

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **March 2, 2020**. Present were Trustees Jerry Nortrup, Mike Bohnenkamp, Randy Jarvis, David Vancil and Mike Swisher. Mayor Brendan Schaley was absent. Mayor pro tem Shane Reed was present. Employees present were Hollie Allen, Ronnie Gittings and Arbry Vancil. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was absent. Guests present were Shirley Linder, David Knutstrom, Virginia Ross, and Stefanie Ballinger from Benton & Associates.

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

**Guests:** David Knutstrom was concerned over language being used by children at the park. Since the weather is starting to get nicer there have already been a lot of kids at the park and some are causing a nuisance. Arb will increase patrol around the park in the evenings and residents are encouraged to call Village Hall with any complaints they may have. Small discussion regarding the cameras at the park and that will be added to next months agenda to discuss further.

**Water Superintendent Report:** Ronnie reports Lee's Tree Service cut down 6 trees in February. There are approx. 15 dead Ash trees left that need to be dropped. The board said to continue with Lee's coming and working one day a month until the rest of the trees are down. Automatic Systems showed up at the Water Plant to fix the ongoing meter calibration issue. Ronnie states the meter is fixed and is now recording correctly. The system at the water plant was also hooked up to MTC fiber internet and is working well also allowing Ronnie and Matt to get alerts and such sent to their cell phones. Ronnie will be calling to get bids for stump removal.

**Police Report:** Arbry read the police report. The department had 75.5 hours worked, 0 training hours, 562 squad car miles, 1 traffic stop, 1 verbal warning, 0 written warnings, and 0 traffic tickets. There were 6 service calls, 0 assist, 22 business checks and 0 arrest. No questions were asked regarding the police report.

**Old Business:** Bids for new garage door at Village Hall for the portion of the building where the backhoe is stored were reviewed. Mike B. made a motion to go with the bid from Kevin Hetrick owner of Big River Garage Doors. The estimate was \$1955 for an 18.4 R-Value door. David 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously. Benton & Associates were the only engineering firm to return their RFQ packet. Hollie sent a total of 3 packets to engineer firms who called and requested such. Mike B. made a motion to approve Benton & Associates for the SRTS project engineer. Mike S. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously. The difficulty in receiving a title for the Hummer so it may be sold was discussed. Due to not knowing the year of the machine Hollie is having issues getting a title. She will get ahold of Critser's in Monmouth to see if they can help with the situation.

**New Business:** Mediacom 3 year agreement for service at Village Hall was reviewed. Randy made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Mike B. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously. An estimate for repairs to Ronnie's white 2007 Chevy Silverado from Country Auto Sales was reviewed. Estimate repairs were \$2443.95. A quote from Carson Motors in Carthage IL was also presented for the possibility of purchasing a new 2020 Ford F-150 instead of repairing the 2007 Chevy. David made a motion to purchase the new truck from Carson Motors. Mike B. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Randy voted no, all other members voted in favor to purchase the new truck. Motion carried. At the next meeting the board will discuss what will be done with the old truck.

**Trustees Report:** David would like to see the pot holes around town filled, sidewalks fixed and possibly ask for donations from the public as a sort of fundraiser for projects needed around town. Mike S. asked to add discussing possible new shelter house on next months agenda. Would like to see the playground equipment at the park painted. David Knutstrom offered to help with this. Randy asked to discuss where sidewalk repairs are needed. Jerry would like to hear presentation from Utility Pipe Sales on possibility of new meter reading system. Ronnie will contact them to set up a time to come to a future board meeting.

**Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report:** Mayor Pro Tem Shane Reed said he will be scheduling a sidewalk committee meeting to discuss the sidewalk issues uptown on Broadway Street.

**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 6:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.