

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **August 4, 2025**. Present at roll call were Trustees Amanda VanArsdale, Mike Swisher, Nathan Harden, Janice Smith, Paige Torrance and Michael Bohnenkamp. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. The employees present were Brittany Smith and Ronnie Gittings. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was absent. The guest present were Randy Jarvis, Dennis Day and Shirley Linder.

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

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

Guests: No public comment

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie updated the current water situation. The town is hauling around 2-3 days a week. There were two main breaks close to each other, that made the tower lose 60,000 gallons in two hours. They were able to get them fixed in a quick time and only have a few houses out of water for no more than 3 hours. We did not have to be put on a boil order either. He wanted to thank all the volunteers that came out to help.

Police Report: Arb was absent.

Zoning Report: Nothing to report. Next meeting is 9-17-25 at 5:00 pm

Old Business: Overgrown properties were discussed. Chief Vancil was given a list of 12 properties that needed ordinance violations.

New Business: Mayor Schaley asked for approval of the hiring of Mitchell Sparrow to help weed eat and mow for short term help before school begins. Nathan made a motion to approve hiring, Janice 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Doug and Adam

from Benton Engineering were present to give an update on our new well site. The well is drilled and the correct pump is now in place. Water samples were sent out and waiting for complete results. Power will need to be hooked up and the village will be able to start hauling water from this new site soon.

Trustees Report: Nothing to report

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

Executive Session: Mayor Schaley asked for a motion to go into executive session for new employment. Nathan made a motion to enter executive session at 6:45 pm. Everyone present. The board discussed the interviews for the water superintendent position to be trained with Ronnie. No decision was made on this matter, and it will be tabled until next month.

Paige made a motion to enter back into regular session at 7:46, Amanda 2nd the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Mike S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Nathan 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brittany Smith Village Clerk/Treas.