

STATE OF ILLINOIS }
COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN } SS. July 5, 2023
VILLAGE OF STONINGTON }

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

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

Trustees: Tara Ramsey, Tammy Wilson, Andrew Callan, Anthony Rusher (Via GoToMeeting), Jeff Graham, and Caleb Grover
Clerk: Jill Gilpin
Treasurer: Debbie Niles (Absent)
Superintendent: Jake Heberling
Village Engineer: Rajita Singhal (Absent)
Village Attorney: Scott Garwood (Absent)
Chief of Police: Travis Peden
Officer Manager: Kari Scott
Zoning Officer: John LeVault (Via GoToMeeting)

Others in attendance: Kim Brown, Village resident

Minutes from June 5, 2023, regular meeting was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Wilson, that the minutes be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

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

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

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

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

The Police Report was presented for the month of June to the Board for their approval.

Motion made by Rusher, seconded by Ramsey, 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 Callan, seconded by Rusher, to approve and issue warrants for all bills. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer LeVault issued two zoning permits in the month of June.

Permit # 789-23 to Bruce and Jackie Dowdy located at 111 Airshire Ct. for a gazebo.

Permit # 790-23 to Dale and Betty Klay located at 501 W. Second for an addition.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve the Zoning Report for the month of June. Motion made by Wilson, seconded by Grover, to approve the Zoning report for the month of June. Motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

President's Report:

President Dowdy asked for a motion to grant the liquor license to Casey's General Store. Motion by Callan, seconded by Wilson, to grant the liquor license to Casey's General Store. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to grant the liquor license to The American Legion. Motion by Graham, seconded by Callan, to grant the liquor license to The American Legion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy discussed changing the Principal Authority on the Illinois Funds account from Christine Lerch to Debbie Niles and Kari Scott. President Dowdy asked for a motion to remove Christine Lerch as the Principal Authority on the Illinois Funds account and add Debbie Niles and Kari Scott as the Principal Authority.

Motion made by Wilson, seconded by Ramsey, to remove Christine Lerch as the Principal Authority for the Illinois Funds and add Debbie Niles and Kari Scott as Principal Authority to the Illinois Funds account. Motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy started the discussion of switching engineers from Chastain & Associates LLC to Mark Bingham. The only contract that President Dowdy is aware of with Chastain & Associates LLC is the current contract regarding the water plant project. Chastain & Associates LLC are obligated to finish the water plant project punch list. Burdick Plumbing & Heating, Inc. is waiting on parts to install a pump and there are a couple of other small items on the punch list to finish.

Mark Bingham used to be the Engineer for the Village and has started his own business. He knows our systems, upgrades, was involved with the GIS mapping, and

just basically knows the outlay of the town. He continues to help Superintendent Heberling.

President Dowdy stated the only new project on the horizon is putting in a new well. If Mark was the Village Engineer, he suggested compiling a list of updates or installations that need to be done and he would submit a letter to the EPA to be considered in next year's grants. This letter to the EPA needs to be submitted by September 1, 2023.

Mark does have a rate sheet and he has no binding contracts. If he were hired for the work on the new well project, he would have a contract as the Engineer for that project.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to hire as Mark Bingham of Bingham Professional Services, PLLC, as the Village Engineer moving forward and turning in paperwork to see about getting a grant for next year for a well. Motion made by Rusher, seconded by Ramsey, to hire Mark Bingham of Bingham Professional Services, PLLC as Village Engineer moving forward and turning in paperwork to see about getting a grant for next year for a well. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy mentioned the leaky gas valves have been replaced and the only other leaky gas valve that needs to be replaced is at the hub. The Village received a quote from Utility Safety & Design, Inc. (USDI) for Town boarder station valve replacement and removal at a cost of \$6,591.20. ARPA funds can be used for the replacement of this leaky gas valve.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to accept the bid from Utility Safety & Design, Inc. (USDI) up to \$7,500.00, using ARPA funds, to replace the leaky gas valve at the hub. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Graham, to accept the bid from Utility Safety & Design, Inc. (USDI) up to \$7,500.00, using ARPA funds, to replace the leaky gas valve at the hub. Motion passed with a roll call vote that went as follows: Wilson "Yea"; Rusher "Yea"; Ramsey "Yea"; Grover "Yea"; Graham "Yea", and Callan "Yea". Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Village Engineer Report: Nothing to report.

President reported quotes have been received from Trimble Construction, Inc. for phase 2 of the Village shop. The new roof was installed a year and a half ago. The construction or rebuilding of the shop can be paid for out of the TIF fund. This will be put on the August agenda.

Trustee Rusher suggested finding out if it is a Morton Building since, they have a lifetime warranty and suggested trying to get more bids for the construction of the Village shop.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Heberling reported a letter was received from the EPA and now a second sample of the sewer plant will have to be taken every month.

Superintendent Heberling reported the cathodic on the gas system is getting lower because there is a short in it and they are trying to find it. He also reported that all the dirt has been hauled away for free from the sewer plant.

President Dowdy reported that two houses in town have been torn down and waiting for another house to get cleaned out in order for it to be torn down.

Trustee Graham questioned if the Village is responsible trimming for the tree limbs that overhang on the streets. President Dowdy stated the Village can trim the tree limbs.

WATER – The Water Report for April 29, 2023 – May 31, 2023, billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for April 29, 2023 – May 31, 2023, billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for April 29, 2023 – May 31, 2023, billing period was presented.

Committee Reports: STREETS & ALLEYS – Nothing to report.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Trustee Rusher reported a resident questioned him if there is a set day for brush pickup.

Superintendent Heberling stated it used to be the first Friday of every month and now it seems to be done weekly.

FINANCE – Trustee Wilson asked if sidewalks will be repaired this year.

Superintendent Heberling stated that he is having a hard time receiving bids for sidewalk repair to be done and he stated that the company doing the sidewalk repair has to be insured.

WATER – Nothing to report.

SEWER – Trustee Grover stated a resident questioned how they go about getting a copy of the Leaf Burning ordinance. President Dowdy stated all the Village's Ordinances are online or they can get a copy from the Village Hall.

GAS – Trustee Callan reported that gas prices from yesterday the Panhandle was \$2.08 and the futures is \$3.31.

President Dowdy set the date and time for the August Regular Meeting as August 7,

2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

With no further business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Callan, seconded by Wilson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

APPROVED:

Bruce Dowdy, Village President

ATTEST:

Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk