

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **November 6, 2023**. Present at roll call were Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, Janice Smith, Paige Torrance, Mike Swisher, and Amanda VanArsdale. Trustee Nathan Harden was absent. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. Employees present were Ronnie Gittings, Arbry Vancil, and Brittany Smith. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was absent. The guest present were Shirley Linder, Dave Knutstrom, Randy Jarvis, and Doug Erickson.

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

Amanda made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the October Board Meeting. The motion was 2nd by Janice. It passed unanimously. Mike B. made a motion to approve payment of the bills, Mike S. 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Financial statements were presented for October. Mike B. made a motion to approve the financials. Janice 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Guests: Randy wanted to give a thank you to Ronnie and Jeff for hooking up his water lines at his new house into the villages water.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie presented to the board that his DR900 tester would need to be calibrated. It will cost the village \$248 for this service.

Police Report: Arb read report.

Zoning Report: Next Zoning Meeting is November 15th at 5:00 p.m.

Old Business: Doug from Benton & Associates would like to get a better report on financials split into different categories. He believes raising our water rates is necessary with the inflation of all the supplies and testing. This way the village would be able to repair a main water line or something catastrophic if needed. Arb stated that Brokaw's received their final warning and were issued a court date for their accumulation of junk of their property.

New Business: Mayor Schaley presented the new garbage contract through LRS, he asked for a motion to accept the new contract as presented. Mike B. made a motion to

approve the new LRS contract, Janice 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Paige presented the details about the lighted Christmas parade that will be on December 1st at 6:00 p.m. The Santa that will be coming for the parade asked for his payment to be donated to a local charity. There will be a donation box set up for FOCC at the park after the parade, where Santa will be lighting the big tree. Diana Doran presented the villages new insurance renewal for 2024, rates have increased again as to be expected with the economy. The premium for 2024 will be \$8144.00.

Trustees Report: Mike S. has questioned researching a solar field for the village and if it would be worth the money. He was going to do further research on this matter.

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Nothing to report.

Executive Session: Mayor Schaley took a motion to go into executive session regarding employee matters. Mike S. made a motion to go into executive session, Paige 2nd the motion. Present at roll call were trustees, Mike Bohnenkamp, Janice Smith, Paige Torrance, Amanda VanArsdale, and Mike Swisher. Trustee Nathan Harden was absent. Mayor Schaley was Present. Village employee Brittany Smith was also present. Entered executive session at 6:37 p.m.

Mayor Schaley took a motion to go back into regular session. Mike Bohnenkamp made the motion, Janice 2nd the motion.

Regular session at 6:53 p.m.

Mike B. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Paige 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brittany Smith – Village Clerk/Treas.