

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **March 1, 2021**. Present at roll call were Trustees Jerry Nortrup, Mike Bohnenkamp, Shane Reed and Randy Jarvis. Trustees Mike Swisher and Amanda VanArsdale were absent. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. Employees present were Hollie Allen, Arbry Vancil and Ronnie Gittings. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was present. Guests present were Shirley Linder, Sara Evans-Brown, David Knutstrom, Lance Murphy, Rick Balyer, Larry Riggs and Doug Erickson.

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

Randy made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the February Board Meeting. 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. Financial statements were presented for February. Randy made a motion to approve the financials. Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Guests:** David Knutstrom expressed concerns over drainage issues, ditches, and vulgar language from children at the Village Park. There will be a Streets/Ditches committee meeting scheduled per Shane Reed to discuss these issues. Mariah advised David and any member of the public if there are complaints from the park or other areas of the Village, there are complaint forms available at Village Hall to be filled out and will be given to the Police Dept. to handle as necessary. West Central FS representatives Lance, Rick and Larry were present to seek information regarding the current water shortage issue and how this will affect FS spraying this Spring.

**Water Superintendent Report:** 2 water leaks this month. Water usage still higher than normal. Losing water every day. Have asked the community to conserve water when able. Level of well continues to drop. Pumps are running 24 hours a day with no rest. Ideas of how to increase water production and availability was discussed. Possibly hauling water if EPA and Dallas Rural Water would agree to it. Will see how next couple days go on usage, Emergency Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> for update.

**Police Report:** Arb read the police report. The department had 57.5 hours worked, 10 training hours, 154 squad car miles, 1 traffic stop, 1 verbal warning, 0 written warning, and 0 traffic ticket. There were 8 service calls, 1 assist, 10 business checks, and 0 arrest. No questions were asked regarding the police report.

**Zoning Report:** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:** No old business to discuss.

**New Business:** Renewing the Ameren Franchise agreement was tabled until the April board meeting to allow Village Attorney time to look over the documents. Increasing bulk water rates was discussed. This will be reviewed at a later date.

**Trustees Report:** Shane would like to schedule a Ditch committee meeting to discuss some drainage issues in town.

**Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report:**

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

Shane made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Randy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.