

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. Present were Mayor Brendan Schaley and Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, Jerry Nortrup, Bruce Caldwell and Amanda Kane. Trustees David Vancil and Shane Reed were absent. Employees present were Ronnie Gittings, Hollie Allen and Arbry Vancil. Lawyer Bill Rasmussen was present. Guests present were Shirley Linder, Virginia Ross, Chris Cooper, Brian Kane, Rob Root and Rev. David Vidler

Mayor Brendan Schaley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mike made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry. It passed unanimously. Amanda made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously. Amanda made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented for October. Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Guests:** Rob Root wanted to thank the Village employees for spreading the gravel in front of Rivals. Chris Cooper from MSA presented a project update. Outstanding items on the punch list were discussed. Certificate of substantial completion dated October 24, 2018 was presented by Chris Cooper and was signed by Brendan. MSA is reaching their total agreed upon fees.

**Water Superintendent Report:** Ronnie reported 2 water leaks have been repaired. There have been complaints with smoke at the burning area. Ronnie would like for residents to put fresh grass in a different pile then the leaves to maybe help with the smoke. Remind everyone that the burn area is not a dump for electronics etc. A TV was dropped off down there this month. Hollie will put out a reminder. Ronnie will go and look at the sidewalk up town due to complaints of it being in poor shape.

**Police Report:** Arbry read the police report. The department had 90 hours worked, 0 training hours, 461 squad car miles, 1 traffic stop, 1 verbal warning, 0 written warnings, and 0 traffic tickets. There were 5 service calls, 0 assist, 26 business checks and 0 arrests. No questions were asked in regards to the police report.

**Old Business:** Lawyer Bill Rasmussen presented the board with two ordinances, 05November2018-1 and 05November2018-2. 2018-1 states that all trustees shall be paid \$65.00 per month effective May, 2019. Ordinance 2018-2 states effective May, 2021 elected officials will be paid their salary only for the months he/she attends regularly scheduled board meetings. Mike made a motion to approve both ordinances as presented. Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously.

**New Business:** Ronnie will be scheduling to replace the lead water line on Broadway. The village is responsible for the cost from the main to the meter pit and the homeowner is responsible from the pit to the house. Brendan informed the board of a grant Hollie is working on called Safe Routes to School. It is a grant 100% funded by IDOT. Funds range from minimum of \$25,000 to max of \$200,000. Hollie is working with an engineer from Benton & Associates Inc. with approval from Mike, Jerry, Bruce and Brendan on this grant. The grant will be utilized to improve sidewalks, crosswalks, curbs and signage near the school. Bruce and Brendan have measurements done for the proposed Veteran's Memorial.

They will be staking it out this week. Brendan is still waiting to hear from the Bank of Stronghurst regarding using the land for the memorial. Street lights and communications were on the agenda per Shane Reed's request so due to his absence these will be tabled.

**Trustees Report:** Bruce would like to see more stop signs placed around the school. It was decided to wait to see if the Village is awarded the SRTS grant and see what the engineers had planned for that area.

**Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report:** Nothing to report.

**Executive Session:** Mike made a motion at 7:50 to enter executive session to discuss personnel and possible litigations. Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Options for Christmas donations for employees was discussed. Due to not giving any pay raises this year the board would like to compensate the Village employees for all their hard work the past year. Discussions regarding how the board would like to proceed with the delay on completion on the new water tower and the proposed compensation packages were discussed.

Amanda made a motion at 8:20 to exit executive session. Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>. Entered regular session again at 8:20pm. Amanda made a motion to approve full time employees to receive a \$1,000. Christmas donation and part time employee Arb Vancil to receive a \$500. Christmas donation. Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously. Checks will be issued with the next payroll which will be November 12<sup>th</sup>. The board will pay the required Medicare and SS withholdings.

Jerry made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.