

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **August 12, 2019**. Present were Trustees Jerry Nortrup, Mike Bohnenkamp, Randy Jarvis, David Vancil and Mike Swisher. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was present. Mayor Brendan Schaley was absent. Mayor Pro Tem Shane Reed was present. Employees present were Hollie Allen, Ronnie Gittings and Arbry Vancil. Guests present were Sara Evans-Brown, Shirley Linder and Virginia Ross.

Mayor Pro Tem Shane Reed called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Guests: Sara Evans-Brown owner of the Feed Lot Bar & Grill was present to ask if the Village had any special plans for Fall Festival. The Village has no special event planned. Sara stated she might host a “bags” tourney, the Board gave the ok to block off part of Main Street if needed. If she is wanting alcohol to be served outside she will need to apply for a special permit for approval.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie reports he attended a training in Macomb with employee Matt Hicks that highlighted state requirement changes that will affect those with a Sewer operator license. Ronnie’s current license is good for 3 more years and he will need to get 15 hours of continuing education before his current license expires. The scale in the chlorine room is needing updated/replaced. Estimate for a digital scale that will connect to the system is approximately \$3825 that comes with a 5 year guarantee. This will be tabled until next month’s meeting. The water plant is in need of a chlorine detection system. Estimated cost for this is around \$2700. This will be tabled until next month’s meeting. There are two areas in town that are needing to have water mains replaced. This will be discussed more at next month’s meeting. The Village has been gifted rock and playground surround material from Mike Hines that came from the old daycare. Ronnie would like to enclose the curly q slide with the other playground equipment to make it safer for the kids and to decrease mowing and weed eating around that area.

Police Report: Arbry read the police report. The department had 92 hours worked, 7 training hours, 517 squad car miles, 2 traffic stops, 2 verbal warnings, 0 written warnings, and 0 traffic tickets. There were 14 service calls, 1 assist county, 1 assist state police and 0 ambulance assists, 25 business checks and 1 arrest. No questions were asked in regards to the police report.

Old Business: Mike B. reported the Police subcommittee met to discuss holiday pay for the Police Department on holidays. The Police department will receive time and a half for any hours worked on a holiday, they will follow the same holiday schedule as other Village Employees. Mike S. made a motion to accept the recommendation, Mike B. 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Bids to have 2 trees removed were reviewed from Jacob’s Tree Service and Scott’s Tree Service. Mike B. made a motion to accept the bid from Jacob’s Tree Service to drop the 2 trees and stump removal and have the Village employees clean

up the tree. Randy 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Rivals on Main had submitted a special event permit request to have an outdoor band on September 21st. The liquor committee met to discuss the request in July and it was decided to deny the permit request. A letter will be sent to Rivals stating such.

New Business: Jeff Nichols had prepared an estimate of cost of materials for the proposed new shelter house at the park. Mike S. mentioned possibly having a fundraiser of some sort to help raise funds for the construction. The cost of the materials would be approximately \$6,800. This will be tabled until next month's meeting. Village attorney Mariah Wallace presented the Levy Ordinance for 2019/2020. Mike B. made a motion to approve the ordinance. David V. 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Trustees Report: Randy thanked the Village employees for the recent ditch work around town.

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Mariah suggested sending a letter to Automatic Systems in regards to the flow meter calibration issue that has still not been resolved. Hollie will compose the letter with Ronnie and will get it sent.

Executive Session: There was no executive session this meeting.

Randy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mike S. 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.