

STATE OF ILLINOIS }
COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN } SS. June 3, 2024
VILLAGE OF STONINGTON }

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session Monday, June 3, 2024, 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, Jeff Graham, Caleb Grover, and Scott Kuntzman
Clerk: Jill Gilpin (Absent)
Treasurer: Debbie Niles
Superintendent: Jake Heberling
Village Engineer: Mark Bingham (Absent)
Village Attorney: Scott Garwood (Absent)
Chief of Police: Travis Peden
Officer Manager: Kari Scott
Zoning Officer: John LeVault

Others in attendance: Elizabeth Wood, *Breeze-Courier*, Stonington Park District: Gerry Gilpin, Village residents: Kim Brown, David Blakeman (via goto), Officer Phil Deal

Minutes from May 6, 2024, regular meeting was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Tara Ramsey, seconded by Tammy Wilson, that the minutes be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

Minutes from May 6, 2024, Executive Session was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Tammy Wilson, seconded by Scott Kuntzman, that the minutes be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

Minutes from the May 29, 2024, committee meeting was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Jeff Graham, seconded by Tara Ramsey, 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 May to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Tammy Wilson, seconded by Tara 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 May to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Andrew Callan, seconded by Jeff Graham, 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 May to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Caleb Grover, seconded by Scott Kuntzman, 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 May to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Scott Kuntzman, seconded by Tammy Wilson, 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 May to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Jeff Graham, seconded by Caleb Grover, 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 Tammy Wilson, seconded by Scott Kuntzman, to approve and issue warrants for all bills. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

Zoning Officer’s Report: Zoning Officer LeVault issued no zoning permits in the month of May.

President’s Report: President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve An Ordinance 24-694 Appropriating Taxes for Corporate and Special Purposes for the Current Fiscal Year Commencing on the 1st Day of May, 2024, and Ending the 30th Day of April, 2025. Motion made by Tammy Wilson, seconded by Tara Ramsey, to approve Ordinance 24-694 Appropriating Taxes for Corporate and Special Purposes for the Current Fiscal Year Commencing on the 1st Day of May, 2024, and Ending the 30th Day of April, 2025. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy brought up the discussion of the TIF Application for the Stonington Park District. Total applied for was \$92,041.20. Eligible costs were \$83,950.00.

Trustee Wilson suggested 75% at \$62,962.50.

Trustee Callan suggested rounding up to an even \$63,000.00.

After much discussion, the board decided on awarding \$63,000.00 of TIF funds to the Stonington Park District. Motion was made by Andrew Callan, seconded by Tammy Wilson. Motion passed with 6-0 votes.

Resolution No. 24-457, A Resolution Providing for the Use of Tax Increment Financing Funds for Certain Park District Improvement Projects. Motion made by Tammy Wilson, seconded by Scott Kuntzman, to approve Resolution No. 24-457, A Resolution Providing for the Use of Tax Increment Financing Funds for Certain Park District Improvement Projects. Motion made by Tammy Wilson, seconded by Scott Kuntzman. A roll call vote was made: Wilson- Yea, Graham- Yea, Ramsey- Yea, Callan- Yea, Grover- Yea, Kuntzman- Yea. Motion passed with all Yea votes.

President Dowdy welcomed Superintendent Jake Heberling to talk about purchasing a mini excavator.

Heberling stated that he got a bid on 3 excavators. The cheapest bid was from CAT for \$81,722.00. He said that CAT came with an 84-month, 2,000 hour warranty. Instead of purchasing the additional attachments, they can be rented from the company.

Trustee Wilson suggested that the Village put \$20,000.00 down to make financing payments lower.

President Dowdy entertained a motion to purchase the excavator from CAT in the amount of \$81,722.00, with a down payment of \$20,000.00 paid to CAT. Financing to be done through U.S. Bank in Taylorville. Motion made by Tara Ramsey, seconded by Tammy Wilson. A roll call vote was made: Wilson- Yea, Graham- Yea, Ramsey- Yea, Callan- Yea, Grover- Yea, Kuntzman- Yea. Motion passed with all Yea votes.

Superintendent Heberling brought up purchasing a trailer to haul the excavator. Stephen's Trailer Sales has a Corn Pro Cushion Tilt for \$12,200.00.

President Dowdy entertained a motion to purchase the Corn Pro Cushion Tilt Trailer with understanding there may be additional charges for tax, title, license. Motion was made by Andrew Callan, seconded by Scott Kuntzman. A roll call vote was made: Kuntzman- Yea, Grover- Yea, Callan- Yea, Ramsey- Yea, Graham- Yea, Wilson- Yea. Motion passed with all Yea votes.

President Dowdy reminded the board that the new employee interviews start tomorrow night at 6:00pm.

Village Engineer Report: Nothing to report

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Reported that Billy is currently in Sewer training.

Officer Peden stated that he sent out 31 notices for tall grass and junk vehicles. He mentioned that 211 S. Elm needs to be mowed and cautioned that there are things in the yard that may damage the Village mower. He suggested mowing and lien the property.

Peden stated Norfolk Southern had a train that derailed that had multiple new trucks on it. They donated a truck for police training.

President Dowdy asked if the oldest squad was ready to be put out for bids. Officer Peden stated that the only thing left in it was the cage, which does the Village no good.

Treasurer Debbie Niles brought up the discussion of the CD at FNB. She said the \$15,000 CD the Village currently has, expires Saturday. She asked about specials FNB may be having right now. Current offers 9 months/4.25%, 15 months/4.0%.

A motion was entertained to close out the CD and collect the funds until a future date. Motion made by Wilson, seconded by Ramsey. A roll call vote was taken: Wilson- Yea, Graham- Yea, Ramsey- Yea. Callan- Yea, Grover- Yea, Kuntzman- Yea. Motion passed with hall Yea votes.

Treasurer Niles asked if Tammy was talked to about being reimbursed for half of the cost of having a tree limb cut down. Tammy stated she had but the customer had the limb cut before the board approved.

Office Manager Kari Scott asked if anyone had been around to check out what side walks needed repaired. A customer called the office questioning if hers was going to be repaired.

WATER – The Water Report for March 29, 2024 – April 30, 2024, billing period was presented. Water Loss Report for the month of April, 2024 was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for March 29, 2024 – April 30, 2024, billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for April 2024, billing period was presented.

Committee Reports: STREETS & ALLEYS – Trustee Ramsey asked if there was a date set for oiling and chipping the roads.

Superintendent Heberling stated it would be the 3rd or 4th week of July.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Nothing to report.

FINANCE – Trustee Wilson thanked Jake Heberling for getting the mosquitos sprayed for.

WATER – Nothing to report. (Grover)

SEWER – Nothing to report. (Kuntzman)

GAS – Nothing to report.

President Dowdy set the date and time for the July Regular Meeting as July 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

With no further business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Graham, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Motion passed by all “Yea”

votes.

APPROVED:

Bruce Dowdy, Village President

ATTEST:

Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk