

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **November 4, 2024**. Present at roll call were Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, Amanda VanArsdale, Paige Torrance, Janice Smith, Mike Swisher and Nathan Harden. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. The employees present were Brittany Smith and Arbry Vancil. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was present. The guest present were Dave Knutstrom, Shirley Linder, Randy Jarvis, and Dillan Vancil.

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

Mike B. made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the October Board Meeting. The motion was 2nd by Janice. 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 October. Mike B. made a motion to approve the financials, Paige 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Guests: Dave Knutstrom voiced his concern on vehicles blocking the sidewalks and not creating a clear path to be walked down, Police chief Vancil has addressed this issue with the homeowner, and it will be removed. Randy Jarvis wanted to ask if the sidewalk in front of his can be finished now being replaced since the tree was removed from it. He also wanted to know if Stronghurst was ever going to be put on the other side of the water tower, Mayor Schaley informed him he would check into this again. Dillan Vancil just wanted to give the board an update on his building project, and he was able to get a different company to do the demolish at a cheaper rate, so the village expense will be less than what originally voted on. He will have an itemized bill at the next meeting.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie informed the board they have less than 30 new meters to complete the new meter project in town. They have been working with Dillan Vancil to get his building ready with water and sewer. They have also put in a new culvert at Main/Broadway where the new concrete work is being done and are just waiting to set the elevation before filling it all back in. Ronnie also reported that water levels are rising, they were at 35ft today, and is almost full at 40 ft.

Police Report: Arb read report.

Zoning Report: Next meeting is Wednesday November 13th at 5:00 p.m.

Old Business: Facility Plan was tabled, as Doug was not able to attend

New Business: Mayor Schaley called McGuire Iron on the water tank inspections that they owe us per the initial contract when the water tower was built, they owe the village inspections from 2019, 2021, and 2023. The previous manager to make this deal no longer works there, the current manager is now giving us more credits for previous years and will send someone down to do a visible inspection soon with and in depth one in 2025. Diana Doran presented out insurance for the new year 2025, rates have gone up and our premium will be \$19,665.00

Trustees Report: Nothing to report

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Nothing to report.

Executive Session: Mayor Schaley asked for a motion to enter executive session, reference employee matters. Paige made a motion to enter executive session, Janice 2nd the motion. The executive session entered at 6:36, all trustees, mayor Schaley, Village attorney Mariah Wallace, and employees Brittany Smith and Ronnie Gittings were present. Mayor Schaley presented that village employee Matt Hicks would be retiring soon and wanted to know if the board would like to keep him part time or find a full-time employee to start training for Ronnies position as he prepares for retirement as well in the next couple of years. The board will further discuss this at the next meeting. Mike B. made a motion to enter regular session, Amanda 2nd, regular session entered at 6:51 p.m.

Mike S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Janice 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brittany Smith Village Clerk/Treas.