

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **October 1st, 2018**. Present were Mayor Brendan Schaley and Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, David Vancil, Jerry Nortrup, Bruce Caldwell, Amanda Kane and Shane Reed. Employees present were Ronnie Gittings and Hollie Allen. Arby Vancil was absent. Lawyer Bill Rasmussen was present. Guests present were Shirley Linder, Virginia Ross, Chris Cooper, David Knutstrom and Randy Jarvis.

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

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

Guests: Chris Cooper from MSA was present and informed the board there will be no pay application this month due to the electrical issues not yet being resolved. Went over the difference between substantial and final completion. Virginia Ross was present on behalf of the senior citizens who would like to have a workshop for all residents that drive golf carts or other UTV's on the roadways. She states they have seen lots of drivers who are underage and lots of carts that are not "legal" per the ordinance of having all required equipment on the cart. Brendan states he will discuss this with Arb. David Knutstrom questioned if there was an ordinance regarding animals who are a nuisance. He states there are lots of stray cats and other animals roaming around and several dogs who are tied up in pens who bark all the time. Jerry the head of the Animal Control committee will review the ordinance.

Water Superintendent Report: There is a rental house on Broadway that needs the service line replaced. The shut off is in the house, the shut off needs to be outside the home. It is a lead service line that will need to be replaced. Ronnie questioned how the cost would be dispersed between the village and the property owner. This will be placed on next month's agenda. Ronnie went through issues that are still not resolved with the new water tower. Reported he still has not received any type of formal training. Ronnie is working on a punch list of issues. Ronnie wanted to know what sidewalks the board would like to do, Brendan and Shane will get with Ronnie and Jeff on this. The fire department is now able to move their antenna to the new tower if they are ready. Brendan will call Scott Ford. Ronnie thanked the board for their support of the Fall Festival.

Police Report: Arby was absent so Brendan read the police report. The department had 99 hours worked, 8 training hours, 580 squad car miles, 3 traffic stops, 3 verbal warnings, 0 written warnings, and 0 traffic tickets. There were 5 service calls, 3 assist, 22 business checks and 1 arrest. No questions were asked in regards to the police report.

Old Business: Hollie again explained how the electronic water bill process would work. There is an annual fee of \$120.00 and each bill that is sent electronically is \$.08. Saving postage of \$.27 on each bill that is sent electronically and also saving on paper, ink, time etc. David made a motion to proceed with getting set up for the E-bill system. Shane 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

New Business: Trick or Treat for 2018 will be on Wednesday, October 31st. from 6-8:00pm. Trustee pay for the 3 seats that are up for election in 2019 was discussed. It was decided to increase the current pay of \$50.00 to \$65.00 so all board trustees were receiving the same pay. Bill will work on drawing up this ordinance and will present it at next month's meeting. It was also decided that board members who are not present for the monthly meeting will not be paid. Bill will also include this verbiage in the ordinance.

Trustees Report: Mike mentioned there is a meeting October 16th at the American Legion that will be put on by Stone-Hays. Amanda will be working with the police committee to get a policy and procedure ready for the new police body cam. That will hopefully be presented at next month's meeting.

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Brendan states there are several yards around town that are needing to be mowed & cleaned up. He also presented the idea of possibly doing a Veteran memorial/tribute in town and just wanted to see if everyone would be on board for pursuing something like this. Everyone agreed that is was a great idea. Hollie presented the agenda for a Village Clerk training in November to see if the board would be interested in sending her. Amanda made a motion to send Hollie to the training. Shane 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Executive Session: There was no executive session this meeting.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bruce 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.