

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **September 3, 2024**. Present at roll call were Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, Mike Swisher, Amanda VanArsdale, Paige Torrance, Nathan Harden, and Janice Smith. Mayor Brendan Schaley was absent. The employees present were Brittany Smith and Daniel Moore. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was Present. The guest present were Shirley Linder, Dave Knutstrom, and Randy Jarvis.

Pro Tem Mayor Swisher called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Amanda made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the August Board Meeting. The motion was 2nd by Janice. It passed unanimously. Janice made a motion to approve payment of the bills, Nathan 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously. Financial statements were presented for August. Amanda made a motion to approve the financials, Paige 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

Guests: Dave wanted to correct the name that he presented for the recreational club, the correct name is West Central IL Recreational Association and would like to get on the October agenda to speak more about the improvements they would like to do at the pickle ball courts in the park. Randy wanted to give thanks to the village for the tree removal from his yard, and address a cat problem on S East St, village attorney advised him to call animal control or take them to a shelter.

Water Superintendent Report: Ronnie got the lead report back and all samples were below what they should be meaning the village passed all the tests and water is safe. He stated they got the storm damage cleaned up as quickly as possible. They are in the process of cleaning up more trees that were torn up or down. The NAP system is not in yet but should be soon.

Police Report: Mike B. read report.

Zoning Report: Nothing to report. Next meeting is September 18, 2024, at 5:00 pm.

Old Business: Mike Swisher got an estimate from Tim Thompson Contracting, for the sidewalk repairs in front of Fishers, the corner of main/Broadway. The work will include removing the existing concrete gutter line on the west side of the parking lot running

south to north from west side entrance to the street corner. The estimate was for \$12,000, Ronnie will replace the existing culvert during this work as well. Nathan made a motion to approve the sidewalk repairs for \$12,000 to be done by Tim Thompson Contracting, Mike B. 2nd the motion, it passed unanimously.

New Business: Village Attorney Mariah Wallace presented the levy ordinance to the village board, Mike B. made a motion to approve the levy ordinance, Janice 2nd the motion, it passed unanimously. Brittany presented an estimate from Fenix to replace current endpoints that are no longer working from an old company, the estimate was for 140 meters at \$12,460. That many meters are not needed as the village ordered extra on their last order. 100 meters will be purchased instead, totaling \$8900. Mike B made a motion to approve the purchase of the meters, Janice 2nd the motion, it passed unanimously. The annual audit was presented to the board, the village audit was found in good standing with no discrepancies. The board asked village attorney Mariah Wallace about some abandon properties around town and what the next steps were in getting them torn down or condemned, the board would like to see 402 South East St. and 402 N Elizabeth taken care of immediately. These houses are not properly maintained nor within city ordinance. The village attorney will take the next steps with these properties.

Trustees Report: Mike Swisher would like to thank the booster club for putting on the Farmers market this year as well as all the vendors. Nathan would like to thank the city workers for the quick and great work of the storm clean up. Paige reported that the Christmas Walk has been set with the booster club for November 22, 2024 and the Christmas parade will be December 6, 2024.

Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report: Nothing to report.

Executive Session: No Executive Session

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Brittany Smith Village Clerk/Treas.

