A meeting of the Stratton Village Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday February 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm CT at the Village Clerk’s Office. Notice of the meeting was posted and availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice. A poster of the “Open Meetings Act” was clearly visible on the office wall, and Chairwoman P. McDonald directed the attention of those present to the poster. All proceedings hereafter shown occurred while the meeting was in session. Present: Chairwoman P. McDonald, Trustee F. Priddy, Trustee J. McDonald, Trustee T. Jones, Trustee J. Richardson, Superintendent K. League, Clerk T. Hedrick, Deputy Clerk D. Burk, Jeff Tidyman and Dale Schilke with Engineering International, Lorrinda Cheatham, Julie Bernt, Joyce Cushing and Roberta Loescher from the Library Board, and member of the public Leland Heintzelman.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

OPEN FORUM: No public comments made.

Motion by J. McDonald and second by F. Priddy to approve the previous minutes, treasurers’ report and claims. Roll call: Unanimous Ayes. Absent J. Richardson. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Jeff Tidyman with Engineering International reviewed General Contractor bids that were opened at 10:00am on this date for the Library and Village Office building plans. The board discussed the options presented. The board members were concerned as all bids were over the anticipated budget. Tidyman explained that the reason behind this may be due to the requested space and needs for the Library and the requirements for meeting specifications for the CDBG grant along with a rise in cost of materials. Different options for funding and any possibilities of cost savings were discussed. The board would like to gather more information prior to making a decision regarding the general contractor for this project. Motion made by F. Priddy and second by T. Jones to postpone this item until more information can be obtained. Unanimous Ayes. Motion carried.

The board discussed the flashing radar signs on the edge of town and the effectiveness of them. Jones discussed the need to put some signage or warnings on Bailey Street near the school zone to remind and help with reducing speed in this area. He also discussed the posted speed limit signs at the edge of town and quested if they could be moved farther outside of the town’s limits. Superintendent League will check with the state Department of Transportation on whether this could be a possibility.

NEW BUSINESS:

A complaint regarding nuisance property was reviewed. Clerk Hedrick will again send out reminder letters to residences that are not in compliance with Village ordnance.

Motion made by J. McDonald and seconded by J. Richardson to approve drawdown #1 for CDBG 19WW001. Roll call: Unanimous Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by T. Jones and seconded by J. McDonald to approve building permit at Miller Manufacturing Block 2 Lots 1-12. Roll call: Unanimous Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by T. Jones and seconded by J. McDonald to approve a second building permit at Miller Manufacturing Block 2 Lots 1-12. Roll call: Unanimous Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by J. McDonald and second by T. Jones to approve drawdown #7 for CDBG 18PW012. Roll call: Unanimous Ayes. Motion carried.

Streets, Alleys, & Landfill Committee Report: Superintendent League discussed with the board regarding the tree dump being left opened after individuals have been out there. The board suggested to put up a sign at the exit to remind individuals to close and lock the gate. Superintendent League was asked if the camera was working that was placed out there. He advised that the batteries needed changed. The board advised him to do this to help monitor who the problem is.

Electricity Committee Report: Nothing new to report.

Water & Sewer Committee Report: There have been several meters repaired or replaced to help correct the problems with last month’s meter readings. Employees are still looking into other issues and monitoring meter readings on some of the meters.

Finance Committee Report: Nothing new to report.

Health & Welfare Committee Report: Nothing new to report.

Park & Recreation Committee Report: A community member has requested to donate a tree to place at the location of the new library site. Superintendent League didn’t believe there would be room and suggested to replace a tree at the park. The community member will be contacted to see if they would be interested in this. Clerk Hedrick was advised to submit for the pool permit renewal and advertise for employment for the summer season.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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Peggy McDonald, Chairperson

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Tara Hedrick, Village Clerk

The next regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held on Monday March 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Village Office.