

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **July 2, 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 Mark Burgus, Jim Blender, Norm Menzenberg, Dave Knutstrom and Shirley Linder.

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

Nathan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the June Board Meeting. The motion was 2nd by Janice. 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 June. Paige made a motion to approve the financials, Nathan 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Guests: Dave presented some upgrades that he would like to do to the pickleball court and park. Mayor Schaley would like a point person of the board to take this over and help Dave on this upgrade as the grants will have to be filed through the village.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie updated the current water situation. The town is hauling around 3-4 days a week and keeping up well that way. He is pleased with how everything is working out now that we have our own equipment to haul as we please. Our Bac-T test passed and we can stay off the boil order while hauling as long as we send samples every other week. The test for the storage tank also passed and we can use that whenever needed.

Police Report: Arb was absent.

Zoning Report: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Brockte has drilled our new well, and will continue performing the test it needs. The samples have been set off.

New Business: Jim Blender was present for the American Legion building. Recently the bricks have fallen off the front portion of the building onto the sidewalk. This repair is going to be costly, and they would like to know if the Village would help them. Mayor Schaley asked the board if anyone had a problem with that. Mayor Schaley asked Jim to get a better number of what the project is going to cost, and report back to the board so they can vote on how much to give. Appropriations were presented for 2025/2026 year, Mike B. made a motion to approve the appropriations for 2025/2026, Janice 2nd. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Schaley asked for approval to hire Jackson Timmerman as a full time truck driver to haul water with the village's equipment. Mike B. made a motion to approve of this hiring, Janice 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

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 employment application review, Mike B made a motion to enter executive session at 7:01, Janice 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike S. made a motion to enter back into regular session at 7:52, Nathan 2nd the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Nathan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mike S. 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brittany Smith Village Clerk/Treas.