

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. Present were Mayor Brendan Schaley and Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, Jerry Nortrup, Bruce Caldwell, Shane Reed, David Vancil and Amanda Kane. Employees present were Ronnie Gittings, Hollie Allen and Arbry Vancil. Lawyer Bill Rasmussen was present. Guests present were Shirley Linder, Virginia Ross, Mike Swisher and Rev. David Vidler. Guest Doug Erickson from Benton & Associates joined the meeting at 7:10.

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

**Guests:** Doug Erickson from Benton & Associates was present to introduce himself to the Board. Doug recently worked with Hollie and Brendan on the Safe Routes to School Grant that was submitted on behalf of the Village to IDOT. Doug explained a bit about the grant and answered questions from the board in regards to the company he works for and the services they offer.

**Water Superintendent Report:** Automatic was in last week and resolved issues with the VFD's on well # 5 and high service pump. There was an issue with a check valve on Friday, check valve has been replaced. Tore old valve apart to see if it can be rebuilt or if it should be replaced. Still issue with meters not matching, Automatic contacted SEM and they will work to calibrate the meters so they will match. This should be a warranty issue so the bill from SEM should be sent to Automatic, not the Village. Check valve to replace is around \$800 to rebuild would be around \$400.

**Police Report:** Arbry read the police report. The department had 114.5 hours worked, 0 training hours, 680 squad car miles, 1 traffic stop, 0 verbal warnings, 0 written warnings, and 0 traffic tickets. There were 5 service calls, 1 assist county and 3 ambulance assists, 26 business checks and 3 warrant arrests. Had to replace a sway bar on the squad car. Service rep for the body cam will be coming in January sometime to get the set-up of the camera finalized. No questions were asked in regards to the police report.

**Old Business:** Winners of the Christmas lighting contest were announced as: 1<sup>st</sup> place Barry Dowell, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Jeff & Julie Meyer and 3<sup>rd</sup> place as Luke Deverrell. Checks will be issued in the amount of \$100 for 1<sup>st</sup>, \$50 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and \$25 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Ronnie thanked Matt, Jeff, Hollie, Terry Painter, Cory Fox and Larry Fox for their help during a recent water main repair. Brendan also commented on the water repair and thanked Ronnie and the staff for their hard work fixing the repair in a timely manner.

**New Business:** Service agreement was presented by Doug from Benton & Associates in the amount of \$1,500 for the engineering work that was done by their firm to complete the SRTS grant. Amanda made a motion to pay the bill as presented and Shane 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously. Hollie presented the 2019 MFT estimate in the amount of \$37,000. David made a motion to approve the estimate as presented. Amanda 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously. Hollie presented the MFT Expenditures

statement for 2018 in the amount of \$5,405.45. Shane made a motion to approve the 2018 expenditures as presented. David 2<sup>nd</sup>. It passed unanimously. Brendan stated the Village was awarded the Illinois Public Risk Fund Grant in the amount of \$380.00 for the 2019 year. Ronnie will be looking through the list of approved items for the grant to see if there is anything him or the guys could use. Brendan reported on the Insurance Renewal that was prepared by Doran Insurance. Amanda made a motion to approve the insurance renewal as presented. Shane 2<sup>nd</sup>. It passed unanimously.

**Trustees Report:** Amanda reported recently \$2,000 was moved from the Police Savings account to the Police Checking account as funds were getting low. David reported he would like to see the sidewalks uptown be repaired. Hollie will continue to look for a grant for this. Mike states there is a CD that matures in February and wanted to know what direction the board would like to take. The board instructed Hollie to call both Security Savings Bank and Bank of Stronghurst to compare CD rates. If rates are comparable the CD at the Bank of Stronghurst the Village will have the CD roll over.

**Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report:** Hollie asked board members to sign the economic statements in their packet so she could get those sent in to the courthouse. It was also mentioned the revised website is now up and running.

**Executive Session:** Shane made a motion at 7:45 pm to enter executive session to discuss possible litigations with Maguire Iron and to discuss personnel. Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. 7:48 pm the board enters executive session with all board members present. Also present are Hollie Allen and Attorney Bill Rasmussen. Mike made a motion at 8:28 pm to exit executive session. Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup>.

8:28 pm board is now back in regular session. Amanda made a motion to pay Police Chief Vancil for 7 hours total holiday pay (time and a half) for hours worked on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Bruce 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Jerry was the only no vote and David abstained from voting. Motion carried. The employee manual will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

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.