

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **June 1, 2020**. Present were Trustees Jerry Nortrup, Mike Bohnenkamp, Shane Reed, and Mike Swisher. Trustee Randy Jarvis was absent. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. Employees present were Hollie Allen and Ronnie Gittings. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was present. Guests present were Shirley Linder, Dennis and Karen Day, Doug Erickson, Lori Taylor, Amanda VanArsdale and Sara Evans-Brown.

Mayor Brendan Schaley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Schaley addressed the vacant Trustee position since the passing of Trustee David Vancil. Brendan made a motion to appoint Amanda VanArsdale to fill the remainder of David's term expiring in 2021. Mike B. 2nd the motion. All voted in favor. Clerk Allen swore in Amanda.

Mike S. made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was 2nd by Shane. It passed unanimously. Mike B. made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Jerry 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. There were no financial statements available for May as Hollie was waiting on the bank statement from Illinois Funds. Those financials will be presented at the July meeting.

Guests: Sara Evans-Brown thanked the board for the liquor license to sell package liquor and for waiving the fee for the 2020-2021 liquor license. She asked the board to make sure all rules set by the town were fair and followed by each business equally. Sara also mentioned the sidewalk near her business the FeedLot Bar & Grill needs some attention. While putting up a fence on her property she states there are some weak spots in the concrete and some areas that appear to have a hole under the sidewalk. Ronnie Gittings will meet with her to look. Dennis Day questioned a rumor that would do away with allowing temporary storage containers to be allowed within the village. Village Attorney is looking into updating the current zoning ordinance book and is looking into the guidelines for allowing the containers. Trustee Shane Reed mentioned to Dennis that if such change were to happen the container that is on Dennis' property now would be grandfathered into the ordinance. Doug Erickson from Benton & Associates gave a brief update on the Safe Routes to School Grant project that is set to begin in June. Doug will be on site at the school for much of the project. Doug also gave the Board some info on possible grants and loans available for possible future water projects.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie reports he feels some of the damage to the sidewalks around town are due to the excessive amount of salt that is used on them during the winter months along with the type of salt that is used. The board will try to get something together before winter to disburse to the businesses in town regarding this.

Police Report: Brendan read the police report. The department had 76 hours worked, 4 training hours, 420 squad car miles, 2 traffic stops, 1 verbal warning, 1 written warning, and 2 traffic tickets. There were 9 service calls, 2 assists, 20 business checks and 2 arrests. No questions were asked regarding the police report.

Old Business: Mariah presented Clerk Allen with the Certificate of Appropriations for the 2020-2021 year to be signed.

New Business: Hollie asked the Board if they were still wanting to offer pool fill credits and if so, we would need Mariah to draft an ordinance stating what the credit would be. Mike S. made a motion to discontinue the pool credits. Mike B. 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Per the agenda the discussion of acting to close streets and alleys to assist in businesses reopening was disregarded as both restaurants/bars were able to provide temporary seating for their customers.

Trustees Report: Mike S. asked to have a Zoning Board update be added to future board meeting agendas. This will begin in July. Mike S. asked about status of the junk issue along Porter Street. Hollie will get a letter out to all houses along that area. Shane states Kevin Box from Stronghurst Grain had inquired about getting potholes repaired from the truck traffic around the elevator. Jerry would like the tree at the corner of Elizabeth and Broadway looked at and possibly add it to the list of trees to have Lee's cut down.

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Brendan asked the Board about thoughts on hiring part time summer help as needed to help get some projects done around town. Hollie will put an add on the website, Facebook page and in the Quill and then will schedule a special board meeting to hire if before the next regular meeting. Brendan asked Ronnie to begin working on the Spray Park to make sure it will be available to be up and running if and when we are given the green light from the state. Hollie reports the Annual account has been finished. Discussion regarding town wide clean up were discussed. Currently Waste Management is still not able to reschedule the Spring Cleanup. Brendan handed out new committee assignments due to the change in Board Members.

Executive Session: There was no executive session this meeting. Shane made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mike S. 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Clerk/Treas.

Hollie Allen– Village

