The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **October 4, 2021**. Present at roll call were Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, Mike Swisher, Shane Reed and Randy Jarvis. Amanda VanArsdale (arrived at 6:06), Janice Smith was absent. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. Employees present were Arbry Vancil, Hollie Allen and Ronnie Gittings. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was present. Guest’s present were Dominic & Donna DelCarlo, Doug Erickson, David Knutstrom, and Shirley Linder.

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 September Board Meeting. The motion was 2nd by Mike S. It passed unanimously. Randy made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Mike B. 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Financial statements were presented for September. Shane made a motion to approve the financials. Mike S. 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Guests:** Dominic DelCarlo addressed the board regarding shrubs he had recently planted on the Village right of way, South of his home. Dominic and the board agreed to have him move the shrubs off the right of way.

**Water Superintendent Report**: Ronnie reports the new water mains have been installed on North Division and North Logan Streets. North Division Street is hooked up to the main. Ronnie is still trying to locate the main hook up for North Logan Street. An estimate from Automatic Systems was presented to replace VFD for well #5 for $6,112. Mike S. made a motion to buy the new VFD for well #5. Randy 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Water usage is down.

**Police Report**: Arb read the police report for September. The department had 81.5hours worked, 8 training hours, 600 squad car miles, 1 traffic stop, 0 verbal warnings, 0 written warning, and 3 traffic tickets. There were 11 service calls, 0 assist, 15 business checks, and 3 arrest. Total squad car mileage is 51407. No questions were asked regarding the police report.

**Zoning Report:** Doug Erickson from Benton & Associates presented the updated Zoning map for Stronghurst.

**Old Business:** Village Attorney is still waiting to hear back from Ameren regarding franchise fees. This will be tabled until November.

**New Business:**  Repairs are needed on the North side of the building at 102 S. Broadway. Shane will talk with Jeff Nichols about getting this on the schedule to be done. Mariah presented the board with an ordinance allowing the Village to hold property owners responsible for water bills instead of tenants at the discretion of the Village. Randy made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Mike B. 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Tree removal was discussed. So far this year there has been no trees removed. Tree in front of 108 S. Division on the Village right of way is dead and needs to be removed. Ronnie will contact Lee’s Tree Service to see if they would be interested in coming to town for a day of cutting like they previously have for a flat fee. The board instructed Ronnie to see if there were any other trees that needed to be removed. Trick or Treat will be Sunday, October 31st from 5:30-7:30.

**Trustees Report:**  Mike B. raised concern about exterior conditions of a house located at 402 S. East Street. There have been numerous complaints regarding roof, junk vehicles, and other trash. Village Attorney will send a letter to the owner. Shane would like to discuss upgrading the Ameren panel at the truck shed. It will be placed as an agenda item for the November meeting.

**Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report:** Nothing to report.

Mike B. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and to enter executive session to discuss Personnel matters. Amanda 2nd. Adjourned at 7:00 pm.

**Executive Session:**  Entered executive session at 7:00 pm with all board members present at roll call. Also present are Hollie Allen, and Mariah Wallace. Discussion regarding Police Department personnel.

7:14pm Shane Reed makes a motion to exit executive session and return to regular meeting. Mike B. 2nd.

Police committee chairman Mike B. will schedule a Police Committee meeting for Wednesday, October 13th at 5:30 pm.

Shane made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mike S. 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.