

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **September 4th, 2018**. Present were Mayor Brendan Schaley and Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, David Vancil, Jerry Nortrup, Bruce Caldwell and Shane Reed. Trustee Amanda Kane was absent. Employees present were Ronnie Gittings, Hollie Allen and Arbry Vancil. Lawyer Bill Rasmussen was present. Guests present were Shirley Linder, Kevin Geary, Chris Cooper, David Vidler, Yvonne Knapp, Randy Jarvis and Rob Root.

Mayor Brendan Schaley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

David made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was 2nd by Jerry. It passed unanimously. Mike made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Jerry 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Shane made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented for August. Jerry 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Guests: Kevin Geary from the Henderson County Economic Development board was present to introduce himself and explain the purpose of the EDC. Chris Cooper from MSA was present with a project update and to present pay application #13 in the amount of \$9,400.25. After discussion regarding delays and malfunctions with portions of the electrical Mike made a motion to deny paying pay application #13. Jerry 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Yvonne Knapp from the Stronghurst Booster Club was present to invite the board to a Community Vision meeting that will be held Tuesday, October 2nd at 6:30 pm at the American Legion. This is an open meeting to the community which will focus on receiving input on community development opportunity zones. Randy Jarvis complimented on the recent ditch work and how nice it was looking. Rob Root asked to tear the sidewalk out in front of the entrance to Rivals on Main and put gravel, board said they saw no problem with that.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie gave an update on the water tower, the tower is now filled testing has been done as samples were taken to Galesburg and have come back good. Required paperwork was sent to the EPA. Permit should be coming soon. Reported Automatic Systems still has work that needs to be done. The touch screen is still not operating correctly after sending it to be fixed before. The screen is vital as it gives Ronnie info needed to know how many gallons of water are pumped, how many hours the pumps are running etc.

Police Report: Arbry read the police report. The department had 101.5 hours worked, 2 training hours, 431 squad car miles, 1 traffic stop, 0 verbal warning, 0 written warnings, and 0 traffic tickets. There were 5 service calls, 0 assist, 26 business checks and 0 arrests. No questions were asked of Arbry.

Old Business: It was decided to table the estimate to upgrade the park camera connection to the Village Hall until next spring.

New Business: City wide yard sales will be September 14th & 15th. Fall clean-up day will be October 5th. Hollie presented info in regards to available grant money in the amount of \$345.00 from the Illinois Public Risk Fund. Body worn cameras for law enforcement was an approved item to use the grant funds on so an estimate from Axon Enterprises which includes a 5 year contract was presented to the board.

Cost of the camera itself is \$499.00. Hollie informed the board Doran Insurance offered to pay the difference of the cost of the camera and the grant money that was awarded. Mike made a motion to accept the quote from Axon Enterprises and to pursue purchasing the body cam. Bruce 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. An estimate from Cole Implement to repair the zero turn mower was reviewed. Estimate to repair was \$3090.93. It was decided to pick the mower up from Cole's and store in the shed for the winter and a decision would be made at a later date as to what to do with the mower next.

Trustees Report: Shane would like to see more sidewalk repair done next year. Bruce mentioned he didn't think trustees should be paid for meetings they didn't attend. That will be discussed next month.

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Update was given regarding the GovPay credit card processing. From August 17-August 31 \$697.48 was collected from online credit card payments. Hollie presented info regarding "electronic" billing for the water bills. It was tabled until next month. Brendan thanked village employees for their hard work on the water main break earlier in the month.

Executive Session: Shane made a motion at 8:05pm to enter executive session to discuss employee matters. David 2nd the motion. Discussion was regarding proper way to handle conflicts among board members and employees and the possibility of end of the year bonus vs pay raise. Shane made a motion to exit executive session at 8:25pm. 2nd by Jerry.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Shane 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollie Allen– Village Clerk/Treas.