



The Water Report for the month of January was presented to the Board for their approval. **Motion** made by Callan, seconded by Rybolt, that the Water Report be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

The Sewer Report for the month of January was presented to the Board for their approval. **Motion** made by Wilson, seconded by Ramsey, that the Sewer Report be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

The Police Report for the month of January was presented to the Board for their approval. **Motion** made by Rybolt, seconded by Blakeman, that the Police Report be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

Bills against the Village were presented for the approval of the Board. **Motion** made by Blakeman, seconded by Callan, to approve and issue warrants for all bills. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

Zoning Officer’s Report: There were no zoning permits in the month of January.

President’s Report: President Dowdy appointed John LeVault as Zoning Officer.

President Dowdy nominated village resident, Korey Bailey, to fill the vacant board seat. Motion was made by Blakeman, seconded by Callan, to accept President Dowdy’s nomination of Korey Bailey. The motion passed unanimously with all “Yea” votes. Korey was sworn in by President Dowdy.

President Dowdy revised the committee assignments as follows:

David Blakeman – Finance Chairman  
Tammy Wilson – Gas Chairwoman  
Korey Bailey - Sewer Chairman

The liquor license for Stoney Slots, LLC that was approved at the January 6, 2020 board meeting needs to be rescinded because it was not on the agenda. President Dowdy asked for a motion to rescind the liquor license to Stoney Slots, LLC. Motion by Wilson, seconded by Callan, to rescind the approval of the liquor license for Stoney Slots LLC. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

President Dowdy welcomed Dan Marron from The Triangle Pub to the table. Mr. Marron voiced his opposition to another business coming to town with gaming machines. He feels that if another business comes to town it will be detrimental to The Triangle Pub as business and tips will be taken away from his employees.

Coleen Davis of ME Gaming in support of Dan Marron and The Triangle Pub was welcomed to the table. Ms. Davis stated that when the Gaming Board first allowed gaming it was for service clubs, like the Eagles, restaurants, and bars. Within a ½ hour

or a 24-mile radius of Stonington, there are 122 locations with over 600 machines where people can gamble.

Lynn Yeaman from Stoney Slots, LLC to the table. She is requesting approval for a liquor license for Stoney Slots, LLC. Stoney Slots, LLC has been registered, they have received their tax id number, and dram shop insurance. They will be hiring 4-5 employees. She stated there they will not be serving food nor install a kitchen. They will sell beer, wine, and soda. Their hours of operation will be 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 midnight.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve a liquor license to Stoney Slots, LLC. Motion made by Rybolt, seconded by Wilson, to issue a liquor license to Stoney Slots, LLC. Motion passed with a roll call vote that went as follows: Blakeman “Yea”; Rybolt “Yea”; Ramsey, “Yea”; Wilson “Yea”; Callan “Yea”; and Bailey “Yea”. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy welcomed Brandon Rarick from ACTS, LLC to the table. Mr. Rarick spoke to the board about the non-exclusive franchise agreement for fiber optic internet service infrastructure. ACTS, LLC provides streaming service that works through an app. You will have to have a firestick or Roku and or a Chromecast and works through the internet through fiber. There is no data limit, no contract, and you can keep you current phone number.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to enter into the non-exclusive franchise agreement with ACTS, LLC. Motion made by Blakeman, seconded by Bailey, to enter into the non- exclusive franchise agreement with ACTS, LLC. Motion passed with a roll call vote that went as follows: Blakeman “Yea”; Rybolt “Yea”; Ramsey, “Yea”; Wilson “Yea”; Callan “Yea”; and Bailey “Yea”. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy reported that the advertising for the mowing bids will be going out and will be sharing the advertisement with the Stonington Park District. The bids are to be turned back in Monday, March 2, 2020, so they can be opened at the March 2, 2020 meeting.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to advertise for mowing bids for the 2020 season. Motion by Blakeman, seconded by Bailey, to authorize the advertising for the mowing bids and sharing the advertisement with the Stonington Park District. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy discussed with the Board the employee HSA health insurance plans. He would like to improve the HSA plans for the employees which includes lowering the co-pays and the deductibles. The insurance group has submitted one bid with ten policies on it. President Dowdy, Debbie Niles, and David Blakeman will be meeting with the insurance group on Friday to go over the policies and will try to pick four or five to present at the March meeting.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to deposit money in the employee’s HSA account.

