

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **March 6th, 2023**. Present at roll call were Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, Janice Smith, Paige Torrance, and Amanda VanArsdale. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. Trustee Mike Swisher was absent. Employees present were Ronnie Gittings and Brittany Smith. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was absent. Guest's present were Shirley Linder, Virginia Ross, Doug Erickson, Lori Hamilton, 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 February Board Meeting. The motion was 2nd by Janice. It passed unanimously. Mike B. made a motion to approve payment of the bills, Janice 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Financial statements were presented for February. Janice made a motion to approve the financials. Paige 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Guests:

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie reported well #1 will be pulled the week of March 13th and repaired. Drew from Benton and associates will be here on the 15th to drive the roads in town to decided which ones will be resurfaced. Ronnie stated he will get the cost of 4 miles of roads to resurface in town. He also reported that he attended a class for sewer this past month.

Police Report: Chief Vancil was absent

Zoning Report: Nothing to report. Next meeting is March 15th at 5:00 p.m.

Old Business: Doug stated Drew from Benton and Associates said IDOT approved MFT funds for this year. There will be water meeting on April 1, at 5:00 p.m., to discuss the facility plan update. He also stated they are almost ready to receive the bids for the water tower and plans to have those by April 25th, in time for the May 1st meeting. There will be a pre bid meeting April 17th to further discuss these as well.

New Business: Lori Hamilton was present on behalf of the Stronghurst Booster club for approval to close the road from Fishers Food Center to the end of the block at H & H Feed on the days of May 22nd, June 5th & 19th, July 10th & 24th, August 7th & 21st, and September 11th from 5-7 p.m. Mike B. made a motion to approve the road closure, Amanda 2nd. It passed unanimously. Mayor Schaley presented a grant through WIRC and USDA rural development, that he would like the village to apply for to buy a storm siren. Mayor Schaley also had looked into the Villages CD's at the Bank of Stronghurst and Security Savings bank and expressed that with rates now the village could roll those over to better percentages and earn more money. Janice made a motion to approve rolling over the CD's, Paige 2nd, it passed unanimously. Dave Knutstrom was present to discuss his update for the village park curly slide estimates. He has put in many hours on working on this project and presented the village will several estimates and new rules and regulations. To replace the same curly slide the village previously had there would be around \$50,000, due to having to have a fall pad underneath, steps, platforms, turf, and bordering material. Smaller slides decrease in price significantly, as do poly material slides. Dave also presented modifications he would like to do to the village park tennis court to make it into four pickleball courts at no cost to the village. He asked if Brittany could seek some grant money for such as well, as he will be using his own money and personal donations when the time comes. These courts will be temporary in nature such as no holes drilled, etc. Mike B. made a motion to grant Dave permission to do the project at the park, and Paige 2nd. It passed unanimously.

Trustees Report: Nothing to report.

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Nothing to report.

Executive Session: Mayor Schaley asked for a motion to enter executive session reference employee matter. Amanda made a motion to enter executive session, Janice 2nd. Executive session entered at 6:46 p.m. Discussion of hiring part time summer help. Discussion also of switching the roles of the clerk/treasure to full time.

Paige made a motion to enter regular session, Janice 2nd, return to regular session at 7:09 p.m.

Amanda made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Janice 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brittany Smith– Village
Clerk/Treas.