

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **February 3, 2020**. Present were Trustees Jerry Nortrup, Mike Bohnenkamp, Randy Jarvis, Shane Reed, David Vancil and Mike Swisher. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. Employees present were Hollie Allen, Ronnie Gittings and Arbry Vancil. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was absent. Guests present were Shirley Linder, Lori Taylor, David Knutstrom, Virginia Ross, and Rev. David Vidler.

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

Randy made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was 2nd by Mike S. It passed unanimously. Mike B. made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Randy 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Randy made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented for January. Shane 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Guests: Rev. Vidler presented to the Board the idea of doing the Annual Easter Egg Hunt the Saturday evening before Easter close to dusk. He read an article about a town that did that allowing the kids to look for the eggs with flashlights and he thought that would be something fun and different for the kids. The Board will let the Lion's Club know about the idea since they are who organize the event.

Water Superintendent Report: Lee's Tree Service will be back in February to work on getting more trees cut down. Asked if the Board would be interested in hearing a presentation from Utility Pipe Sales about updated water meters. The board would like to wait on this.

Police Report: Arbry read the police report. The department had 83 hours worked, 0 training hours, 319 squad car miles, 1 traffic stop, 2 verbal warnings, 0 written warnings, and 0 traffic tickets. There were 8 service calls, 0 assist, 18 business checks and 0 arrest. No questions were asked regarding the police report.

Old Business: The MTC franchise agreement was presented as prepared by the Village Attorney. Brendan noted the agreement was similar to the agreement the Village has with Mediacom. Annually the Village will be paid the franchise fee which per the agreement is 5% of Annual Gross Revenues. Shane made a motion to accept the agreement as presented. Mike S. 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Ordinance 03February2020, vacating an alley located between the 300 block of North Mary and Commercial Streets was presented to the Board as prepared by the Village Attorney. Mike B. made a motion to accept the Ordinance as presented. Jerry 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

New Business: Possible property lien was discussed regarding a residence that had been using water, sewer and garbage services that Village employees were unaware was in use. A copy of the current bill after the water that had been used was billed for was presented to all board members for review. Mike S. made a motion to have the tenant pay the bill in the amount presented and go ahead and move forward with the lien. Mike B. 2nd. It passed unanimously. Brendan asked for board permission to get quotes for new garage door at Village Hall where the backhoe is parked. Randy made a motion to get bids for a new door. Jerry 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. RFQ guidelines were presented for the

Safe Routes to School Grant. The board reviewed the guidelines with Randy making a motion to accept the guidelines as presented. Jerry 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Randy made a motion to advertise for engineering qualifications for Phase III engineering SRTS grant. Jerry 2nd the motion. Advertising will be published in the Quill newspaper and on the Village's website.

Trustees Report: Randy thanked the guys for the snow removal. Mike S. said he had a few people complain about the roads not being cleared off early enough in the morning after the last snow. Ronnie states they usually start plowing around 4:00 am if there is enough snow to be plowed.

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Brendan thanked the employees for working on drainage in the drive thru to help prevent future flooding in Village Hall and thanked them for the recent work that has been done at Village Hall.

Executive Session: There was no executive session this meeting.

Randy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jerry 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.