

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **June 5, 2023**. Present at roll call were Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, Janice Smith, Paige Torrance, Mike Swisher, Nathan Harden, and Amanda VanArsdale. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. Employees present were Ronnie Gittings, Arbry Vancil, and Brittany Smith. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was present. The guest present were Shirley Linder, Randy Jarvis, Andres Hernandez, Cheyenne Lunel, Scott Postle, and David Knutstrom.

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

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

**Guests:** Scott Postle and David Knutstrom had complaints about the village park and the juveniles that have been making it unpleasant to attend the park and the activities. The village lawyer and our chief of police have taken several complaint reports and are working on them and what the village can do to change and remove the behavior from our village park. Randy Jarvis voiced his concern with the way First st. is “crowning” if something like porter st. can be done it would be very helpful.

**Water Superintendent Report:** Ronnie gave an update about the removal of the water tower and said that the company will be in touch with the permanent date to remove it. The water table has gone down 8 ft and water usage continues to rise with no rain to help. He stated the village can maintain around 70,000 gallons for a couple of months without rain.

**Police Report:** Arb read report.

**Zoning Report:** Zoning committee meet before the regular meeting for any updates. They would like to get another citizen of the village on their committee.

**Old Business:** Janice gave an update on the new electrical being installed in the village park by Bigger Electric. Most of the work is completed and they have a few things to finish. There are now plenty of outlets and new breaker boxes that are up to date and cleaner. Our Veterans memorial fundraiser that was scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup> has been moved to August 5<sup>th</sup>, due to the band that was performing having an ill band member.

**New Business:** The 2023/2024 appropriations were reviewed and approved by the board. Village attorney Mariah will get these in the official format to be presented at next month's meeting. There will be a public hearing beforehand for any member of the public wanting an explanation on anything in the appropriations. If no objections, the appropriations will be presented to the board to adopt that meeting. The annual account was presented to the board to review as well, and the attorney will also get that official to adopt at the July meeting. Mayor Schaley asked for approval to purchase a new Commercial grade mower to replace the John Deere one we have that is getting worn out. The board gave him approval to seek bids for the mower. Mayor Schaley asked the sidewalk committee to drive around and observe sidewalks that need repaired so we can get a list made for that. The village has had some requests from homeowners as well to repair sidewalks in their yards if funds are present.

**Trustees Report:** Mike Swisher wanted to thank the booster club for putting on the celebration at the park. He also wanted to thank Dave Knutstrom for his hard work on the pickle ball courts, they look very nice.

**Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report:** Mayor Schaley requested our July meeting be moved from July 3 to July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. There will be a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. for the 2023/2024 appropriations, followed by the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**Executive Session:** No executive session

Mike S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brittany Smith – Village  
Clerk/Treas.

