

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **August 2, 2021**. Present at roll call were Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, Janice Smith, Mike Swisher, Amanda VanArsdale and Randy Jarvis. Trustee Shane Reed was absent. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. Employees present were Arbry Vancil, Hollie Allen and Ronnie Gittings. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was absent. Guest's present were Virginia Ross, Craig Colby, Karen Colby, David Knutstrom, Doug Erickson, and Shirley Linder.

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

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

Guests: Craig and Karen Colby were present to discuss issues with water drainage at their home. There is ditch work that will need to be done and two culverts need to be replaced at the driveway of the house North of the Colby's. The homeowner will work with Ronnie to get the culverts ordered and installed to help alleviate the issue. The Village will work on reshaping the ditch.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie presented a bid from Laverdiere construction for labor and equipment to install 2 blocks of water main. The bid was for \$5,600/day and they are anticipating it take 3-4 days to complete. There would also be a \$2,450 x 2 bill for tapping the 2 mains. Village employees will do all the prep work and will be there to assist Laverdiere during the project. Mike S. made a motion to approve the bid as presented. Randy 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Ronnie reports all previously purchased water meters and endpoints have been installed. A quote from Utility Equipment was presented to purchase 60 meters, 60 endpoints, and 60 Nicor plugs for an estimated cost of \$23,580. Mike B. made a motion to purchase the 60 meters, endpoints, and plugs. Mike S. 2nd

the motion. Motion carried. The wells have come up a few more feet in the last month. Ronnie attributes this to the recent rain fall. Well 4 has been running solid with no issues currently.

Police Report: Arb read the police report for July. The department had 70 hours worked, 0 training hours, 447 squad car miles, 2 traffic stops, 2 verbal warnings, 0 written warning, and 0 traffic ticket. There were 9 service calls, 0 assist, 28 business checks, and 1 arrest. 3 verbal warnings on ordinance violations. Total squad car mileage is 50602. No questions were asked regarding the police report.

Zoning Report: Doug Erickson from Benton & Associates presented the board with a proposal to assist the Village in preparing a Corporate Limits and Zoning Map for the Village with a cost not to exceed \$2,000. Mike B. made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Amanda 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business: Ameren franchise agreement has been tabled, waiting on word from the Village Attorney.

New Business: Tax Levy Ordinance prepared by Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was presented to the board. There are no changes from last year and the levy amount is \$21,000. Mike B. made a motion to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance. Janice 2nd the motion. Motion carried. The 2020/2021 audit was presented. Randy made a motion to approve. Mike S. 2nd. Motion carried. American Rescue Plan Act funds were explained to the board by Clerk Allen. The Village of Stronghurst preliminary amount to receive is \$107,259.98. 50% of the funds would be disbursed within 30 days of the Village completing the portal registration and receiving approval. The other 50% would be paid approximately 12 months later. Hollie explained these funds are to be used for water, sewer, and broadband improvements. If approved, part of the money could be used to purchase the additional water meters and help pay for the water main replacement project. Randy made a motion to have Hollie continue signing the Village up on the portal to receive the ARPA funds. Mike B. 2nd. Motion carried. Brendan noted the Water

Tower fund used to pay the water tower loan to Security Savings has enough money left to make a partial loan payment. Mike B. made a motion to make the final payment from the water tower fund account, close the account and then begin making future loan payments from the Water/Sewer checking account. Janice 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Trustees Report:

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Clerk noted Village Hall would be closed August 9th – the 11th. Asked if the spray park could be turned on September 18th for Fall Festival. Board approved.

Executive Session: There was no executive session.

Randy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Amanda 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.