

STATE OF ILLINOIS }
COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN } SS.
VILLAGE OF STONINGTON }

REGULAR MEETING
June 1, 2020 – Via GoToMeeting

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session Monday, June 1, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

Trustees: David Blakeman, via GoToMeeting; Nathan Rybolt, Tara Ramsey, Tammy Wilson, via GoToMeeting; Andrew Callan, and Korey Bailey
Clerk: Jill Gilpin
Treasurer: Christine Lerch, via GoToMeeting
Superintendent: Jeff Tumiati, via GoToMeeting
Village Engineer: Mark Bingham (Absent)
Village Attorney: Scott Garwood (Absent)
Chief of Police: Travis Peden, via GoToMeeting
Officer Manager: Debbie Niles, via GoToMeeting
Zoning Officer: John LeVault

Others in attendance: Jake Heberling, Asst. Superintendent, via GoToMeeting

Minutes of the regular meeting May 4, 2020 were presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Blakeman, seconded by Bailey, that the minutes be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

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

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

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

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

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

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer LeVault issued three zoning permits in the month of May.

Permit #754-20 was issued to Patty Allen, located at 510 W. Wabash for a fence.

Permit #755-20 was issued to Brian Ford at 306 W. Wabash for a fence.

Permit #756-20 was issued to Scott Swigert at 205 N. Maple for an attached car port.

President's Report: President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve the Zoning report. Motion by Blakeman, seconded by Bailey, to approve the Zoning report. Motion passed by all "Yea" vote.

President Dowdy reported that the Village Hall has officially reopened. A glass barrier has been installed at the counter in the office for the safety of the office workers and the public.

Public Works employees are all back to work today and they have been dealing with a water main break all day.

President Dowdy reported the budget will be presented at the July board meeting. He had received an email from the State informing us that the budget can be posted 60 days after the limitations are lifted. He has been in contact with the Auditor to see if it has to be prepared in July or if the time limit for the audit has been extended.

Since the COVID-19 there have been no utility shut-offs done for two months. In mid-June notices will be sent out to residents who are delinquent on their utility bills. Residents will be given a grace period of four months to pay the delinquent amount plus whatever their current bill amount is or shut-offs will be done until their utility bill is paid. This is to try to get delinquent residents caught up before winter hits and the gas prices go up.

Notifications will also be sent out mid-June informing the residents of the new leaf burning ordinance that went into effect March 2, 2020. Since the COVID-19 hit, President Dowdy chose not to enforce the ordinance to give the residents a chance to go outside and take care of their yards.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Village Engineer's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Tumiaty reiterated President Dowdy's report on the water main break. This is the worst corrosion leak that he has seen in a decade. Lots of water had been lost. Debbie reported to Tumiaty that the Village hit low water level by mid-day today.

Tumiaty reported that he found a bad sewer leak at the Community Center. The leak would go to North Street and on to the main lift station. He will see what needs to be done to get it fixed.

WATER – The Water Report for March 27-April 23, 2020 billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for March 27-April 23, 2020 billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for March 27-April 23, 2020 billing period was presented.

Committee Reports: STREETS & ALLEYS: Trustee Ramsey asked if the stop sign at Main and Division ever got stood back up. Officer Peden reported the stop sign is property of the State of Illinois and they need to be notified.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Nothing to report.

FINANCE – Trustee Blakeman mentioned there is a Knox Box program that will be coming out for residents to check into and see if they would like to participate.

WATER – Nothing to report.

SEWER – Nothing to report.

GAS – Nothing to report.

Office manager Debbie Niles reported the billing software is still being worked on.

President Dowdy reported the Legacy Grain's request to close Walnut from Jack Detro to American Legion Drive due to the elevator's expansion will be a four month process.

President Dowdy set the date and time for the July Regular Meeting as Monday, July 6, 2020 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 Bailey, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:22 p.m. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

APPROVED:

Bruce Dowdy, Village President

ATTEST:

Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk