

STATE OF ILLINOIS }
COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN } SS. FINANCE MEETING
VILLAGE OF STONINGTON } March 19, 2024

The Board of Trustees met for a Finance Meeting Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 6.06 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
Office Manager/Treasurer: Kari Scott (Absent)
Superintendent: Jake Heberling
Chief of Police: Travis Peden

Others in attendance: Carol White, Village resident; Rex Wheeler, Village Employee; and Billy Brunk, Village Employee

President Dowdy welcomed Superintendent Jake Heberling to the table to discuss the drainage problem on Locust Street. He stated a leak was found and was fixed. They come across a 10-inch tile and a six-inch tile going across the street and tied everything in. He spoke with the Drainage District, and they are going to allow us to hook into the tile drain that is in the middle of the field and the farmer is going to allow us to go across the field.

He received a bid for installation, and he stated the farmer would like it to get done before crops are planted. He also explained where the tile would be installed to divert the water.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to spend up to \$10,000.00 to install drain tile and a catch basin on Locust Street. Motion made by Wilson, seconded by Ramsey, to approve spending up to \$10,000.00 to install drain tile and a catch basin on Locust Street. Motion made by 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy moved on to the discussion of health insurance. There was much discussion about whether to keep or do away with health insurance for employees. Motion made by Kuntzman, seconded by Wilson, to cancel the health insurance effective October 31, 2025. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote, with Trustee Tara Ramsey abstaining.

President Dowdy moved to the discussion on salary increases. The Board discussed Travis Peden’s last wage increase and that it was calculated on a rate that did not

include insurance being taken out.

After much discussion of the Board, below is the updated hourly wages for Village Employees:

Jake Heberling\$40.00
Rex Wheeler\$32.00
Billy Brunk\$25.00
Phil Deal..... \$30.00
Kari Scott.....\$26.00
Erika Ebert\$17.00
Travis Peden.....\$34.50

Travis will receive an extra \$.50 increase in wages when he obtains his own health insurance.

The Board moved to discuss the Zoning Officers' salary. The Board's decision was to change how the Zoning Officer is paid and the amount. Instead of one payment of \$500.00 in December, the Zoning Officer will be on the same pay schedule as the Board of twice a year, in May and November at \$75.00 a month.

With no further business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Callan, seconded by Wilson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

APPROVED:

Bruce Dowdy, Village President

ATTEST:

Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk