

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **April 5, 2021**. Present at roll call were Trustees Jerry Nortrup, Mike Bohnenkamp, Mike Swisher, Amanda VanArsdale and Randy Jarvis. Mayor Brendan Schaley was absent. Mayor Pro Tem Shane Reed was present. Employees present were Hollie Allen, Arbry Vancil and Ronnie Gittings. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was present. Guests present were Shirley Linder, Sara Evans-Brown, Jarred Dexter and Doug Erickson.

Mayor Pro Tem Shane Reed called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Randy made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the March Board Meeting and special board meeting March 3rd. The motion was 2nd by Jerry. It passed unanimously. Mike B. made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Jerry 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Financial statements were presented for March. Mike B. made a motion to approve the financials. Jerry 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Guests: Jarred Dexter from WIRC gave the board information on the 2021 Community Development Block Grant for Public Infrastructure. Jarred will be gathering additional information after attending a workshop on the grant and will be back in touch with the board. Sara Evans-Brown would like to have the culvert and sidewalk on the North side of her building addressed. Sidewalk needs repairs and the culvert is causing her fence to sink. Ronnie will take a look to see what repairs are needed.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie is still waiting to receive another estimate for the well rehabilitation. Water usage has decreased. All known leaks have been repaired. Wells have returned to a more normal state. Hydrants and valves will begin to be worked starting around April 15th. This will continue for 6 weeks. Ronnie has completed additional training hours this month that will allow him to renew his operators license for another 3 years. Information on an Annual Leak Detection survey was reviewed from Westrum Leak Detection Inc. Ronnie will gather more information on this service and will report back to the board. The 40 Meters and endpoints are all in and ready to be installed.

Police Report: Arb read the police report. The department had 59 hours worked, 18 training hours, 340 squad car miles, 4 traffic stops, 4 verbal warnings, 0 written warning, and 0 traffic ticket. There were 6 service calls, 1 assist, 23 business checks, and 1 arrest. No questions were asked regarding the police report.

Zoning Report: Ron Schaley was thanked for his service on the Zoning Board as he has stepped down from this position. 1 permit was approved last month. Doug Erickson will be working on updating the zoning map. The Zoning Board is looking to update the Zoning permit application.

Old Business: Mariah will contact Ameren about a counteroffer for the proposed Franchise Agreement. Randy made a motion to extend outdoor dining permits for Rivals on Main and the FeedLot Bar & Grill until October 2021. Amanda 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Mariah will draft an ordinance to be presented in May for review to allow the outdoor dining permits to become permanent. No action on water bill/garbage pricing. Mariah will be in contact with the West Central FS Board to discuss possibly entering into an agreement regarding the bulk water rate for FS and for potential future repairs of the Deep well at the fire station.

New Business: Tentative Appropriation Ordinance for 2021/2022 was reviewed by the board. Final ordinance will be presented at the May meeting.

Trustees Report: Shane would like to schedule a Ditch committee meeting to discuss some drainage issues in town. Mike B. would like to see Village employees start patching roads.

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Spring clean up is scheduled for April 30th.

Executive Session: There was no executive session.

Mike B. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mike S. 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hollie Allen— Village Clerk/Treas.