

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **March 14, 2022**. Present at roll call were Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, Randy Jarvis, Janice Smith, and Mike Swisher. Amanda VanArsdale arrived at 6:02. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. Trustee Shane Reed was absent. Employees present were Ronnie Gittings, Arb Vancil, and Hollie Allen. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was absent. Guest's present were Shirley Linder, Virginia Ross, Jade Parker, Sara Evans-Brown, and David Knutstrom.

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 2nd by Mike S. It passed unanimously. Mike B. made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Janice 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Financial statements were presented for February. Mike S. made a motion to approve the financials. Randy 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Guests: Jade Parker was present on behalf of the Stronghurst Booster Club. Jade states the Booster Club would like to collaborate with the Board's Park committee with hopes of being able to accomplish more together. Randy who is head of the park committee will get in touch with the Booster Club to arrange a meeting. Sara Evans-Brown was present to answer any questions the board might have regarding her recent Special Event permit request.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie reports the EPA is requiring him to complete an inventory of all service lines. This will mean Ronnie will need to receive access to each residence in the Village to determine which materials are in use from the meter pit into the house. After completing this, Ronnie will need to develop a plan to replace any lead service lines, if any that are found. The new VFD has been delivered and Automatic Systems will be coming to install soon.

Police Report: Arb read the police report for February. The department had 51.5 hours worked, 0 training hours, 252 squad car miles, 1 traffic stop, 0 verbal warning,

0 written warning, and 1 traffic ticket. There were 7 service calls, 1 notice to appear, 1 assist, 15 business checks, and 1 arrest. Total squad car miles unavailable. No questions were asked regarding the police report.

Zoning Report: Mike Swisher informed the Board of a variance request for 122 N Elizabeth Street. The request is a variance from the 10' side yard ordinance to allow for placement of a car port. Mike B. made a motion to approve the variance as requested. Randy 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Mike S. also asked Ronnie to place some rock in the alley behind 122 N. Elizabeth, and on the road next to that residence as he sees fit.

Old Business: Updating Park equipment was tabled until next month's meeting.

New Business: Randy Jarvis, (head of the Liquor committee) presented information from the Special Event permit request that was submitted by the FeedLot Bar & Grill for an event taking place April 23, 2022. The FeedLot has requested permission to set an enclosed pop-up tent out the side door of their building that would be placed in their parking area to hold an overflow of customers attending a Dart Tournament they are hosting. The request is asking to have the road closed from the corner of Broadway (between the FeedLot and Quill) to the alley behind their building from approximately Noon – 8pm on the 23rd. Mike B. made a motion to approve the permit request for the Special Event that would allow alcohol sales outdoor in the tent and to allow for the partial road closure as stated above. Janice 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. A request from Benton & Associates to deduct \$294 from Hood Demolition & Excavation for a 21 sq foot sidewalk overpayment discovered during IDOT review of B&A's construction documentation file was presented. This deduction would be the final pay estimate #3 for the Safe Routes to School grant project. Mike S. made a motion to grant Benton & Associates the authority to straighten out the overpayment per their recommendation. Mike B. 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Trustees Report: Nothing to report.

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Brendan gave an update to the board that per Village Attorney, Mariah Wallace regarding the status of the old Antiquity building. Mariah's office has sent the current owners a Nuisance Notice and is waiting to receive a response. Various options for next steps were discussed. The board will wait for further information from Mariah.

Executive Session: There was no executive session.

Mike S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mike B. 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.