

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **July 7, 2022**. Present at roll call were Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, Janice Smith, Amanda VanArsdale, Shane Reed, Randy Jarvis, and Mike Swisher. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. Employees present were Ronnie Gittings, Arb Vancil, Brittany Smith, and Hollie Allen. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was absent. Guest's present were Shirley Linder, Virginia Ross, Drew Ruholl, and David Knutstrom.

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

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

Guests: Drew Ruholl from Benton & Associates discussed with the board a plan for how to spend the Motor Fuel money for the 22/23 year. Drew reviewed allowable expenditures. Went over Rebuild Illinois funds. Funds must be used by July 2025 or the Village will lose those funds. Drew will work on an estimate to present to the board at the August meeting. David Knutstrom expressed some concerns about the park. Lighting, signs, and behavior of unsupervised children was discussed. Shane Reed Electric will look at the lights that need repaired. Arb will look into the signs David was inquiring about. Virginia Ross thanked the Village for allowing the Senior Center the use of traffic cones during the Farmer's Markets.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie reports the lead and copper audit previously discussed is in process. Village employees have been installing new water meters and endpoints. Ronnie's sewer license has been renewed till 2025.

Police Report: Arb read the police report for June. The department had 37.5 hours worked, 0 training hours, 167 squad car miles, 0 traffic stop, 0 verbal warning, 0

written warning, and 0 traffic tickets. There were 0 service calls, 0 notice to appear, 0 assist, 15 business checks, 2 Village Ordinance tickets, 0 verbal warnings for ordinance violations, and 0 arrest. Total squad car miles 53,023. No questions were asked regarding the police report.

Zoning Report: Mike Swisher reports 1 fence permit has been approved. Still working on updating the current fence ordinance.

Old Business: David Knutstrom presented the board with an estimate for some playground equipment. Will check with Benton and Associates about possible grants to help offset the cost to replace the equipment. Appropriation Ordinance was presented. Public hearing was held prior to the board meeting with no guests present. Randy made a motion to approve the Appropriation Ordinance as presented. Mike S, 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Ordinance approving stop sign placement on Elizabeth Street was presented. Shane made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Janice 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business: There are a few trees needing removed, Ronnie has already received one bid for the removal and will be working on getting another.

Trustees Report:

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Nothing to report.

Executive Session: No executive session

Randy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mike S. 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.

