

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **October 5, 2020**. Present were Trustees Jerry Nortrup, Mike Bohnenkamp, Amanda VanArsdale, Mike Swisher and Randy Jarvis and Shane Reed. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. Employees present were Hollie Allen, Arbry Vancil and Ronnie Gittings. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was present. Guests present were Shirley Linder, Kim Doonbos-Smith, Damie Hindman, Bob Manning, and David Knutstrom. Doug Erickson from Benton & Associates 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 for the September Board Meeting. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry. It passed unanimously. Mike B. made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously. Financial statements were presented for September. Randy made a motion to approve the financials. Mike S. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Guests:** Bob Manning was present to ask about getting the road in front of his house fixed to where there is not standing water at the end of his drive on Surrey Lane. Brendan asked Ronnie to look at it. Kim Doonbos-Smith was present to inquire about extending the outdoor dining. Since outdoor dining was not on the agenda to be able to discuss and take action, it will be discussed at the November meeting. David Knutstrom has concerns over shipping containers being allowed in town. The Zoning Board will be having a special board meeting in October to gather and finalize final details regarding the shipping containers and will present to the full board at the November meeting. Doug Erickson from Benton & Associates reports the EPA permit has been submitted for the water line repairs on North Division and North Logan. The Safe Routes to School grant is complete and Benton & Associates are working with IDOT to finish all the final paperwork and final payments. Doug states he is still working on the Water Facility Plan.

**Water Superintendent Report:** Ronnie reports there is another leak on North Logan. Lee's are done cutting trees for the year there are still some stumps to be removed. Village employees will begin working water hydrants and valves on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays for approx. 6 weeks.

**Police Report:** Arb read the police report. The department had 90 hours worked, 0 training hours, 498 squad car miles, 2 traffic stops, 2 verbal warnings, 0 written warnings, and 0 traffic tickets. There were 6 service calls, 3 assists, 20 business checks and 0 arrest. No questions were asked regarding the police report.

**Zoning Report:** One permit has been approved. The Zoning committee is still working on updating the Zoning ordinances. Damie Hindman was present to ask for a variance on a fence she installed at her property 122 S. Mary. Randy made a motion to approve the variance and Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup>. It passed unanimously. The variance allows for the fence to be right on the property line of the Village and the homeowner.

**Old Business:** No old business to discuss.

**New Business:** Trick or Treat hours were set for 5 – 7:00 PM on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Mike B. reports the WIRC Housing Rehabilitation Grant is now completed. There is \$91.00 in the Bank of Stronghurst WIRC grant checking account that will need closed out. Mike B. made a motion to close the account and transfer the \$91.00 to the General Fund. Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Trustees Report:** Randy questioned what the protocol will be this year for burning leaves in town. This will be discussed at the November meeting as Brendan asked all board members to brainstorm and come back with suggestions. Mike S. thanked Village employees for the clean up they have done this year with all the tree removals.

**Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report:** Mayor recognized Ronnie and his hard work after receiving an award from IDPH for 100% Fluoride compliance for 2019. Our water department was the only one in the county to receive this award.

**Executive Session:** There was no executive session this meeting.

Randy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.