

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **May 6, 2019**. Present were Mayor Brendan Schaley and Trustees Jerry Nortrup, Mike Bohnenkamp, Shane Reed and David Vancil. Trustees Amanda Kane and Bruce Caldwell were absent. Employees present were Ronnie Gittings, Hollie Allen and Arbry Vancil. Lawyer Mariah Wallace was absent. Guests present were Mike Swisher, Rev. Vidler, Randy Jarvis, Lori Taylor, Shirley Linder, Donna Pindell, Tim Teslicka (arrived at 6:05pm) Menno and Sara Hershberger (arrived at 6:07pm) and David Knutstrom (arrived at 6:30pm).

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

Shane made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was 2nd by Jerry. It passed unanimously. David made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Jerry 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Shane made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented for April. Jerry 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

David made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:03pm. Mike 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned. Clerk Hollie Allen swore in newly elected trustees Shane Reed, Mike Swisher and Randy Jarvis. Mayor Schaley called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Guests: Tim Teslicka from MTC Communications was present to update on the work he has been doing in town by going door to door explaining the fiber internet MTC is offering. Stronghurst is divided into 4 zones and as soon as there is enough interest in a specific zone MTC will work on getting the crowd fiber to that area. Tim asked for the Village's assistance in letting residents know. Menno and Sarah Hershberger were present to ask the Board about the possibility of bringing baked goods into town to sell along with the possibility of having a farmers market in town. The farmers market would be open to anyone who would like to sell their produce. The Board stated they have no problem with either proposal as long as all health/sanitation requirements are met. It was suggested that the Hershberger's speak to business owners on Broadway to see about permission to set up in front of a business. Mayor Schaley also told them they could set up around the outskirts of the park if they would like.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie mentioned the park and playground equipment are checked each day for anything that may be broken or for possible vandalism. Jerry thought we should keep record of any annual inspections the Village does in regards to the safety of the playground equipment. Hollie will research a form for the guys to use to document this. Flow restrictor and new piping for under West Central middle school was discussed. There was an electrical issue at the Water Plant where the system was having to be ran manually. Ronnie called Automatic Systems but due to them not being paid by Maguire Iron they were not going to help fix the issue. Street maintenance for this year will be on Nichols and Dixson Street. We will do approximately 2 miles of oil and chipping. Ronnie will get a map for Hollie to send to the Highway Department. Water hydrants will continue to be flushed Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays this month. Ronnie thanked outgoing Board members for their service to the community and welcomed the new board members and thanked them for their efforts to the Board and community. Previously it had been mentioned finding projects for the local Boy Scouts to help with. Ronnie suggested possibly having them help paint the playground equipment.

Police Report: Arbry read the police report. The department had 90 hours worked, 0 training hours, 541 squad car miles, 3 traffic stops, 2 verbal warnings, 0 written warning, and 1 traffic ticket. There were 8 service calls, 1 assist county and 0 ambulance assists, 25 business checks and 0 arrests. No questions were asked in regards to the police report.

Old Business: No old business to report this month.

New Business: The Henderson County Health Department had sent the Village a letter asking for permission to put NO SMOKING signs at the park. This would be no cost to the Village. No one had any objections. Hollie will let the Health Dept know. Prevailing wage ordinance was presented as prepared by Mariah Wallace. David made a motion to approve the annual ordinance. Jerry 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. The amended garbage ordinance was presented that showed the \$.50 increase on the garbage pricing as discussed last month. Shane made a motion to approve the Garbage Ordinance. Jerry 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Mike mentioned a program through the FOCC (Backpack program) that sends food home on the weekends with West Central students who may need it. He would like to see the Village donate something to this cause. Shane made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the program. Jerry 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Hollie will issue a check to FOCC in the amount of \$100.00.

Trustees Report: Mike mentioned due to the amount of delinquent water bills we need to crack down on the shut off process that is stated in the water ordinance. Leniency has been granted in the past on the water bills but everyone agreed if water bills are not paid by the 25th of the month they should be shut off and charged the \$50 reconnect fee as it as stated in the ordinance. David mentioned he would like to see some of the pot holes around town fixed. Shane mentioned sometime the Board should discuss the possibility of purchasing a land leveler or blade for the tractor.

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Mayor Schaley states the flag poles for the Veteran Memorial are in. Stronghurst Booster Club graciously donated \$1,000 to the cost of the poles. Sunrise Sanitation has offered to donate and purchase the flags that will be needed. Safe Routes to School Grant was awarded to the Village of Stronghurst in the amount of \$173,000. Hollie and Brendan are waiting for instruction from IDOT to begin the project. Mike mentioned he thought when the grant money is received it should be placed in its own account at the bank. New board committee assignments are included in the Board packets.

Executive Session: There was no executive session this meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.

