

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **May 6, 2025**. Present at roll call were Trustees Amanda VanArsdale, Mike Swisher, Nathan Harden, Janice Smith, and Michael Bohnenkamp. Trustee Paige Torrance was absent. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. The employees present was Brittany Smith and Ronnie Gittings. Village Attorney assistant Josie was present. The guests present were Dave Knutstrom, Randy Jarvis, Adam Fox, Doug Erickson, Mark Lefler, Scott Ford, Brian Randall, Dennis Day, and Shirley Linder.

Mayor Schaley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Nathan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the April Board Meeting. The motion was 2nd by Janice. It passed unanimously. Janice made a motion to approve payment of the bills, Nathan 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Financial statements were presented for April. Mike B. made a motion to approve the financials, Janice 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Mayor Schaley asked for an adjournment for new members swear in. Mike B. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:02, Janice 2nd the motion.

Clerk/Treasurer swore in new trustees, Janice Smith, Mike Bohnenkamp, and Amanda VanArsdale as well as Mayor Brendan Schaley

New meeting was called to order at 6:04

Guests: Randy asked if DC rural water was an option for the village, mayor schaley informed him no, and as soon as we must start buying water, we lose income and none of the board or employees will be sitting here. Scott Ford asked if the village would be able to supply water to the Foresman reunion, Mayor Schaley informed him we just don't know until then, if we are like we are now, no but if something changes then we would. Either way the village would give their tank to them to use water from. Dennis Day asked how deep of a well the village would need, the engineers informed him of the specifics the village needs to supply the residents.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie updated the current water situation. The town is hauling around 3 days a week and keeping up well that way. He has found some leaks

around town in customers houses that he was able to help get fixed and he will continue to keep looking for them so we can preserve all the water we can.

Police Report: Arb was absent.

Zoning Report: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Facility Plan update, Doug stated solution is to drill a well down in the Mississippi River bottom and pipe the water to the existing treatment plant. They think it should provide a water supply for foreseeable future. He reported that we are looking at a cost of 2.5 million dollars for this project. The 'Emergency Community Water Assistance Systems Grants could possibly give up to a million dollars, which would be free money, but the rest would be covered by grants that will take approximately six months before we could close a loan. He presented the board with estimates from 4 different well drillers and asked for one to be approved this meeting. Mike S. made a motion to approve Brotcke Well & Pump at an amount of \$39673.00 to begin drilling the test well at the planned purchased location, and Mike B. 2nd, passed unanimously.

New Business: Mayor Schaley asked about hiring summer help as the guys need some extra help while they are hauling water. It was decided they would hire another full-time position in hopes the new applicant will be interested in training with Ronnie to take over his position when he retires. Mike Bohnenkamp made a motion to approve this and Janice 2nd. It passed unanimously. Mayor Schaley asked for approval of a 1990 6500-gallon water tank trailer so the village can haul their own water for \$18,500. Nathan made a motion and Mike S. 2nd, it passed unanimously. Mayor Schaley asked for a motion to approve the purchase of a pump and fittings for the trailer in the amount of \$4, 183.77, Mike B. made the motion and Janice 2nd, it passed unanimously. Mayor Schaley asked for a motion to approve the purchase of a 10,000-gallon water storage tank, Nathan made a motion and Janice 2nd, it passed unanimously. Mayor Schaley presented that to obtain the grants we need for our water projects our water rates are not in compliance. The rates need to be increased

significantly but he does not want to do that all at one time. Nathan made a motion to increase the water rate from \$20 to \$25 beginning May 1, 2025. Amanda 2nd the motion, it passed unanimously.

Trustees Report: Nothing to report

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: **Nothing** to report.

Executive Session: no executive session

Mike S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Nathan 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brittany Smith Village Clerk/Treas.