

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **October 2, 2023**. Present at roll call were Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, Janice Smith, Paige Torrance, Mike Swisher, Nathan Harden, and Amanda VanArsdale. 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, Dave Schaab, Melody Brokaw, Bonnie Hensley, Debbie Gillam, and Donna Painter

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

Janice made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the September Board Meeting. The motion was 2nd by Paige. It passed unanimously. Mike B. made a motion to approve payment of the bills, Janice 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously. Financial statements were presented for September. Nathan made a motion to approve the financials. Janice 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Guests:** Dave Knutstrom wanted to know the update of the lights that shined on the pickleball court, the board advised him Bigger Electric would be fixing them soon when time was available. He also presented the interest in having more pickleball courts and would get the village a price on how much the renovations would cost. Melody Brokaw voiced her concerns over her ordinance citations she received for her residence. She asked the board to clarify what she needed to clean up.

**Water Superintendent Report:** Ronnie stated he has three different companies give bids for water tower inspections. Mayor Schaley told him the original company that built the water tower was to give the village 5 years free of inspections. Ronnie stated he will get that taken care of. Ameren has also been in contact with Ronnie about the LED lighting incentives, they will give the village free LED bulbs or money back to go LED if we choose to do so.

**Police Report:** Arb read report.

**Zoning Report:** Next Zoning Meeting is November 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**Old Business:** Doug from Benton & Associates was unable to attend to update on the facility plan.

**New Business:** Village attorney Mariah Wallace was absent, so the board tabled discussing legal action about overgrown properties in the village, re adopting the budget ordinance, and adopting the tax levy ordinance until the special board meeting to be held on October 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The board decided on trick or treat to be on October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 5:30 to 7:30. The village will ask residents not to burn leaves or anything else for that day as well as 2 days prior.

**Trustees Report:** Mike S. asked the board if they wanted to do the Christmas parade again this year. The board all agreed they wanted to. A committee will be formed to organize the parade this year and get a date set.

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

**Executive Session:** No executive session

Mike B. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brittany Smith – Village Clerk/Treas.

**Special Meeting:** On October 11, 2023, the village of stronghurst board meet for a special meeting. Present at roll call were trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, Janice Smith, Paige Torrance, Mike Swisher, Amanda VanArsdale, and Nathan Harden. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. The employee present was Brittany Smith. Village attorney Mariah Wallace was present. The guest present was Shirley Linder.

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

Janice made a motion to re-adopt the budget and appropriation ordinance. Amanda 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Mike B. made a motion to adopt levy ordinance, Janice 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Nathan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mike S. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:15. P.m.