

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **March 5th, 2018**. Present were Mayor Brendan Schaley, Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, David Vancil, Shane Reed, Amanda Kane, Jerry Nortrup and Bruce Caldwell. Employees present were Hollie Allen, Arbry Vancil and Ronnie Gittings. Lawyer Bill Rasmussen was also present along with his new associate Mariah Wallace. Guests present were Bob Manning, Sara Evans, Lori Taylor, Rob Root, Chris Cooper (representing MSA) and Shirley Linder. Mayor Brendan Schaley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Guests: MSA (Chris Cooper) was present to give an update on water tower. There is no pay application to be paid this month. Automatic systems (electrical subcontractor) thinks schedule may slip as they are waiting on shipment of motor controls to be shipped. Controls were to be shipped on March 7th that date has now been pushed to March 16th. Chris will keep the board informed of any changes.

Bob Manning wanted to thank local law enforcement for doing a professional job.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie reported that he had received a letter from the Health Department stating the village would be receiving an honorable mention for fluoride having 11 months completed, one month was reported as a zero as they had not received our report. Ronnie got a copy and was sent in so we are now 12 months perfect. Ronnie is working on getting another bid for the drain line and should have that by the April board meeting. Went over water control packet that was provided explaining basic functioning. Highlighted the ability to track extended data to help with end of the year reports and notifications in case of an issue which will be sent directly to Ronnie's phone to allow for a quick response. Also noted there will be switches in case one of the touch screens fail Ronnie will be able to manually flip a switch to produce water if needed. Jerry asked if Matt had taken water test yet, Ronnie reported he will be taking the first test here shortly and is doing well. Mike asked how Ronnie will be pulling reports, Ronnie explained he will be pulling a daily, monthly and yearly report. Ronnie also reported the water plant walls are now insulated. States since doing this the heaters are running approximately 75% less now.

Police Report: Arbry read monthly report and reported that there were 71.5 hours worked, 488 squad car miles, 1 traffic stop, 0 uniform traffic tickets, 1 verbal warning, and 0 written warnings. Also reported there were 5 service calls, 2 assist calls with the county, 0 arrests and 20 business checks. He also reported the squad car is now fixed except for a light. Jerry asked Arb to check on a vehicle uptown that is parked with no license on it.

Old Business: Liquor ordinance, Bill Rasmussen wanted clarification on several changes before being able to prepare the new ordinance to present to the board for approval. Needing clarification on types of licenses needed, how many of each type, serving times and fees associated with the license. Bill will draft the new ordinance and send to the village prior to the meeting next week. Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 13th at 6:00 to vote on new liquor ordinance. Memorial trees for Pam Hubbard and Bryan Bohnenkamp were discussed. Ronnie states he has spoken with the Hubbard family and they have already purchased the trees for Pam and they will notify Ronnie when they are in and he will go pick them up and plant them. Mike stated the nursing home wanted to plant a tree for Bryan but is unsure if they have already picked that out and ordered it, Ronnie said he will check with the nursing home on that.

New Business: Flower beds, Amanda will take care of the 3 flower beds in town. Meeting dates for committee meetings need to be set. The police committee meets once a month and Amanda will set those dates around her schedule. A tentative schedule was given to Hollie. Zoning meets every other month and they will be getting dates to the clerk. City Wide yards sales have been set for May 4th and 5th and City wide clean-up is set for May 18th. Request from resident to extend the time to pay water bills to more than 10 days. Board felt 10 days was standard and water bills will be sent out in a timely matter so there should be no future issues. If there are additional issues they will re-address the issue at that time. Tree removal, complaint came in from resident that lives on South Commercial Street regarding a large tree near his property where a chunk of the tree has previously fallen hitting his power lines, the tree is looking worse this year. Ronnie reports he has went around town and on this side of the RR tracks he has counted approximately 25 Ash Trees that will be dead in less than 3-5 years. Recommended removing a few trees each year. If the tree is small enough and does not pose a danger to hitting power lines or a house Ronnie said they can remove those. Unfortunately most of the trees needing to be removed are very large. Ronnie will be getting estimates for the tree removal on South Commercial Street. Estimate for a second shelter house at the park was a little more expensive then the board was hoping for. Brendan is wanting to go for a little smaller than the existing shelter. Ronnie will have Jeff get an estimate for a smaller shelter. Shane states the electrical at the existing shelter house needs updated.

Trustees Report: Nothing to report.

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Bill Rasmussen introduced his new associate Mariah Wallace who has just joined their firm. Nothing else to report.

Executive Session: There was no executive session this meeting.

Amanda made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jerry 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollie Allen – Clerk/Treasurer