

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **January 6, 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 present. Guests present were Shirley Linder, Rob Root, David Knutstrom, Virginia Ross, Marsha Livingston (MTC) and Doug Erickson (Benton & Associates).

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 Jerry. It passed unanimously. Mike B. made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Randy 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Shane made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented for December. Jerry 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Guests: Marsha Livingston from MTC Communications was present to answer any questions regarding MTC offering cable service in the Village. A public meeting was held prior to the start of this board meeting with no one from the public attending. Doug Erickson from Benton & Associates was present to give an update on the Safe Routes to School Grant. He noted starting next month he will be bringing different agenda items to the Board for approval regarding the grant. Construction is set to begin in June 2020. Virginia Ross asked if recycling dates can be published in the paper. Hollie will send those to the Quill to be published.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie presented quotes for a machine that would hook up to the back of a truck to pick up leaves. Quote was for \$6,500.00 The board decided to table this for now. The pump that is needing repaired can be rebuilt for \$1,488.00. Mike B. made a motion to have the pump repaired. Randy 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Water meters are needing to be replaced. Ron has begun switching out meters and will be sending the meters removed in to be replaced. He reports 4 trees were cut down today. The Board would like to have another 4 cut down in January if possible. Shane mentioned to Ronnie he would like to see some work done on cleaning out the ditches to help with drainage.

Police Report: Arbry read the police report. The department had 86 hours worked, 0 training hours, 397 squad car miles, 2 traffic stops, 2 verbal warnings, 0 written warnings, and 0 traffic tickets. There were 7 service calls, 1 assist, 21 business checks and 1 arrest. No questions were asked regarding the police report.

Old Business: Both the MTC and Mediacom franchise ordinances were tabled until the February meeting as the Village Attorney is still waiting on additional information to finalize the agreement. Language in both ordinances should mirror each other.

New Business: Mayor Schaley presented the Insurance Renewal quote from Doran Insurance in the amount of \$11,310.00. This is slightly higher than last year due to a 2% increase on buildings, adding insurance to the Veteran Memorial and several claims last year. Board was pleased with the premium

with Mike B. making a motion to accept the quote from Doran's. Shane 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. The Board discussed either keeping or selling the Humvee that is stored in the truck shed. It was decided to try to sell. Hollie will work on getting the title and then will discuss bids etc. Brendan noted money from the sell of the Humvee will go back to the Police Department.

Trustees Report: David would like to see sidewalks uptown worked on particularly by the Quill office and Fisher Foods. Would also like to see ditches cleaned out. Shane asked what could be done about the abundance of junk cars around town. A list will be compiled, and letters will be sent.

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Brendan asked the Board and Village employees to try to come up with around 5 goals they would like to accomplish this year. He would then like to set up a work session to start working towards accomplishing these goals.

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 6:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.