

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **July 6, 2026**. Present at roll call were Trustees Amanda VanArsdale, Janice Smith, Paige Torrance, Mike Bohnenkamp, and Nathan Harden. Trustee Mike Swisher 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, 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 June Board Meeting. The motion was 2nd by Paige. 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. Amanda made a motion to approve the financials, Janice 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Guests: Randy Jarvis asked the board for an update on the Phillips property on the east side of town, if the buyer who previously stated they were buying it did or if anyone knew. Mayor Schaley had not heard anymore from that buyer and told Randy he was welcome to reach out about purchasing it to remove it. Dennis Day wanted to thank the village workers on replacing the valve in his yard that a semi had ran over last month so quickly.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie updated the current water situation. The well is going down and is down to 74 gpm. It is showing no improvement and has no signs of doing that any time soon. It is failing to satisfy the tower and not pumping enough. On weekends it enters a “death spiral,” the usage continues to rise and preserving is not happening around the village. They are hauling 4 loads every day, and Ronnie has explained that we are in worse shape than last summer.

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 presented the oil and chip estimate, all of Broadway and Main Streets will be done this year. Nathan made a motion to approve the estimate, Janice 2nd the motion, it passed unanimously. The annual account was presented for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, Paige made a motion to approve the annual account, Nathan 2nd the motion, it passed unanimously

Trustees Report: Nothing to report

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Nothing to report.

Executive Session: Nothing to report.

Mike B. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Janice 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brittany Smith Village Clerk/Treas.