

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **August 3, 2026**. Present at roll call were Trustees Amanda VanArsdale, Mike Swisher, Paige Torrance, Mike Bohnenkamp, and Nathan Harden. Trustee Janice Smith was absent. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. The employees present were Arbry Vancil, Brittany Smith and Ronnie Gittings. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was absent. The guest present were Randy Jarvis, Shirley Linder, Dennis Day, Dillan Vancil, and Dave Knutstrom.

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 Nathan. It passed unanimously. Mike B. made a motion to approve payment of the bills, Paige 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Financial statements were presented for July. Paige made a motion to approve the financials, Mike S. 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Guests: Dillan Vancil informed the board he is purchasing the old collision center. His plans are to build a 10,000 square foot distribution co. for his coffee businesses. He was asking the board if there were any grants for a warming center so then the back half of it could be a community center.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie reported water usage was up most likely due to the fair. The septic at the fair had backed up, so they got that fixed. The well is down to 73/74 gpm and 72 gpm by Sunday.

Police Report: Arb read report.

Zoning Report: Nothing to report.

Old Business: No New update as the well pre bid meeting will be tomorrow morning with Doug from Benton.

New Business: Mayor Schaley asked the board to review and approve the temporary appropriation ordinance for 2026/2027, Mike B. made a motion to approve the appropriation, Nathan 2nd the motion, it passed unanimously. Mayor Schaley asked the board to approve rezoning of the Stronghurst Grain Property for the new buyer, mayor

Schaley asked for the parcels 09-25-228-005 and 09-25-228-006 to be rezoned from Business to Agriculture, and parcel 09-25-208-006 be rezoned from residential to Agriculture. Mike S. made a motion to approve these parcels listed being rezoned, and Nathan 2nd the motion, it passed unanimously.

Trustees Report: Nothing to report

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Nothing to report.

Executive Session: Mayor Schaley asked to enter executive session reference employment. Mike B. made a motion to enter executive session at 6:20, Mike S. 2nd the motion, it passed unanimously.

Nathan made a motion to enter open session at 6:45, Mike S. 2nd the motion, it passed unanimously. Mike S. made a motion to hire Landon Winters for the Water Superintendent trainee position starting November 1, 2026, Nathan 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Mike S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Paige 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brittany Smith Village Clerk/Treas.