

STATE OF ILLINOIS	}	REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN	} SS.	June 7, 2021
VILLAGE OF STONINGTON	}	Via GoToMeeting and in person

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session Monday, June 7, 2021, 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: David Blakeman, via GoToMeeting; Tara Ramsey, Tammy Wilson, Andrew Callan, and Korey Bailey

Clerk: Jill Gilpin

Treasurer: Christine Lerch via GoToMeeting

Superintendent: Jake Heberling

Village Engineer: Mark Bingham, via GoToMeeting

Village Attorney: Scott Garwood (Absent)

Chief of Police: Travis Peden (Absent)

Officer Manager: Debbie Niles

Zoning Officer: John LeVault

Others in attendance: Steve Boldini, Village resident and Alisha Brown, Village Resident

Minutes from the May 3, 2021, regular meeting was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Blakeman, seconded by Wilson, that the minutes be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

Minutes from the May 3, 2021, adjourned meeting was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Ramsey, 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 Wilson, seconded by Callan, 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 Callan, 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 Wilson, 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 Ramsey, 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 Ramsey, seconded by Callan, 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 Wilson, seconded by Ramsey, to approve and issue warrants for all bills. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

Zoning Officer’s Report: Zoning Officer LeVault issued one zoning permit in the month of May.

Permit # 770-21 to Gary Mendenhall, located at 305 S Main, for a garage.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve the Zoning Report for the month of May. Motion made by Bailey, seconded by Callan, to approve the Zoning report for the month of May. Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

President’s Report: President Dowdy welcomed Steve Boldini to the table. Mr. Boldini questioned the \$5.00 meter fee on the utility bill. After looking at the minutes from the March 7, 2016, Board meeting, the \$5.00 a month meter change out fee will sunset after eight years.

President Dowdy welcomed Alisha Brown to the table. Ms. Brown asked the Board for a permit to allow her to have chickens at her house as pets.

President Dowdy explained that it was allowed in the past because the chickens were for a 4-H project that turned into a FFA project. The Board decided pending further review that Ms. Brown is allowed to keep the chickens on her property.

A committee meeting on Health & Safety was scheduled for Monday, June 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall to discuss the ordinance.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 21-676. Motion by Blakeman, seconded by Callan, to approve ORDINANCE 21-676, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING TAXES FOR CORPORATE AND SPECIAL PURPOSES FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF May, 2021, AND ENDING ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2022. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

President Dowdy reported that he attended a Route 48 meeting to discuss the young individuals that have been killed on Route 48 in the last six months. The meeting was attended by the Illinois State Police, Christian County Sheriff, Congressman Rodney Davis, Illinois State Representative Avery Bourne and a representative from Illinois State Senator Doris Turner’s office.

The Illinois State Police presented some studies that have been done on Route 48 and it shows that accidents have increased and more severe. They are making an effort to watch Route 48 for distracted driving or hints of drowsy driving that appears to have contributed to two of those accidents. They mentioned that an average individual that has been up for 16 hours a day is almost the equivalent to legally being drunk by your mindset.

President Dowdy did get in contact with Illinois Department of Transportation. They have been in town cleaning out culverts that are contributing to the water problem. They will be back in August or September as it heats up and dries up to clean out the culvert that goes underneath the highway and goes over the railroad track. The railroad is going to redo their side of it, which they must do to expand the rail track anyway.

President Dowdy inquired if Superintendent Heberling has had heard from the people to fix the ditch across from the Triangle Pub.

Superintendent Heberling said he has been in contact with them, and they are waiting on a new mini excavator which is expected to be here in July. He will continue to stay in contact with him.

President Dowdy reported that after the Route 48 meeting, Officer Peden spoke with Illinois State Representative Avery Borne about the storm siren funding. She requested that we provide her information.

President Dowdy found the email from former Illinois State Senator Manar's office stating that the siren funding was permanently on hold pending the COVID. The funding was supposed to come from the gaming tax budget which got shut down due to COVID. So hopefully when the state opens up and is running again, Illinois State Representative Avery Bourne will be able to help the Village get the funding to fix the storm siren.

President Dowdy discussed a letter received from Village resident Scott Swigert regarding a neighboring house and its condition. The letter mentions a hole in the side of the house and animals going in and out of the house. The son of the homeowner has been contacted and will try to get repairs done to keep the animals from coming in and out of the house.

President reported he attended a meeting at the courthouse regarding the American Rescue Plan Act funding that the President has now issued to the state.

The state has the money and there are ways the Village can get the funding. The Village's portion is \$104,521.46. That amount would be issued in two separate payments from the State. One payment this year and one next year, totally \$104,521.46. There is a lot of paperwork involved to receive the funding.

Village Engineer Report: Engineer Bingham reported that the water treatment plant is moving ahead. There was a group meeting earlier last week and they talked about

scheduling switching over the old plant to the new plant. Programming for the new plant will start on Monday, June 14, 2021, for troubleshooting the new equipment.

Engineer Bingham requested the following disbursement requests for the water project:

Burdick Plumbing & Heating, Inc. ....	\$118,165.50
Chastain & Associates, LLC .....	\$3,780.87

President Dowdy asked for a motion to pay the requested disbursements of \$118,165.50 for Burdick Plumbing & Heating, Inc. and, \$3,780.87 for the engineering costs. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Bailey, to pay the requested disbursements of \$118,165.50 for Burdick Plumbing & Heating, Inc. and, \$3,780.87 for the engineering costs. Motion passed with 5-0 vote.

Engineer Bingham gave a brief update on where the Village is budget wise with the project. As of right now the village is under budget with regards to the loan.

Engineer Bingham reported that the MFT has not been scheduled. As of right now the plans are to oil and chip roads in the Village. But more discussion needs to be made on anything else that needs to be done.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Heberling reported the sickle mower is broke. It is old and from Italy and it is hard to get parts for it. He asked the Board about pursuing replacing it. The Board advised getting bids for a new one for further discussion.

Superintendent Heberling inquired about purchasing GIS/GPS Mapping. The old bid was approximately \$7,500 and it has a \$500 year maintenance fee to pay to the engineer for the mapping system every year. The gas valves and the fire hydrants have already been done. This would help to map the water meters and water valves system in the Village. No further action was taken. The GIS/GPS Mapping will be put on next meeting's agenda for further discussion.

WATER – The Water Report for April 21 – May 21, 2021, billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for April 21 – May 21, 2021, billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for April 21 – May 21, 2021, billing period was presented.

Committee Reports: STREETS & ALLEYS – Nothing to report.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Nothing to report.

FINANCE – Nothing to report.

WATER – Trustee Callan inquired about the Village Pantry building. President Dowdy said it is in the hands of a business management company and has not received any responses to emails that he has sent.

SEWER – Nothing to report.

GAS – Trustee Blakeman reported that he is getting gas reports daily just to keep on top of things.

President Dowdy set the date and time for the July Regular Meeting as Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

With no further business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Bailey, seconded by Ramsey, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 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