

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **February 5, 2018**. Present were trustees David Vancil, Jerry Nortrup, Bruce Caldwell, Shane Reed, and Amanda Kane. Trustee Mike Bohnenkamp was absent. Mayor Brendan Schaley was also present. Employees present were Ronnie Gittings, Hollie Allen and Arbry Vancil. Lawyer Bill Rasmussen was absent. Guests present were Shirley Linder, Virginia Ross, Sara Evans and Chris Cooper.

- Mayor Schaley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- New village clerk Hollie Allen was sworn in by Mayor Schaley.

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

Guests: Sara Evans presented with questions regarding liquor ordinance. Wanted to verify age requirements for opening and serving alcohol. Brenden answered all questions regarding ordinance. Informed board she has ordered larger windows for the front of her establishment to meet required guidelines. Brenden informed Sara there is not yet an ordinance to pass as the old ordinance needs replaced. Once ordinance is approved there will be a 30 day waiting period to accept applications. Virginia Ross addressed concerns regarding businesses along South Broadway Street not shoveling the sidewalk in front of their business. She asked if the village would be willing to clear the sidewalk for a fee to be paid by the business owners. Board stated there is an ordinance which states the business owner is responsible for clearing their portion of the sidewalk. Brendan stated the village will send a reminder letter to those businesses reminding them to clear their portion of the sidewalk in inclement weather. Virginia also discussed she has composed a letter for the village to send to organizations in town regarding a bicentennial celebration. Virginia will get the letter to the village to be distributed.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie reported he has only received 1 bid for the construction of the new drains for the water tower. He would like to have the drains in place by April so he will be working on getting more bids by next month's meeting. Scheduled to go to Ames Iowa on February 20th for training for the new water controls. Reports well #4 continues to improve. East wall insulation is now complete at the water plant. Ronnie states he now has an insurance premium of \$134/month and was wondering how to be reimbursed for this, Brenden informed him to submit his bill to the village clerk for reimbursement.

Police Report: Arbry read the police report. The department had 88 hours worked, 595 squad car miles, 0 traffic stops, 0 verbal warnings, 0 written warnings, and 0 traffic tickets. There were also 3 assists with Henderson Co sheriff's department. There was 3 service calls and 32 business checks. Brenden noted that the squad car incurred damages. The car is scheduled for repair on February 14th at Stronghurst Auto Body. No questions were asked of Arbry.

Old Business: Amanda made a motion to approve the Insurance renewal presented by Doran's as discussed at last month's meeting 2nd by Shane. It passed unanimously. Liquor Ordinance was tabled until Rasmussen could provide an ordinance to vote on.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Trustees Report: Jerry reported last week he contacted Illinois Power regarding a pole that is leaning near the Brent home. They will be sending a crew out to take a look at the pole.

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Nothing to report.

Executive Session:

Executive Session started at 7:25pm after Jerry made a motion to go into Exec. Session to discuss possible litigations, Bruce 2nd. Unanimous vote was had. Chris Cooper from MSA was asked to stay for executive session. McGuire Iron is in violation of their contract with the village in regards to the electrical portion of construction. Discussion regarding compensation ensued. No action was taken at this time. Will consult lawyer for further recommendation. Amanda made motion to exit executive session at 7:55pm and Jerry 2nd. Unanimous vote was had.

Amanda made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jerry 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for March 5th, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.