

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **June 2, 2026**. Present at roll call were Trustees Amanda VanArsdale, Janice Smith, Paige Torrance, and Mike Swisher. Trustees Nathan Harden and Mike Bohnenkamp were absent. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. The employees present were Brittany Smith and Ronnie Gittings. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was absent. The guest present were Amanda Jack, Peyton Steck, Lori Hamilton, Dennis Day, Doug Erickson, Dave Knutstrom, Randy Jarvis and Shirley Linder.

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

Janice made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the May Board Meeting. The motion was 2nd by Mike S. It passed unanimously. Paige made a motion to approve payment of the bills, Janice 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Financial statements were presented for May. Amanda made a motion to approve the financials, Janice 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Guests: Dennis Day had concerns of the semis tearing up the corner by his residence and that they have smashed down the valve by the fire hydrant. Mayor Schaley advised himself and Ronnie would go check it out for him and come up with a solution.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie updated the current water situation. The well is going down and is down to 78 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 3-4 loads every day, and Ronnie has explained that we are in worse shape than last summer. The tower is down 40,000 gallons from where it needs to be. He also shared that he and the other workers got trees cut down around the village today and working on cleaning those up.

Police Report: Arb was absent.

Zoning Report: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Doug from Benton Engineering stated they have everything submitted with the USDA and we are just waiting on Attorney Wallace to her part and sign the agreements. Drop day for bids is hoping to be Tuesday of next week and they must be out for 30 days. The board will have a special meeting at that 30-day mark for bid selection. They are asking for completion within 4 months minus the generator as it is on backorder.

New Business: Amanda, Peyton, and Lori were present to represent the booster club and ask permission to shut down Broadway again for the farmers markets every other Monday. Mayor Schaley granted them permission for that. Mayor Schaley asked the board for a motion to open a new bank account for the USDA Grant funds to be put into at Security Savings Bank, Mayor Schaley and Clerk/Treasurer Brittany Smith with be the authorized users on the account. Mike S. made a motion to open the bank account for the USDA grant funds at security savings bank, Janice 2nd the motion, it passed unanimously.

Trustees Report: Nothing to report

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

Executive Session: Mayor Schaley asked for a motion to enter closed session reference new employment for the water superintendent job. Mike S. made a motion to enter executive session, Amanda 2nd the motion, entered at 6:25 p.m. No action taken.

Mike S. made a motion to enter regular session at 6:42 p.m., Janice 2nd the motion.

Mike S made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Amanda 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brittany Smith Village Clerk/Treas.