

STATE OF ILLINOIS                    }       HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN               } SS.       December 15, 2021  
VILLAGE OF STONINGTON             }

The Health & Safety Committee met on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

The Meeting was called to order by President Bruce Dowdy with the following members present:

Trustees: David Blakeman, called in; Tara Ramsey; Tammy Wilson, Andrew Callan, Korey Bailey, and Anthony Rusher

Office Manager: Debbie Niles

The board meeting originally scheduled for January 3, 2022, needs to be rescheduled due to January 3, 2022, being the observed holiday for New Year's Day. The meeting was rescheduled for Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 7 p.m.

A discussion was held about hiring part-time police officers and the starting wage amount. Trustee Rusher was informed by Chief of Police Peden that our starting wage and pay is too low. After researching area wages for part-time police officers, the decision was made to pay part-time officers with no experience \$16 an hour. Once they have passed part-time training, or if they already are certified and have training, they will receive \$18 an hour. Current part-time officers will receive \$18 an hour. A discussion was also held regarding needing more coverage at different times of the day.

The use of propane tanks in the village was discussed. Trustee Blakeman provided information he received from the State Fire Marshall, Taylorville Fire Department and Willey's Coop on the use of propane tanks. The State Fire Marshall said they must follow the following regulations: Illinois reg. 41 ILL Adm. Code 200, NFPA 58, and NFPA 54. After much discussion, the board agreed to only allow 120-gallon pigs. They must adhere to a minimum distance of five feet from the opening of a building, and a minimum distance of ten feet from a source of ignition. Customers must notify the village if they are using a propane tank on their property, and the village will in turn notify the Stonington Fire Department.

The part-time office position was discussed. The board agreed the position should be a temporary position until Kari Scott decides after 30-60 days if she wants to continue working full time. If a temporary part time person is hired, the starting pay would be \$13 an hour. Kari's wage will be increased to \$18 an hour in January when she assumes the full-time office position. A wage increase for her position will be revisited once she decides to accept the full time on a permanent basis.

The treasurer position was discussed. If the current treasurer chooses not to continue in the position, a new treasurer will be considered at \$300 a month wage and will need to take over some of the treasurer duties now being done in the office.

At 7:42 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Bailey and seconded by Rusher.

APPROVED:

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Bruce Dowdy, Village President

ATTEST:

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Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk