

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **April 2nd, 2018**. Present were Mayor Brendan Schaley and Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, David Vancil, Jerry Nortrup, Shane Reed and Bruce Caldwell. Trustee Amanda Kane was absent. Employees present were Ronnie Gittings, Hollie Allen and Arbry Vancil. Lawyer Bill Rasmussen was also present. Guests present were Lori Taylor, Jim Brown, Sara Evans, Chris Cooper (MSA), Virginia Ross and Quill reporter Shirley Linder.

Mayor Schaley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

David made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was 2nd by Shane. It passed unanimously. Mike made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Jerry 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Guests: Chris Cooper from MSA was present to update on the status of the schedule for the water tower which is still behind schedule. He states he is waiting on an updated schedule and will provide that as soon as it is available. Lori Taylor asked if the board would be interested in donating towards flowers for pots around uptown and at the park. Brendan stated the board will address that next month. Sara Evans questioned the wording in the liquor license regarding acceptable age for a customer to be on the premises without a parent or legal guardian. That section will be taken out of the ordinance. Also questioned was in regards to the verbiage regarding last call. The wording “no consumption” needs to be changed to “no sales.” Age requirements of staff was discussed. Anyone age 16 and older may be employed at the establishment but no one under the age of 21 is allowed to handle the alcohol. Bill will make the necessary changes and will present an amended ordinance to the board next month for approval.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie informed the board he has renewed his license which is now good for 3 years from this July. Updated on changes regarding fire suppressant systems which will mostly affect the nursing home. There are several concrete projects around town that need attention that in total would cost \$692.00. The board approved to do all concrete projects that were mentioned. Still have only received one bid on the water drain. Water testing equipment sent to Hawk for inspection and maintenance. \$316.00 includes warranty. Board approved. Landscaping timbers around the perimeter of the playground equipment needs replaced, there is left over plastic from the volleyball area that will be used to replace the timbers. Ronnie will get a bid for more wood chips to be placed in the playground area, he recommends putting pea gravel in instead and received a bid for that which would be approximately \$1200.00. Matt will be working on taking the water tests this fall.

Police Report: Arbry read the police report. The department had 97 hours worked, 767 squad car miles, 1 traffic stop, 0 verbal warnings, 0 written warnings, and 3 uniform traffic tickets. There was also 1 assist. There were 5 service calls, 28 business checks and 2 arrests. No questions were asked of Arbry.

Old Business: Ronnie stated that in regards to the tree removal on Commercial Street he has received 3 bids with the lowest bid going to J&J Tree Service at \$2150.00. The board approved proceeding with the tree removal.

New Business: There will be no change on the water/garbage bill pricing. Jerry and Bruce will be in charge of going around town and seeing which residents need to be sent clean up letters. Ronnie questioned what will be done in regards to the Schramm residence in regards to the trash in the yard. Brendan will talk to the states attorney to see what can be done. The details of the recent motor fuel audit regarding how the program works and how the spending of the funds should be decided was explained by Hollie. David made a motion to approve the 2017 and 2018 Resolution for Maintenance as presented. 2nd by Shane. It passed unanimously. An estimate to replace the computer at the Water Plant was presented as prepared by Alpha Omega. It was agreed upon to obtain an estimate for a lap top as well and will discuss again at next month's meeting.

Trustees Report: Jerry questioned status of water hydrant by Loudon residence. Ronnie will take a look at it this month and will report next month. David mentioned there are several pot holes to be repaired. Mike gave Ronnie the memorial plaque in remembrance of Bryan Bohnenkamp and Ronnie will get it attached to a bench in the park.

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Nothing to report.

Executive Session: David made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues. The motion was 2nd by Shane. Entered executive session at 8:00. Employee pay raises were discussed. At 8:40 Mike made a motion to go back into regular session, motion 2nd by Jerry.

8:40 re-entered regular session it was decided to readdress employee pay raises in the fall.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Shane 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollie Allen
Clerk/Treas.