

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **May 6, 2026**. Present at roll call were Trustees Amanda VanArsdale, Janice Smith, Michael Bohnenkamp, Paige Torrance, and Mike Swisher. Trustee Nathan Harden was 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 Dennis Day, Paul Baxter, Thomas Baxter, Doug Erickson, Grant Robertson, 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 April Board Meeting. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janice. It passed unanimously. Mike B. made a motion to approve payment of the bills, Paige 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously. Financial statements were presented for April. Mike B. made a motion to approve the financials, Paige 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Guests:** Paul Baxter voiced his concern of kids in the park being bullies and egging houses. James also had a report of his house being egged as well. Mayor Schaley said the problems are being addressed and guests said they have seen an improvement since incidents have been handled and juveniles being reprimanded by the state's attorney.

**Water Superintendent Report:** Ronnie updated the current water situation. The well is going down and is down to 78 gpm. We are having to continue supplying water to it every day. We are putting in 4 loads a day, which is becoming very expensive. The new tractor was delivered today, and the workers are enjoying being able to do different things around the village with it.

**Police Report:** Arb was absent.

**Zoning Report:** Next meeting is May 20th @ 5:00.

**Old Business:** Doug with Benton said we are still waiting for a construction permit from the IEPA. He is hoping to open bids in the next two weeks.

**New Business:** The village has reported semi-trucks going down Logan and Harmony st out of town. Mayor Schaley is going to have village attorney write a new ordinance to

make that not able to happen. In the meantime, he will reach out to the trucking company and ask them to stop and go around Rt 94. There are still many streetlights out, we have reached back out to Ameren to ask them to finish fixing those for the Village. Ronnie has asked Scotts Tree Service to take care of the dead trees in town for the workday that we do every year.

**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 summer help. Mike B. made a motion to enter closed session at 6:33 p.m., Janice 2<sup>nd</sup> it.

Mike B. made a motion to enter regular session at 6:50 p.m., Janice 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Amanda made a motion to hire Mason Schaley, Jonathan Garner, and Mitchell Sparrow as part time employees for summer help. Janice 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, it passed unanimously.

Mike S made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Amanda 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brittany Smith Village Clerk/Treas.