

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**. Present were Mayor Brendan Schaley and Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, Jerry Nortrup, Bruce Caldwell, Shane Reed and Amanda Kane. Trustee David Vancil was absent. Employees present were Ronnie Gittings, Hollie Allen and Arbry Vancil (left early due to call out). Lawyer Bill Rasmussen was present. Guests present were Shirley Linder, Chris Cooper, Lori Taylor, Tim Teslicka and David Knutstrom.

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

Jerry made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shane. It passed unanimously. Mike 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 October. Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Guests:** Lori Taylor was present to represent the Stronghurst Booster Club to ask for a donation to help cover the costs of last month's Christmas Walk. After lengthy discussion regarding the amount donated last year in the amount of \$750.00 Shane made a motion to give the Booster Club \$250.00. Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Jerry was the only no vote. Tim Teslicka from MTC communications was present to inform the board of MTC's future plan to provide fiber internet services to all residences/businesses in the Village. There are a few areas that already have the fiber but they will continue to branch out to other areas in the near future. Tim will be coming to Village Hall to get a permit in the near future to go around to everyone in town to explain the services their company offers. Chris Cooper from MSA was present to give a project update on the water system. The punch list has been completed and final completion date is November 26, 2018. After an agreement between the Village and Maguire Iron is reached final paperwork will begin. The counter offer prepared by the Village will be sent via email first thing in the morning on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Chris presented pay application #13 in the amount of \$11,445.12. The board approved payment of pay application #13.

**Water Superintendent Report:** Ronnie stated Automatic has been out to address issues with the VFD's. All VFD's are working at this time. Master meter and well meter amounts don't match, Ronnie is working to get this problem resolved, he believes it should be a warranty item and will call Maguire tomorrow to get this resolved. There is a leak at the T where the fluoride is injected, Ronnie has it patched up at the moment and has the part ordered that will be in in a week. Disconnection from the old tower will take place as soon as the weather allows. Jerry asked if Matt has begun taking any water tests yet, Ronnie stated at this time he has not. Ronnie's license is good for another 3 years.

**Police Report:** Mike read the police report due to Arbry being called out for a police call. The department had 88.5 hours worked, 0 training hours, 718 squad car miles, 2 traffic stops, 2 verbal warnings, 0 written warnings, and 0 traffic tickets. There were 5 service calls, 3 assist, 25 business checks and 2 arrests. No questions were asked in regards to the police report.

**Old Business:** There was no old business to discuss this meeting.

**New Business:** The board decided to do the Christmas lighting contest again this year. Hollie will be the judge and judging will be done on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December. Prizes will be the same as last year at \$100 for first place, \$50 for second and \$25 for third place. Winners will be announced at the January board meeting.

**Trustees Report:** Nothing to report.

**Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report:** Hollie asked the board if there was any objection to changing the office hours to 8:00am – 4:00pm instead of 8-4:30. Everyone agreed the hours could be changed. Brendan stated the Bank of Stronghurst has agreed to deed the Village a 30'x60' area for the Veteran Memorial to be constructed in front of the new water tower. Brendan will continue working with the bank to get this finalized.

**Executive Session:** There was no executive session this meeting.

Jerry made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Shane 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.