

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **October 8, 2024**. Present at roll call were Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, Amanda VanArsdale, Paige Torrance, and Nathan Harden. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. Trustees Janice Smith and Mike Swisher were absent. The employees present were Brittany Smith and Arbry Vancil. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was absent. The guest present were Resa George, Dillan Vancil, Alyssa Vancil, Jeff Lionberger, Shirley Linder, Dave Knutstrom, and Randy Jarvis.

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

Guests: Resa George was in attendance to express her concern on the cat problem in her area of town. Mayor Schaley explained to her that there is nothing the village or county can do with cats. Randy Jarvis wanted to thank the village employees for the removal of the tree in his yard so quickly and the storm clean up.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie talked to McGuire Iron, and they stated that they quit doing inspections for the water tower, per our contract they are to owe us five years' worth. Mayor Schaley will contact them and get this matter straightened out and water tank inspection set up. Ronnie stated that almost all new meters are in and hiring Jones Septic to dig up a few that will need new pits so he doesn't have to shut the road down since they can use their mini excavator to do so over the village backhoe. Water levels have also been going up and look great.

Police Report: Arb read report.

Zoning Report: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nathan stated there is a pending private party offer on the one abandoned property in town that was of concern. He will report back at the next meeting with an update.

New Business: Jeff Lionberger gave a presentation on solar panels for the village. Ameren is doing away with their net metering which takes away some benefit. Profit return takes about 1-4 years if no shading over panels is present. The village has a few sites they would like to investigate getting solar panels if show profitable. State funding runs from June 1-June 1 and decreases 4% each year. Mike B. will research this all more. Dillan Vancil, owner of DAME FINE Coffee, has recently purchased the old Rivals Building, he presented to the board the three businesses he will be bringing to town and would like assistance in tearing down the old existing structure at the front of the building. The board agreed to up to \$7000.00 in assistance, as he will give a bill to the board when completed. Trick or treat hours have been set for October 31, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Trustees Report: Nothing to report

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Nothing to report.

Executive Session: No Executive Session

Nathan made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Amanda 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brittany Smith Village Clerk/Treas.