

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **February 6th, 2023**. Present at roll call were Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, Janice Smith, Paige Torrance, and Mike Swisher. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. Trustee Amanda VanArsdale was absent. Employees present were Ronnie Gittings, Arbry Vancil, Hollie Allen and Brittany Smith. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was absent. Guest's present were Shirley Linder, Virginia Ross, Doug Erickson, Diana Doran, and David Knutstrom.

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

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

Guests: Dave Knutstrom wanted to share that he doesn't have all the information yet for the curly slide, but he will by the March meeting. He would like to put a pickleball court where the tennis court currently is and is going to put together packets to present the board with regarding the curly slide and the pickleball court at the march meeting.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie reported leaks were down and that everything is going well. He also reported that the neighbors are okay with the companies coming into their yard to access the deep well.

Police Report: Arb read the police report. No questions were asked.

Zoning Report: Nothing to report. Next meeting is March 15th at 5:00 p.m.

Old Business: Facility plan update was discussed as Doug from Benton and Associates stated he with authorize bids for the old water tower removal next month.

New Business: Diana Doran presented the new insurance renewal for 2023. The new insurance coverage will be through IL counties Risk management trust and the pro-rated premium due now will be \$13,380.00, effective February 3rd of 2023. The Annual

premium for 2024 will be \$16,277.00. Mike B. made a motion to approve the insurance renewal, Janice 2nd. It passed unanimously. Mike S. had ideas of making certain committees for certain village events. The two main events we host are the Veterans memorial fundraiser and the Christmas parade. The board agreed this was a good idea and that they will form those after the upcoming election. Mike S. also wanted to ask if it was a possibility for the board to receive the board packets and material a day or two before the meeting was held. Hollie explained to him that some information is not available until hours prior to the meeting, but the material that is will be emailed to board members the Friday before if possible. Mike S. inquired about street resurfacing and wanted to make sure we weren't going to miss the timeline to do so. Doug informed him that will be done in March/April. Doug also presented some estimates for redoing the ramp and sidewalk in front of the post office. To redo the sidewalk on each side of the post office, the estimate totaled at, \$83,000. To redo the entire block of this section, the estimate totaled at, \$174,000.

Trustees Report: Nothing to report.

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Mayor Schaley stated he reached out to our village attorney, Mariah Wallace. She hasn't returned his calls and wasn't in the office when he stopped by. The board decided to finish this fiscal year out with her services and then seek other attorney services from somewhere else.

Executive Session: No executive session

Mike S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Paige 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.