

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **December 6, 2021**. Present at roll call were Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, Janice Smith, Amanda VanArsdale, and Randy Jarvis. Shane Reed, and Mike Swisher were absent. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. Employees present were Arbry Vancil, Hollie Allen and Ronnie Gittings. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was absent. Guest's present were Virginia Ross, David Knutstrom, and Shirley Linder.

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

Guests: David Knutstrom said the Lions Club would like to relocate a sign for the Lions Club close to the Village of Stronghurst sign on Highway 94. He was wondering if he needed any type of permit to do so. Amanda will get David contact info for IDOT to see what permits would be needed.

Water Superintendent Report: The water department was contacted by 120 water about a program they are partnering with the IDPH on to test wastewater samples to monitor for Covid19. This is not a test required by the EPA. There should be no cost to the Village except for Ronnie's time collecting the samples. They would like samples collected 2x a week. Mike B. made a motion to not proceed with the testing. Janice 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Police Report: Arb read the police report for November. The department had 61 hours worked, 0 training hours, 342 squad car miles, 0 traffic stops, 0 verbal warnings, 0 written warning, and 0 traffic tickets. There were 3 service calls, 0 assist, 20 business checks, and 0 arrest. Total squad car mileage is 51935. Arb reported he had received a complaint about trash dumped at the burn area, Arb

contacted the individual who had dumped the garbage and had them go to the burn area and clean up the trash. No questions were asked regarding the police report.

Zoning Report: Benton & Associates should be delivering the new Zoning maps. Next Zoning meeting will be in January.

Old Business: No old business to discuss.

New Business: No new business to discuss.

Trustees Report: Nothing to report.

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Hollie highlighted successful events, and projects completed in 2021.

Executive Session: Randy made a motion to enter executive session at 6:12pm to discuss employee Christmas bonuses. Amanda 2nd the motion. Board enters executive session with Clerk Allen, trustees Bohnenkamp, Smith, VanArsdale, Jarvis, and President Shaley present. Randy made a motion to exit executive session 2nd by Janice at 6:19pm.

Return to regular session. Randy made a motion to give full time employees a \$1,000 Christmas bonus, and Arb a \$500 bonus with the Village covering the taxes. Janice 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The next Village board meeting will be January 4, 2022. This meeting will be on a Tuesday due to Monday being a holiday for Village employees.

Randy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Janice 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.

