

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **October 7, 2019**. Present were Trustees Jerry Nortrup, Mike Bohnenkamp, Randy Jarvis, Shane Reed and Mike Swisher. Trustee David Vancil was absent. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. Employees present were Hollie Allen, Ronnie Gittings and Arbry Vancil. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was present. Guests present were Shirley Linder, Virginia Ross, Lori Taylor, David Knutstrom and Doug Erickson (arrived at 6:05).

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

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

Guests: Lori Taylor was present representing the Stronghurst Booster Club and requested permission for the Booster Club to look into purchasing some sun shades for the benches around the Spray Park next year. The Board had no objection. Doug Erickson from Benton & Associates presented the Board with an update on the Safe Routes to School Grant.

Water Superintendent Report: The scale and detector approved last meeting have been installed and are working. Still waiting to hear back from Automatic in regards to the meter calibration. Has been a busy month marking Village utilities for the Fiber installation. This month 2 trees were dropped by Jacob's Tree Service and cleaned up by the Village. From now on required notification in regards to flushing hydrants and working valves can be done via the Village website.

Police Report: Arbry read the police report. The department had 79 hours worked, 0 training hours, 293 squad car miles, 1 traffic stop, 1 verbal warning, 0 written warnings, and 0 traffic tickets. There were 7 service calls, 25 business checks and 2 arrests. No questions were asked in regards to the police report.

Old Business: Discussion in regards to building another shelter house at the park will be tabled until next Spring. An estimate from Bob's Tv & Home Furnishings was reviewed for new flooring in Village Hall. The estimate total was \$1,345.50. Randy made a motion to approve the estimate and to proceed with purchasing the flooring that will be installed by Jeff Nichols. Shane 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. The employee handbook, marijuana legislation and proposed food and beverage tax were all tabled until the next meeting.

New Business: Shane Reed made a motion to set Trick or Treat for October 31st from 5:30- 7:30. Mike B. 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Bids were reviewed from Jacob's Tree Service and Lee's Tree Service to remove two more trees in October. Ronnie mentioned Lee's Tree Service has offered to come to town for an 8 hour day and cut as many trees as possible for a rate of \$1,200 per day. Village employees will continue to clean up the trees after they are dropped. After reviewing the bids Randy made a motion to accept the bid from Lee's to come cut 8 hours for \$1200. Shane 2nd the motion. Jerry N. was the only no vote. Clerk notes that the fall city wide cleanup is scheduled for Friday, October 11th.

Trustees Report: Mike S. thanked the Booster Club and Village employees for their work on the Fall Festival.

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Brendan mentions he would like to see the culvert down by Oakwood Drive installed this month.

Executive Session: There was no executive session this meeting.

Mike B. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Shane. 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.