

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **April 4, 2022**. Present at roll call were Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, Randy Jarvis, Janice Smith, Amanda VanArsdale, Shane Reed, and Mike Swisher. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. Employees present were Ronnie Gittings, Arb Vancil, and Hollie Allen. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was absent. Guest's present were Shirley Linder, Virginia Ross, David Knutstrom, Amanda Hobby-Jack, Christine Deverell, and Carrie Todd (arriving at 6:22 pm).

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

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

Guests: Amanda Hobby-Jack was present on behalf of the Stronghurst Booster Club. The Booster Club would like to host a farmers' market in Stronghurst beginning in May. The board gave approval to the Booster Club for the event. Carrie Todd asked the board if her Girl Scout Troop could possibly plant a tree at the park for their Earth Day project. Board approved. Carrie will talk with Ronnie to decide on best placement for the tree.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie reports the new VFD has been installed.

Police Report: Arb read the police report for March. The department had 30 hours worked, 0 training hours, 150 squad car miles, 1 traffic stop, 0 verbal warning, 0 written warning, and 0 traffic tickets. There were 5 service calls, 0 notice to appear, 0 assist, 18 business checks, and 0 arrest. Total squad car miles 52,398. No questions were asked regarding the police report.

Zoning Report: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Updating Park equipment was discussed. It will be put on the May agenda to discuss and approve a monetary amount for the Village to spend to replace the slides that will be removed.

New Business: Drainage projects need to be completed that have been discussed. Gravel in alleys and patching potholes was discussed.

Trustees Report: Mike B. asked if the city workers could paint lines on the old tennis courts to allow for 4 square game. Ronnie will work on this.

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report:

Executive Session: Shane made a motion at 6:34 pm to enter executive session to discuss employee compensation. Janice 2nd the motion. 6:35pm board enters executive session with all board members and Village Clerk present. Employee compensation was discussed.

Randy made a motion at 7:07 pm to exit executive session. Amanda 2nd the motion.

Board enters regular session at 7:07 pm with all board members and Village Clerk present. Mike S. made a motion to give all employees a \$.25 raise effective the next payroll. Janice 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Shane made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Amanda 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.