

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**. Present were Mayor Brendan Schaley and Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, David Vancil, Jerry Nortrup, Bruce Caldwell and Shane Reed. Trustee Amanda Kane was absent. Employees present were Ronnie Gittings, Hollie Allen and Arbyr Vancil. Lawyer Bill Rasmussen was present but late. Guests present were Shirley Linder, Virginia Ross, Sara Evans-Brown, Rob Root, Scott Ray, Randy Jarvis, Gina Anderberg, Chris Cooper, Vernon Spiker, Dalton Spiker, Tara Stone and Michael Rotramel.

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

David made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry. It passed unanimously. Mike made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously. Mike made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented for May. June financials were not yet available. David 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Guests:** Chris Cooper from MSA was present with pay application # 11 in the amount of \$17,982.12. Discussion regarding penalties due to delinquency in completion of electrical work occurred. It was decided to pay application #11 but at a revised amount of 11,982.12 which Mike made a motion to pay and it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce. It passed unanimously. A letter will be sent with the pay application requesting a representative from Automatic Systems and Maguire Iron be present at the next board meeting to discuss possible penalties and a time line of when the rest of the work that needs completed will be finished. Chris advised to make sure the storm sewer drain is kept clean of debris. Gina Andeberg from GovPay was present to provide information regarding credit card processing services they provide. This is a no cost program to the Village. Mike made a motion to proceed with getting signed up with GovPay. Shane 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously. Dalton Spiker read a letter to the board regarding his goal of completing his Eagle Scout service project. He is requesting to paint fire hydrants in town. He needs a Project Beneficiary Representative which will be Bruce and a Project Coach which will be Ronnie. The Village will provide the paint and supplies for Dalton to complete his project. Rob Root was present to ask about putting up a lighted sign once his new building is up and running. Jerry stated there should be no issue regarding location near the sidewalk. Rob states he will stake out the area and contact the board for approval. Tara Stone and Michael Rotramel from Accel Gaming was present to answer questions regarding the possibility of putting gambling machines at the Feed Lot and Rivals on Main. There is no cost to the Village and the municipality receives 5% of the revenue, bi-monthly payments in the form of ACH direct deposit. A letter sent on the Village letterhead would need to be sent in to the Illinois Gaming Board stating the municipality has decided to opt in to video gaming. There is a limit of 5 terminals max at each location. This will be tabled until next month.

**Water Superintendent Report:** Ronnie gave an update on the water tower progress. Ronnie expressed concerns over the process of switching over to the new tower. The touch screen at the water plant has still not been returned after it was taken to be fixed. There has been an issue with someone defecating on the bathroom floor at the park. Jeff Nichols has had to clean/bleach the bathroom several times in the last month. It was decided that Shane will lock the bathrooms each night and Ronnie, Jeff or Matt will unlock them each morning.

**Police Report:** Arbry read the police report. The department had 87 hours worked, 425 squad car miles, 1 traffic stop, 1 verbal warning, 0 written warnings, and 0 traffic tickets. There were 10 service calls, 22 business checks and 0 arrests. No questions were asked of Arbry.

**Old Business:** The appropriation ordinance was presented to the board and after review Mike made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. Shane 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously.

**New Business:** There are several trees around town that are needing to be removed. It was mentioned that Danny Moore had called regarding the tree in the alley behind his house at 304 N Elizabeth, it was also mentioned the tree at 215 W Main needed to be removed. The board instructed Ronnie to get bids on the 2 trees mentioned and find one more that needs removed to be included in the bid. Hollie read the highlights on the Audit Report for FY2017-2018. Hollie went over the letter from MFT regarding the compliance review that was conducted several months ago. Hollie mentioned the loan from Security Savings for the water tower needs reevaluated in regards to the amount that is paid back each month. Currently paying \$6,000/mo. That will not meet the requirements set in the loan documents. Mike made a motion to increase the monthly payment to \$6,600 and Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously. An estimate from Burke Installed was presented by Hollie to allow viewing of the security cameras from the park to be viewed at the Village Hall. The estimate was tabled as Burke Installed is still waiting to get additional information regarding internet connection from Dave Knutstrom as the village would be using his internet to run part of the program at the park.

**Trustees Report:** Jerry wanted to know how many antennas are on top of the water tower. He was wanting to see if we should charge to have Derby Tech antennas on the tower. Jerry spoke to someone in Monmouth and was told they are paid monthly to have antennas on their tower. We receive free internet at the water plant so for now we will leave it as it. Mike thanked Ronnie for putting the plaque on the bench at the park.

**Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report:** Brendan read a letter from Mediacom highlighting that the village has a contract/franchise agreement with them until May 2028. Hollie will request a copy of the agreement from Mediacom. Nothing to report from Hollie. Bill reminded Hollie to put the budget and tax levy on next month's agenda.

**Executive Session:** There was no executive session this meeting.

David made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Shane 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.