

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **August 6th, 2018**. Present were Mayor Brendan Schaley and Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, David Vancil, Jerry Nortrup, Bruce Caldwell and Shane Reed. Trustee Amanda Kane was absent. Employees present were Ronnie Gittings, Hollie Allen and Arbry Vancil. Lawyer Bill Rasmussen was present. Guests present were Shirley Linder, Virginia Ross, Sara Evans-Brown, Rob Root, Nick Wagner, Travis Moran, Troy Werdel, Cory Timmerman, Lori Taylor and David Knutstrom.

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

Jerry made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was 2nd by Mike. It passed unanimously. Mike made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Jerry 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Jerry made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented for June and July. Bruce 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Guests: Lori Taylor inquired about portable toilets and handwashing stations for the Fall Festival on September 15th. Total cost is \$300.00 for total of 5 units. Mike made a motion and Bruce 2nd the motion for the Board to approve the cost. Also asked if weather permitting if the spray park can be left on the day of the festival, board said that was fine. Sara asked permission to set up a grill outside the Feedlot Grill the day of the Fall Festival, board stated that is no problem. David Knutstrom presented the board with a handout regarding setup with the camera system at the park. To be able to have live viewing capabilities at the Village Hall we would have to upgrade to accommodate camera requirements. David is willing to offer his internet service since he is directly across from the park. He presented 2 options. See the form attached to the minutes for details. Mike made a motion to accept Option 2 that includes 100 MB download, 1000 MB data usage and the bill would be split with David that would total \$26.00/month. Shane 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. The Village will need a copy of each bill to provide for the auditors to ensure there is a paper trail regarding payment. Hollie will be in contact with Michael Burke from Burke Installed to begin the process. Representatives from Maguire Iron and Automatic Systems were present to give an update on the water tower progress. Corey from Maguire states 99% of the electrical is installed. Automatic Systems will be in town the week of August 20th to begin the switch over and do function testing. Ronnie will begin working to fill, disinfect and seal the new tank. Final completion date is set for September 28th. Nick Wagner from MSA presented pay application #12 in the amount of \$41,431.88. Mike made a motion to pay application #12. 2nd by Shane. It passed unanimously.

Water Superintendent Report: Lead/Copper testing has been completed at 10 residences. Waiting to get report back.

Police Report: Arbry read the police report. The department had 119.5 hours worked, 676 squad car miles, 1 traffic stop, 0 verbal warning, 0 written warnings, and 3 traffic tickets. There were 5 service calls, 1 assist, 28 business checks and 1 arrest. No questions were asked of Arbry.

Old Business: It was decided to have the bathrooms at the park unlocked from 7:00 am – 4:00 pm Ronnie, Matt or Jeff will unlock and lock up each day. There has been recent damage to trees at the park in the evening by some young children. Arb has spoken with the parent of the children. Bids for tree removal at

3 locations were presented. Bids from Lee's Tree Service, J&J Tree Service and Giddings Tree Service. Lee's Tree Service came in with the low bid of \$4800.00. Shane made a motion to accept the bid from Lee's Tree Service 2nd by Bruce. It passed unanimously. Discussion to allow gaming machines in the Village continued from last month's meeting. David made a motion to allow gaming machines in the bar/restaurant establishments in town, Shane 2nd the motion. Shane, David and Jerry voted yes. Bruce and Mike voted no. It passed with a 3-2 vote. Bill Rasmussen will work on making appropriate changes to the alcohol ordinance and will present changes at next month's meeting for approval.

New Business: Brendan states he would like to begin moving forward with building a new shelter house at the park to sit where the old tennis courts were. It will be a 24x24 pole building style. Construction of the building will be put out for bids after all specs for the building are finished. Doran Insurance called regarding Bond renewal for LouAnn Nortrup that is due this fall. It was decided to not renew the bond as Lou Ann is no longer working and if she does work to fill in for Hollie it will be very minimal. After discussion regarding MFT/Roads and what bank account invoices for cold patch and rock for the roads should be paid from it was decided to continue to pay for those invoices out of the MFT fund if the funds are available. Otherwise General Fund will pay those invoices. Due to lack of funds in the MFT account Shane made a motion to not oil/chip any roads this year. Jerry 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Tax Levy prepared by Bill was presented. Mike made a motion to accept the Tax Levy. Jerry 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Trustees Report: Mike requested Arb talk to Jerry Spiker regarding his rental house on the highway as there are tall weeds etc. in the front that need to be taken care of. Bruce questioned broken features at the Spray Park. Ronnie reported there are 3 or 4 orange disks broken and the estimated cost for the 4 is \$2600.00, no parts have been ordered.

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Hollie states Sharon Krow -Garner came in the office earlier this month wanting to donate something to the park in remembrance of her son who passed away last year. Sharon was wanting suggestions from the board on any items that might be needed. It was suggested if she would like to donate picnic table(s) that could be used at the new shelter house after it is built. Hollie will contact Sharon to let her know.

Executive Session: Shane made a motion at 8:37 to enter executive session. Jerry 2nd the motion. Possible litigation in regards to delays with new water tower was discussed. Shane made a motion to exit executive session at 9:05. 2nd by Mike.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jerry 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.