

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **April 1, 2019**. Present were Mayor Brendan Schaley and Trustees Jerry Nortrup, Bruce Caldwell, Mike Bohnenkamp, Shane Reed and Amanda Kane. Trustee David Vancil was absent. Employees present were Ronnie Gittings and Hollie Allen. Arby Vancil was absent. Lawyer Mariah Wallace was also present. Guests present were Mike Swisher, Rob Root, Sara Evans-Brown, Shirley Linder, Lori Taylor, David Knustrom and Randy Jarvis.

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

Mike made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry. It passed unanimously. Amanda made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously. Amanda made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented for March. Shane 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Guests:** Lori Taylor was present representing the Stronghurst Booster Club to ask for a donation from the Village for flowers to go in the pots at the park and uptown. In the past \$250. Had been given. Amanda made a motion to donate \$250.00 to the booster club for flowers. Bruce 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Jerry was the only no vote, motion carried. Lori mentioned Justin Thomas will be fixing the leak at the fountain @no charge to the Village or Booster Club. The Booster Club would like to add an additional spray feature at the spray park. The board had no issue with this. Vortex has agreed to come check all previous issues with the spray park prior to opening this year. Ronnie will work with Lori on setting this up. The Dr. Pogue Memorial Run has been scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup>. Brick sales for the fountain at the park will end April 30<sup>th</sup> of this year. Lori also asked if the Village would like to be a Booster Club member as they have been in the past, the cost is \$20.00 board decided yes and will have Hollie issue them a check for the member fee of \$20.00. Randy Jarvis wanted to thank Village employees for the work that had been done cleaning up the alleys in town. David Knutstrom asked for clarification on the process for issuing a zoning permit. He also asked if there was a zoning map, Amanda states there used to be a zoning map in the office, Hollie will check with the previous Clerk to see if she can locate this.

**Water Superintendent Report:** Ronnie is still working to get the master meter and well meter to coincide with each other. Letters to all residents will be mailed out this week in regards to maintenance flushing of the hydrants. Please see the attached letter. This is an EPA requirement that all household receive a notice in writing at least 14 days prior to flushing the hydrants. This letter will serve as notice for both Spring and Fall scheduled flushing.

**Police Report:** Arby was out sick so Amanda read the police report. The department had 90.5 hours worked, 0 training hours, 439 squad car miles, 3 traffic stops, 2 verbal warnings, 1 written warning, and 0 traffic tickets. There were 3 service calls, 0 assist county and 0 ambulance assists, 20 business checks and 0 arrests. No questions were asked in regards to the police report.

**Old Business:** Village attorney Mariah Wallace presented ordinance no. 01 April 2019 in regards to recent changes to the liquor ordinance. Amanda made a motion to accept the ordinance. Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously. Also presented was a new ordinance in regards to "Special Events" that will be a part

of the liquor ordinance. Ordinance no 02 April 2019. Amanda made a motion to approve the ordinance. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shane. It passed unanimously. Both ordinances will be published in pamphlet form and available at Village Hall. Mike made a motion to close out the 2017 Water System improvement project between the Village of Stronghurst and Maguire Iron and to issue final payment in the amount of \$41,652.70. Amanda 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously.

**New Business:** Clerk reports Waste Management has increased their charges for garbage pickup approximately \$170.00 per month with the Village per the contract. Amanda made a motion to increase the garbage amount charged \$.50 effective at the next billing cycle. Garbage price will now be \$18.54 per month. Shane 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Bruce was the only NO vote, motion carried. Estimates for repair from Stronghurst Collision and Refinish were reviewed for repairs to the 2010 Ford F-550 (Matt's red truck) for the accident on November 7, 2018 and the 2007 Chevrolet (Ronnie's white truck) for the accident that occurred on November 3, 2018. Mike made a motion to fix the 2010 Ford 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce. It passed unanimously. It was decided to not fix the 2007 Chevrolet at this time. Ronnie and Brendan discussed a drainage issue near Oakwood Drive. A culvert and drain tile needs to be installed to help alleviate the drainage issue. The total cost of the project should be approximately \$600. Mary Alice Huntoon has given verbal permission to the Village to allow for the drainage near her property. Mariah stated the Village should receive written consent from Ms. Huntoon before the project begins. She will draft a letter and send to Hollie to have signed. Amanda made a motion to approve the drainage project 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike. It passed unanimously.

**Trustees Report:** Shane wanted to know about possibility of having an ordinance requiring residents to have a covered garbage can in town to reduce the amount of garbage blowing around. Brendan and Shane will be going around to get a list of properties needing letters sent in regards to trash, debris etc. Letters will be mailed once the list is compiled. Shane also mentions the estimate received from Plate Services in regard to a new heater at the Water Plant. The heater in the chlorine rooms will need to be replaced before next winter. Ronnie will have Jeff insulate the South and West wall before winter. Mike made a motion to table the estimate

**Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report:** Hollie reminded everyone about the election tomorrow. Mentioned the flower beds around town that the Village takes care of, Amanda states she will get this taken care of in the next few weeks. Spring clean-up is scheduled for Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Spring yard sales are May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Brendan reports the Bank of Stronghurst will be sending the paperwork for the deed to our attorney's office for the Veteran Memorial in front of the new water tower.

**Executive Session:** Shane made a motion to adjourn the meeting and enter executive session to discuss employee pay raises. Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried at 7:08 pm. Board enters executive session at 7:08. Amanda made a motion to exit executive session at 7:27 pm and Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

7:27 pm board enters regular session. Amanda made a motion to proceed with the pay raises as discussed in executive session. New pay sheets were signed for each employee designating their pay increase that will be in effect starting April 15<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Amanda made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Shane 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.