

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **January 5, 2026**. 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, Arbry Vancil, and Ronnie Gittings. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was absent. The guest present were Dennis Day, Randy Jarvis, Shirley Linder and Dave Knutstrom.

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

Janice made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the December Board Meeting. The motion was 2nd by Paige. It passed unanimously. Mike B. made a motion to approve payment of the bills, Janice 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously. Financial statements were presented for December. Mike B. made a motion to approve the financials, Janice 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. He is implementing the new Julie system that is being required. Him and the other guys have gone around and fix smaller leaks around town to make sure we are preserving as much water as possible.

**Police Report:** Arb read report

**Zoning Report:** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:** No major update. Still working on the USDA grant.

**New Business:** Mayor Schaley gave an update on the current garbage contract and the unsatisfactory performance LRS has been providing. The village attorney is seeking to break that contract and we are getting quotes from other companies when able to legally do so. MFT estimate was presented for the 2026-year, Mike B. made a motion to approve the MFT estimate, Janice 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Trustees Report:** Nothing to report

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

**Executive Session:** No executive session

Mike S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brittany Smith Village Clerk/Treas.