

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **May 3, 2021**. Present at roll call were Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, Mike Swisher, Amanda VanArsdale and Randy Jarvis. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. Trustees Jerry Nortup and Shane Reed were absent. Employees present were Hollie Allen, Arbry Vancil and Ronnie Gittings. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was absent. Guest's present were: Janice Smith, Shirley Linder, 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 April Board Meeting. The motion was 2nd by Mike S. It passed unanimously. Mike B. made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Randy 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Financial statements were presented for April. Randy made a motion to approve the financials. Mike S. 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Mike B. made a motion to adjourn the meeting to have newly elected members take their oath of office. Amanda 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 6:02pm.

Clerk Allen swore in Mayor Brendan Schaley and trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, Amanda VanArsdale and Janice Smith.

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm by Mayor Schaley with all board members except Shane Reed present.

Guests: No guest comments.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie is working with Automatic Systems to repair VFD#5 which was damaged during a recent storm. Ronnie explained that Westrum Leak Detection LLC (Annual Leak Detection survey) would send someone to the Village one time a year to listen for leaks in the system. Randy made a motion to approve a 3-year contract with Westrum Leak Detection for an annual price of \$ 900.00. Currently, we have not received any other estimates for Well rehabilitation. Ronnie is still working to get another estimate. The water/well levels are down a bit from last month. Well #5 pumps most of the day. Water usage is increasing. Lift station on Surrey Lane is not working properly, Ronnie is working to get the pump repaired. Randy Jarvis asked if the spray park would be up and running this year. It was determined to wait to see what parts are needed to repair the spray park and to see what the towns water usage/production is next month.

Police Report: Arb read the police report. The department had 78.5 hours worked, 4 training hours, 639 squad car miles, 3 traffic stops, 3 verbal warnings, 0 written warning, and 0 traffic ticket. There were 7 service calls, 1 assist, 37 business checks, and 1 arrest. No questions were asked regarding the police report. Arb also reported he is still working getting the Cushings system up and running.

Zoning Report: Mike S. notes the Zoning Board will meet May 19th for their regular scheduled meeting. Currently working on updating the permit application. Will bring back to board for approval.

Old Business: Discussing the Ameren franchise agreement and bulk water rates for the deep well were tabled due to Village Attorney Mariah Wallace's absence. Brendan presented 2 invoices from Automatic Systems for work recently done at the water plant on the VFD meter. Invoices totaled around \$4,000. The board feels this should be a warranty issue and would like to withhold paying until speaking to Automatic Systems, Mayor Schaley will contact them. Mike S. made a motion to approve the 2021/2022 Appropriation Ordinance as presented. Randy 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

New Business: 2021 Motor Fuel resolution estimate was presented in the amount of \$45,000. Mike B. made a motion to accept the estimate. 2nd by Mike S. It passed unanimously. Mayor Schaley also noted the previous year Motor Fuel audit had been completed and the Village was in compliance. Mike B. made a motion to hire Connor Woodbury for part time summer help as Connor worked out well last year. Randy 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Ronnie will contact Connor to arrange starting date. The position shall be paid minimum wage (\$11.00/hour).

Trustees Report: Mike Swisher thanked Jerry Nortrup for his years of service and dedication serving on the Stronghurst Village Board. Mike S. also noted April is Julie safe dig month. Brochures were passed out with info on when to call in a Julie dig request.

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Spring yard sales are scheduled May 14th & 15th. Clerk Allen noted after discussion with engineer Doug Erickson and after further review of requirements to apply for the WIRC CBDG grant, the Village will wait to apply for this grant. Village water/sewer rates are currently not at the 1% of the median household income margin as required in the grant details.

Executive Session: Randy made a motion to enter executive session at 6:42pm. Mike B. 2nd. All board members except Shane Reed were present at roll call upon entering executive session at 6:42 pm. Also present was Village Clerk, Hollie Allen. Employee compensation was discussed, and current pay rates were reviewed. Randy made a motion to exit executive session and return to regular session meeting. 2nd. by Mike S. at 7:08 pm.

Board enters regular meeting at 7:09 pm. Randy made a motion to give Ronnie Gittings a \$.75 raise, Matt Hicks and Jeff Nichols a \$.50 raise, and Arb Vancil a \$.25 raise effective May 10, 2021. Mike S. 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Randy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Amanda 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.