Motion made by Rybolt, seconded by Blakeman, to deposit \$3,500 per employee in the HSA account. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Legacy Grain is going to be asking for a temporary construction easement based off a rail extension that is going to cross south end of West Street. The easement is for going across West Street for extending the rail.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to accept Legacy Grain's Temporary Construction Easement. Motion by Callan, seconded by Bailey, to accept Legacy Grain's temporary Construction Easement. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy welcomed Engineer Mark Bingham to the table. Mark updated the Board on the water treatment plant update and water main replacement projects. They received five bids for the water treatment plant upgrade and the water main replacement received four bids.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve Ordinance number 20-670. Motion by Blakeman, seconded by Rybolt, to approve Ordinance number 20-670, An Ordinance of The Village of Stonington, Illinois, To Amend Prior Ordinance Number 19-660. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve Notice of Intent to Award Water Treatment Plant Upgrades to Burdick Plumbing & Heating Co. Inc. Motion by Callan, seconded by Wilson, to award the Notice of Intent to Award Water Treatment Plant Upgrades to Burdick Plumbing & Heating Co. Inc. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve Notice of Intent to Award Water Main Replacement to Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating, LLC. Motion by Callan, seconded by Blakeman, to award the Notice of Intent to Award Water Main Replacement to Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating, LLC. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Engineer Bingham discussed the GIS/GPS quote with IRWA. President Dowdy asked for a motion to table the GIS/GPS quote with IRWA until March. Motion by Blakeman, seconded by Bailey, to take the GIS/GPS quote with IRWA. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy welcomed Debbie Niles to the table to discuss and answer any questions regarding the new utility billing software quote from Continental Utility Solutions, Inc. They have submitted a new quote for \$9,740.00 that has some additional add-ons since that last quote from July 25, 2019 that was \$8,075.00.

The computer Debbie uses is Windows 7, which is not supported anymore. Their IT person suggested that a separate server be purchased. Without a separate server we are more likely to get viruses. If a server is purchased, it will already have the programming installed and it will just need to be plugged in. The server cost is \$1,025.00.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to purchase the Utility Billing Software upgrade and purchase a separate server to receive the discount from Continental Utility Solutions, Inc. Motion by Rybolt, seconded by Blakeman, to purchase the Utility Billing Software upgrade and purchase a separate server with Continental Utility Solutions, Inc. for \$10,765.00. Motion passed with a roll call vote that went as follows: Blakeman “Yea”; Rybolt “Yea”; Ramsey, “Yea”; Wilson “Yea”; Callan “Yea”; and Bailey “Yea”. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy welcomed Kyle Parks to the table. He asked the Board again if the Village could put some dirt in the ditch in front of his house to level the yard out so it would be easier to mow or if the culvert could be cleaned out. Jake has found some tile in the culvert and would like to get it dug up to see if they could find out why the ditch is not draining.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent’s Report: Nothing to report.

WATER – The Water Report for November 22-December 30, 2019 billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for November 22-December 30, 2019 billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for November 22-December 30, 2019 billing period was presented.

Committee Reports: STREETS & ALLEYS: Nothing to report.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Trustee Rybolt would like to schedule a Committee at Large meeting to revisit the leaf burning ordinance and discuss health insurance plans. A Committee meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

FINANCE – Nothing to report.

WATER – Nothing to report.

SEWER – Nothing to report.

GAS – Nothing to report.

President Dowdy set the date and time for the February Regular Meeting as Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

With no further business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Blakeman,

seconded by Callan, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

APPROVED:

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Bruce Dowdy, Village President

ATTEST:

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Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk