \$8,488.50. Estimated costs with Mr. Tabbert are the culvert \$5,120, 109 T of CA6 \$1,117.25, 15 T rip rap \$251.25, and labor \$2,000. **Motion** by Trustee Anderson to have Mr. Tabbert replace the bridge for a cost up to \$9,000 was seconded by Trustee Clark. Motion voted on by roll call vote and passed 5 – 0 with 1 absent. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea.

Gary Kull questioned whether a report had been made with the sheriff's department. Clerk Oakley will call and report it.

Mr. Probst left the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Mr. Oakley had also contacted Cody Mahannah regarding oiling and chipping the walking path. Mr. Mahannah submitted an estimate of \$16,700 to apply two coats of oil and two coats of rock with each layer be rolled. This estimate is for approximately 1800 feet by 6 foot wide.

Mr. Oakley left the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Motion by Trustee McClain to approve the routine business with corrected minutes was seconded by Trustee Moore. **Motion voted on and carried by voice vote.**

EJ's monthly report – It was noted that during November the effluent valves were closed, and the plant did not discharge. Only influent samples were required to be collected during the month of November. The lagoons will continue to be shut off during the month of December with plans to hold water as long as possible.

Village President Cinda Held appointed Dustin Probst of Boehm and Probst Law as the village's attorney. **Motion** by Trustee Schlechte to approve the appointment was second by Trustee Clark. Motion voted on by roll call vote and passed 5 – 0 with 1 absent. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea.

Motion by Trustee Anderson to approve Ordinance 24-7, "Ordinance Appointing Village Attorney and setting fees" was seconded by Trustee McClain. Motion voted on by roll call vote and passed 5 – 0 with 1 absent. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea.

Motion by Trustee Anderson to approve the payment of \$5,250 retainer payable to Boehm and Probst Law was seconded by Trustee Clark. Motion voted on by roll call vote and passed 5 – 0 with 1 absent. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea.

Motion by Trustee Clark to approve Pay Estimate #4 payable to Grunloh Building in the amount of \$105,438.82 was seconded by Trustee McClain. Motion voted on by roll call vote and passed 5 – 0 with 1 absent. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea. Balance due to Grunloh Building to finish is \$43,736.32.

Village President Held reported that the judges for Light Up Strasburg judged the Christmas lights on Sunday, December 15th. The results were 1st place Joe & Sheila Stratton, 2nd place Jared & Caralea Smith, 3rd place co-winner Josh & Danielle Storm and 3rd place co-winner Michelle Hinterscher. **Motion** by Trustee McClain that the prizes be awarded as \$50 for 1st, \$30 for 2nd and \$20 for 3rd place. These amounts will be credited to their sewer bill. Motion was seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion voted on by roll call vote and passed 5 – 0 with 1 absent. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea.

President Held noted that Joe & Sheila Stratton would like to donate 10–12-foot Douglas Fir to be planted in the park to use for a possible tree lighting ceremony.

It was questioned regarding items in the new pavilion. Items in the new pavilion will be for everyone's use, the kitchen, refrigerators, freezers, concession stand, etc.

Discussion was held on finishing the pavilion. A park committee meeting consisting of Cinda Held, Bob Anderson, Gary Kull, Justin Krile, Larry Giertz, and Kristina Moore will be held on December 27 for ideas on finishing the pavilion. Results will be presented to the board in January for action and bids to be issued.

Clerk Oakley brought up information regarding memorial bricks to be placed at the pavilion in the part of the pavilion designed for the bricks. Information will be coming from Michael Wall of St. Anthony Foundation on what they ask for donations, plus contact information for the pavers.

Motion by Trustee McClain to cash out the CD's as needed to pay the bills from the OSLAD Grant was seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion voted on by roll call vote and passed 5 – 0 with 1

absent. Anderson – yea; Clark – yea; Kinkley – absent; McClain – yea; Moore – yea; Schlechte – yea.

A discussion was held regarding a form for individuals to sign for sewer to notify them that if the property is rented out that the owner is responsible for the sewer bill if the renter does not pay the bill. Board members are to look over the form and it will be addressed again in January.

Village President Held noted that she had not heard back from Josh Esker with Seamless regarding the purchase of the property adjacent to the park. Trustee Anderson noted that a new survey (plat) needed to be submitted showing what part of the parcel Seamless would be keeping.

Gary Kull noted that he is working on a T-Mobile grant for funds for the pavilion. He reported that the Village did receive a \$5,000 grant from the Windswept Plains. Although the check has not been received as of this date.

Trustee Moore noted that her sister is wanting to do a Hallmark Christmas next year.

Motion by Trustee McClain to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Trustee Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Linda Oakley
Village Clerk