

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **March 3, 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, Dave Knutstrom, Randy Jarvis, and Shirley Linder.

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

Mike S. made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the February Board Meeting. The motion was 2nd by Mike B. It passed unanimously. Mike S. made a motion to approve payment of the bills, Janice 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously. Financial statements were presented for February. 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 getting down into the 60s, resulting in having to haul more frequently. Currently hauling water on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays. Ronnie explained to the board that the motors at the water plant cannot be rebuilt and will need new ones. Janice made a motion to approve the purchase of the new motors, Mike S. Second the motion, it passed unanimously.

**Police Report:** Arb read report

**Zoning Report:** Next meeting is March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00.

**Old Business:** No major update. The village was rewarded the USDA grant and will be getting the paper work for that finished up as well as a second grant. The USDA grant will cover phase 1 of the new well project. Mayor Schaley is still working with the village attorney on the garbage contract with LRS.

**New Business:** Mayor Schaley asked for a motion to submit an application for Congresswomen Mary Millers community project grant for Phase 2 of our new water

project. Mike B. made a motion to approve the application, Mike S. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it passed unanimously. Mayor Schaley presented the board with the new copier/printer lease from access systems. Mike S. made a motion to approve the lease, Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it passed unanimously. Mayor Schaley presented to the board that the village New Holland tractor is needing to be upgraded. Mayor Schaley will reach out for quotes for different brands and businesses and bring them to the April meeting. The state of IL has removed the 1% sales tax from automatically coming to the village, so the village must pass an ordinance to get it back otherwise it goes elsewhere in the state. Mike S. made a motion to pass the ordinance for the 1% grocery tax for the village, Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Mike S. made a motion to enter closed session at 6:35, Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Mike B. made a motion to enter regular session at 6:56, Janice 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Mike S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brittany Smith Village Clerk/Treas.