

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **December 1, 2025**. Present at roll call were Trustees Amanda VanArsdale, Janice Smith, Paige Torrance, Michael Bohnenkamp, Nathan Hardeen and Mike Swisher. 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 and Dave Knutstrom.

Mayor Schaley called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Nathan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the November Board Meeting. The motion was 2nd by Janice. 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 November. Paige 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 well is staying steady at 90 gpm on its own with no assistance. Usage is down this month. There was another water main break in the same spot that they got fixed quickly without losing the tower. They have only hauled water on Fridays when backwashing is needed.

Police Report: Arb read report

Zoning Report: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Mayor Schaley asked for a motion to approve the levy ordinance, Mike B. made a motion to approve the levy ordinance, Nathan 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

New Business: The village annual Christmas Light contest will take place on December 17th at 6:00. The residents at the assisted living will be doing the judging this year. 2026

meeting dates were published. The review of the annual audit was tabled until next month.

Trustees Report: Nothing to report

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

Executive Session: Mayor Schaley asked for a motion to go into closed session reference employee Christmas bonuses. Nathan made a motion to enter closed session, Amanda 2nd the motion. Closed session began at 6:27 with all members present.

Amanda made a motion to go back into regular session at 6:35, Mike B. 2nd the motion.

Amanda made a motion to pay all full-time employees \$1000.00 and part time \$500.00 for Christmas bonuses. Janice 2nd the motion, it passed unanimously.

Nathan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Amanda 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brittany Smith Village Clerk/Treas.