

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **February 4th, 2019**. Present were Mayor Brendan Schaley and Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, Jerry Nortrup, Bruce Caldwell and Shane Reed. David Vancil and Amanda Kane were absent. Employees present were Ronnie Gittings, Hollie Allen, Danny Moore and Arbry Vancil. Guests present were Mike Swisher, Sara Evans Brown, Rob Root, David Knutstrom and Randy Jarvis.

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

Mike made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry. It passed unanimously. Jerry made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Shane 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously. Shane made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented for January. Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Guests:** Sara Evans Brown asked the board if she needed to file a formal complaint with the board or Liquor committee in regards to the numerous violations of the Liquor Ordinance by Rivals on Main which occurred the weekend of February 1<sup>st</sup>. Brendan will meet with both Sara and Rob Root who is the owner of Rivals on Main on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss this. Rob had concerns about a board member who was giving false information regarding his business. Randy Jarvis stated he was impressed with the cleanup efforts of Village employees with the recent snow/ice storms.

**Water Superintendent Report:** Ronnie reports there is an issue with the thermostat in the heater at the water tower. Richards Electric had provided the heater and Ronnie has been in contact with them regarding the issue. A warning device is needed for the generators. Ronnie is working to get the gallon per minute calibration accuracy fixed. 3 bids for a new V-Plow were presented. It was decided this issue will be tabled until next year.

**Police Report:** Arbry read the police report. The department had 71.5 hours worked, 0 training hours, 518 squad car miles, 3 traffic stops, 2 verbal warnings, 1 written warning, and 0 traffic tickets. There were 3 service calls, 0 assist county and 0 ambulance assists, 22 business checks and 2 warrant arrests. No questions were asked in regards to the police report.

**Old Business:** Brendan stated Ronnie Gittings, Shane Reed and himself met with Cory Timmerman and Troy Werdel from Maguire Iron on January 25<sup>th</sup>. An agreement was reached in the amount of \$12,200 to be paid to the Village due to delays with completion of the water tower. The Village will also receive all extended warranties as presented by Maguire in previous offers for settlement. Brendan notified MSA of the agreement and MSA stated to close out the project the Village would owe them approximately \$2100. See the attached letter that was distributed to all board members. Brendan will be contacting Chris Cooper from MSA later in the week to discuss this.

**New Business:** The light on the new water tower may eventually need a filter due to the LED bulb in the light interfering with 911 communications. No antennas have been moved to the new tower yet so this will be addressed when the time comes. Brendan informed the board that Lawyer Bill Rassmussen will

no longer be able to act as Village Attorney as he has been appointed as a judge effective tonight. Mariah Wallace who is employed by Bill's firm has offered to take over for Bill if the board wishes to do so. All present board members agreed to have Mariah take over as Village attorney. Brendan would like to set a date for the Finance Committee to meet to begin working on a budget for the 2019/2020 fiscal year which will begin May 1<sup>st</sup>. Meeting set for February 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at Village Hall.

**Trustees Report:** Mike thanked Brendan, Shane, Ronnie and Hollie on their work with the settlement with Maguire Iron.

**Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report:** Hollie asked if the board would like to send a donation to the Memorial for Alicia Pence. The memorial is set to go to the FOCC. Mike made a motion to donate \$50.00 to the memorial. Shane 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously. Brendan asked if anyone would have any objection to moving the Board meetings to start at 6:00 instead of 7:00. No one objected so effective at the March meeting, meetings will start at 6:00. Brendan also addressed the liquor ordinance. There were questions in regards to last call and how late alcohol could be served. For the month of February, both businesses will close at 12:00 (midnight) and last call for sale of liquor will be 11:00 PM. There are some "grey" areas in the current liquor ordinance that the Board will try to have ironed out by the next meeting.

**Executive Session:** Mike made a motion at 7:50 pm to enter executive session to discuss employee matters. Shane 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. 7:52 pm the board enters executive session. Mike made a motion at 8:30 pm to exit executive session. Shane 2<sup>nd</sup>. The board will have a special board meeting to discuss employee benefits on Friday, February 8, 2019 at 3:00 PM.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Shane 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.