

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **June 3, 2019**. Present were Trustees Jerry Nortrup, Mike Bohnenkamp, Shane Reed, Randy Jarvis and Mike Swisher. Trustee David Vancil and Mayor Brendan Schaley were absent. Employees present were Ronnie Gittings, Hollie Allen and Arbry Vancil. Lawyer Mariah Wallace was absent. Guests present were Lori Taylor, Shirley Linder, Virginia Ross, Stacie Newberry and Doug Erickson.

Mayor Pro Tem Shane Reed called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

**Guests:** Stacie Newberry from the Bank of Stronghurst was present to ask for the Board's permission to create a little library at the park. The Bank of Stronghurst is working with Security Savings Bank to bring a small mobile book center that would be located in the park. There is no cost to either the Village or the residents, the books would be taken and returned on an "honor system". The Banks are checking with the Henderson County Library to make sure it would not interfere with the Bookmobile which comes to town once a week during the summer. The board had no opposition to the idea.

**Water Superintendent Report:** Ronnie discussed the two bids that were received for the water pipe job at the school. Mentioned that woodchips or pea gravel is needed to be put down at one of the play areas in the park. The board thought the pea gravel might be a good idea. Ronnie will check on the price and order a load if board approves. Ronnie reports in a recent storm lightning blew a fuse at the water plant, that has been fixed. Automatic Systems has been in contact with Ronnie and will be working to solve the issue of getting the meters calibrated.

**Police Report:** Arbry read the police report. The department had 95.5 hours worked, 0 training hours, 632 squad car miles, 2 traffic stops, 2 verbal warnings, 0 written warnings, and 1 traffic ticket. There were 10 service calls, 4 assist county and 0 ambulance assists, 22 business checks and 0 arrests. No questions were asked in regards to the police report.

**Old Business:** Bids for the water pipe job to be done at West Central Middle School were reviewed. Mike B. made a motion to accept the bid from Johnson Plumbing. Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously.

**New Business:** Tentative Appropriation Ordinance was presented to the board. Randy made a motion to accept the ordinance and Mike S. 2<sup>nd</sup>. It passed unanimously. There will be a public meeting on July 1, 2019 at 5:30 pm at Village Hall where Attorney Mariah Wallace and Clerk Hollie Allen will be present to answer any questions from the public in regards to the appropriations. Doug Erickson from Benton & Associates congratulated the board on the recent Safe Routes to School Grant award. The Village was awarded \$173,000 for sidewalk, curb, ramp and signage improvements at West Central Middle School. Doug presented the board with an engineering service agreement from Benton & Associates for

engineering design services for the SRTS grant. The amount is not to exceed \$15,000. Doug explained what Benton & Associates role and responsibilities would be for the project. Mike B. made a motion to enter into the service agreement with them. Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup>. It passed unanimously.

**Trustees Report:** Shane discussed the issue with someone defecating on the bathroom floor at the park, it was decided that the bathrooms will now be unlocked by Hollie at 8:00 am each day and locked up at 4:00 pm each afternoon, Jerry or Shane will unlock and close them up on the weekends. Shane said Reed Electric will be donating the labor for the light install at the Veteran Memorial, Johnson Sod Farm has offered to donate sod, Hollie mentioned David Knutstrom has donated the cost of the concrete. Randy also mentioned how the Booster Club donated \$1,000 towards the flag poles. All donations are greatly appreciated.

**Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report:** Hollie noted that the annual account for FY19 has been completed and sent to the necessary entities. The audit is currently underway.

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

Randy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.