

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **September 3, 2019**. Present were Trustees Jerry Nortrup, Mike Bohnenkamp, Randy Jarvis, David Vancil, Shane Reed and Mike Swisher. 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, Angela Myers, Tim Teslicka (arrived at 6:05) and Jean Crotts (arrived at 7:00).

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. Randy made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented for August. Jerry 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Guests: Lori Taylor was present representing the Stronghurst Booster Club to ask for a donation towards the cost of the handwashing sinks and bathrooms provided for the Fall Festival. Mike B. made a motion to pay the bill for the sinks and bathrooms for the Booster Club. Shane 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Lori also asked for permission to out a sign at Bell Park for Fall Festival and to have the Spray Park turned on during the Festival. Both were approved with no objections. Angela Myers from the Henderson County Health Department was present to ask about a No Smoking Ordinance for the Park. Mayor Schaley informed her the Village Attorney has drafted an ordinance for this that is on the agenda for approval. Tim Teslicka from MTC Communications reported that MTC will be starting the fiber build in September. He encouraged anyone interested in signing up for the fiber internet to contact MTC. Jean Crotts arrived at the meeting at 7:00 pm and asked the Board for permission for the Stronghurst Methodist Church to let off a few small fireworks at their 130th Anniversary Celebration on October 19th. The board has no issues with this.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie reports that Automatic Systems will be sending someone to check on the issue with the meter calibration and also to hook the Water System up to the recently installed McDonough fiber internet. Ditch work is almost finished on Elizabeth Street. The digital scale and Chlorine detection that was discussed and tabled at the August Board Meeting was discussed again. Randy made a motion for Ronnie to proceed with purchasing both items for the Water Plant. Shane 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Ronnie explained the need to do some water main replacement in different locations around town. Mike S. made a motion to approve working on replacing the main. Ronnie states the work probably won't be done until later in the year or early next year. Randy 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Mayor Schaley mentioned Clerk Allen has been looking into possible grant opportunities for a possible water project to include replacing water mains around town. Brendan, Hollie and Ronnie recently met with Doug Erickson from Benton to discuss possible options. Brendan asked for the Board's approval to continue checking into our options. All were in agreement to continue to pursue grant options.

Police Report: Arbry read the police report. The department had 111 hours worked, 0 training hours, 620 squad car miles, 2 traffic stops, 2 verbal warnings, 0 written warnings, and 0 traffic tickets. There were 8

service calls, 1 assist State Police and 0 ambulance assists, 22 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 was tabled until next meeting.

New Business: Village Attorney Mariah Wallace presented a No Smoking Ordinance for the Village Park. Randy made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Shane 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Mariah presented an Ordinance in regards to holiday pay for Village Police Officers. Mike S. made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Shane 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. An estimate from Stronghurst Collision & Refinish was presented for repairs needed to 2014 Ford F-550. The estimate was for \$1,774.86. Randy made a motion to approve the estimate from SCR and not to file a claim with insurance. Shane 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Hollie asked about looking into getting new flooring at Village Hall due to how bad the current flooring looks. Options for flooring were discussed. Hollie will get an estimate for different flooring to go over at next month's meeting. Mike S. went over the employee handbook changes the Hollie had worked on. There are a couple recommended changes he will go over with Hollie before the handbook is sent to Mariah for final review. Mariah will prepare info for the Board to review in regards to changes to the Marijuana legislation that will go into effect in 2020.

Trustees Report: Randy commented he was pleased with the recent sidewalks that had been replaced/repared. Shane recommended getting estimates for tree removal of 1-2 trees per month.

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Mariah reported if the Village ever has community service work to be completed to contact her and she can put us in touch with individuals needing to complete community service hours. Brendan notes the Village received Motor Fuel audit from IDOT and passed with no issues. Hollie will be filling out the paperwork for the tax exempt status for the Veteran Memorial land parcel. Shane made a motion to name the Water Tower as parcel 1 and the Veteran Memorial as parcel 2. Randy 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Executive Session: There was no executive session this meeting.

Shane made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mike S. 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.