

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **June 6, 2022**. Present at roll call were Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, Janice Smith, Amanda VanArsdale, Shane Reed, Randy Jarvis, and Mike Swisher. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. Employees present were Ronnie Gittings, Arb Vancil, and Hollie Allen. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was absent. Guest's present were Shirley Linder, Chad Kaup, Kristen Kaup, Bob Manning, Drew Ruholl, and David Knutstrom.

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

Shane made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the May Board Meeting. The motion was 2nd by Janice. It passed unanimously. Mike B. made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Shane 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Financial statements were presented for May. Randy made a motion to approve the financials. Mike S. 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Guests: Bob Manning asked the board what changes were going to be made to the existing fence ordinance. Discussed during Zoning report.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie reports the new high service motor is in. A letter was received from the Health Department regarding pooling water behind a residence on North and Broadway Streets. Ronnie would like to try to find a way to get FS water from the well on weekends without a Village employee having to come turn the water on and off. Several ideas were suggested and will be discussed.

Police Report: Arb read the police report for May. The department had 35 hours worked, 0 training hours, 308 squad car miles, 0 traffic stop, 0 verbal warning, 0 written warning, and 0 traffic tickets. There were 4 service calls, 0 notice to appear, 0 assist, 18 business checks, 0 Village Ordinance tickets, 4 verbal warnings for ordinance violations, and 0 arrest. Total squad car miles 52,856. No questions were asked regarding the police report.

Zoning Report: Mike S. reports there have been 3 permits for fences approved. Chad and Kristen Kaup have a permit in which they are requesting a variance to put a small deck on the front of their home. Shane made a motion to approve the variance. 2nd by Mike Bohnenkamp. Mike S. abstained from the vote with all other board members voting to approve the motion. Motion carried. A variance had been requested for 409 S Mary Street for placement of a fence. Mike S. states he is waiting for more information regarding this so this will be left as is for now. Discussion regarding updating the current fence ordinance. Mike S. is working on developing a new ordinance and would like to hold a public hearing once he has a rough draft to get input from the community and board members. This will be scheduled once Mike has a draft ready for review.

Old Business: Still waiting on more information regarding pricing for replacing park equipment that has been removed. Village employees are still working on the drainage projects. It was discussed placing a stop sign on the corner of Elizabeth and Chestnut Street to help slow the traffic traveling on Elizabeth. Hollie will speak with the attorney about drafting an ordinance to allow this to be presented at the July meeting.

New Business: Annual Account was presented for 2021/2022. Randy made a motion to approve as presented. Janice 2nd. All in favor, motion carried. The tentative Appropriation Ordinance was presented. Shane made a motion to approve as presented. Mike S. 2nd. All in favor, motion carried. There will be a public hearing at 5:30 prior to the July 5th board meeting to answer any questions regarding the Appropriations. Drew Ruholl from Benton & Associates was present to inform the board of how B&A can assist the Village with the Motor Fuel program such as filing the required paperwork. Shane made a motion to have B&A take over the required MFT paperwork as presented. Randy 2nd. All in favor, motion carried. Spray Park hours were discussed. It was decided to have the Spray Park on every day except for Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ronnie will monitor the water usage and will adjust times and days if needed. Hours will be 11 am – 5pm. Village employees will unlock the bathrooms at the park each morning and will lock them up before leaving for the day. If someone has rented the shelter house

for an event and would like the bathrooms open outside of normal working hours, they will need to call Village Hall to make arrangements to pick up a key to be returned to the drop box.

Trustees Report: Mike S. has received complaints about the road outside of Security Savings Bank drive through and in the alley. Also, would like the roads in the Morris subdivision looked at as they are needing repairs.

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Nothing to report.

Executive Session: Shane made a motion at 7:05 pm to enter executive session to discuss employment matters. Amanda 2nd the motion. 7:05 pm board enters executive session with all board members present along with the Village Clerk. Discussion of hiring part time office help to train with Hollie who will be leaving the Village next summer. Part time help would train to eventually take over the Clerk position.

Randy made a motion at 7:18 pm to exit executive session and return to the regular meeting. Mike B. 2nd the motion.

7:18 pm board back in regular session with all board members and Village Clerk present. Randy made a motion to hire 1 part time office position at \$15.00/hour. Shane 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mike S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Amanda 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.