A special meeting of the Stratton Village Board of Trustees was held on Monday March 2, 2020 at 4:00 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, Superintendent K. League, Clerk T. Hedrick, Deputy Clerk D. Burk, Jeff Tidyman and Dale Schilke with Engineering International, Zack Anderson from Steele’s Roofing & Construction Inc.

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 pm.

Motion by J. McDonald and second by F. Priddy to approve the previous minutes. Roll call: Unanimous Ayes. Absent J. Richardson and T. Jones. Motion Carried.

Jeff Tidyman with Engineering International discussed different options that could be taken to move forward with the Library and Village Office Building. The first option would be to remove the Village Office completely from the plans. This would decrease the building to 2000 square feet and reduce the total project cost by an estimated $80,000. The second option would be to leave the floor plan as it currently is, however none of the interior would be completed for the office portion at this time. This option could reduce the cost by an estimated $25,000 for the time being. The final option would be to continue with the plans as the currently are and look for more sources of funding or ways to cut expenses. Anderson stated that he has looked into an alternate lighting package, changing out some of the electric to aluminum, changing the heat pump and removing some of the glass windows by the front door. These changes could lower the cost by $7000 and he was looking for other cost savings as well. Hedrick presented the board with a spread sheet of the current budget and several sources of more funding that were being looked into. The board members agreed that to change the current plans would require more money in the long run and much effort and more expense to complete change orders for the first two options. The amount needed for a contingency fund was discussed. Tidyman mentioned that in order to raise the remaining amount needed for the project with 150 households over a ten year period only $8 per month would be needed from each household. Hedrick mentioned that USDA had a low interest loan that may be applied for to cover the remaining amount that can’t be raised by fundraising, donations or grants. A motion was made by F. Priddy and second by J. McDonald to approve the bid from Steele Roofing & Construction Inc. contingent upon approval by CDBG. Roll Call: Unanimous Ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 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.