

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **April 6, 2026**. Present at roll call were Trustees Amanda VanArsdale, Janice Smith, Michael Bohnenkamp, Nathan Hardeen and Mike Swisher. Trustee Paige Torrance was absent. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. The employees present were Brittany Smith and Ronnie Gittings. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was absent. The guest present were Dennis Day, Dave Knutstrom, Randy Jarvis, and Shirley Linder.

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

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

Guests: Dave would like to inform the public of the Nations celebration in the park on June 28th.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie updated the current water situation. The village workers flushed hydrants due to complaints of brown water. The hydrants have not been able to be flushed as regular as usual due to the water shortage. Ronnie stated with the large amount of rainfalls that the village is receiving at one time they are finding lots of drains and culverts to unplug. He also stated they continue to haul water daily to keep up as the well is getting down into the 77 gpm range and can not keep up with the demand.

Police Report: Arb was absent.

Zoning Report: Next meeting is May 20th @ 5:00.

Old Business: No major update on the well still waiting EPA approval for the construction permit. Mayor Schaley asked for a motion to approve purchase of the New Holland tractor to replace the old one, Mayor Schaley reached out for bids and Painter Farm equipment came back with the cheapest and highest trade in. Mike B.

made a motion to purchase a New Holland Boomer 40 horse tractor for \$36,000. Jancie 2nd the motion, it passed unanimously.

New Business: Trustee Mike Swisher would like to get finance committee meeting set up to get 2026 appropriations organized.

Trustees Report: Nothing to report

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

Executive Session: Mayor Schaley asked for a motion to enter closed session reference employee compensation, Mike S. made a motion to enter closed session at 6:39, Nathan 2nd the motion.

Mike B. made a motion to enter regular session at 7:01, Janice 2nd the motion. Nathan made a motion to give full time employees, Brittany, Jeff, and Ronnie at \$1.00 an hour raise. Janice 2nd the motion, it passed unanimously.

Amanda made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mike S. 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brittany Smith Village Clerk/Treas.