

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **January 8, 2018**. Present were trustees David Vancil, Jerry Nortrup, Bruce Caldwell, Mike Bohnenkamp, and Amanda Kane. Trustee Shane Reed was absent. Mayor Brendan Schaley was also present. Employees present were Ronnie Gittings, Morgan Lewis and Arbry Vancil. Lawyer Bill Rasmussen was absent. Guests present were Shirley Linder, Virginia Ross, Lori Hamilton, Chris Cooper, and Robert Root.

- Mayor Schaley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

David made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was 2nd by Amanda. It passed unanimously. Amanda made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Jerry 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Guests: Chris Cooper submitted pay application 7 which Amanda made a motion to pay the pay application and mike 2nd, followed by a unanimous vote. Colors were also approved and the placement of the words is to run parallel with 94. Chris also discussed the failure of the electric company to meet the deadline and that penalties should be built in. Brendan was determined to reach out and discover more information regarding penalties. The board also approved for Ronnie to be sent to a convention to cover water tower decisions so that it would save time.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie brought up renewing the contract for Diamond maps which provides a GPS location for meter pits. Mike made motion to approve renewal of that contract, and Jerry 2nd, unanimous vote was had. Ronnie also reported that after the rejuvenation of Well #4, the well is now running better than all other wells and only needs to pump for 7 hrs. Ronnie also reported that the crane will begin to be torn down the next day and all welding should be done on the water tower by the end of the week.

Police Report: Arbry read the police report. The department had 81 hours worked, 2 training hours, 627 squad car miles, 1 traffic stops, 0 verbal warnings, 0 written warnings, and 3 traffic ticket. There were also 2 assists with Henderson Co sheriff's department. There was 6 service calls, 20 business checks. No questions were asked of Arbry.

Old Business: Liquor Ordinance was tabled until Rasmussen could get us an ordinance to vote on. Christmas lighting contest winners were named. Jon Williams received 1st place. Roger Countryman received 2nd, and Myers received 3rd. Prizes will be \$100, \$50, and \$25 respectively.

New Business: Insurance committee brought to the attention of the board that Doran's reported a \$3000 drop from last year and that to up coverage another million would only be \$350. The board will vote at next meeting.

Trustees Report: Mike mentioned that a tree is being donated in Bryan's name at the park and that a plaque will go up on one of the benches that Bryan made at the park. Amanda approved.

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: There was nothing mentioned from Mike nor Morgan.

Executive Session:

Executive Session started at 7:30pm after Jerry made a motion to go into exec. Session to discuss employee relations. And Amanda 2nd. Unanimous vote was had. Amanda then made motion to go out of exec. Session at 7:50pm and Jerry 2nd. Unanimous vote was had. It was decided that the board would place an ad in the Quill and on Facebook searching for a new clerk.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jerry 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Morgan Lewis– Village Clerk/Treas.

