

The Police Report for the month of February 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 Callan, seconded by Bailey, to approve and issue warrants for all bills. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

Zoning Officer's Report: There were no zoning permits in the month of February.

President's Report:

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve the Stonington American Legion Raffle License for raffle games. Motion by Callan, seconded by Bailey, to approve the Stonington American Legion License for raffle games. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

President Dowdy opened one bid for mowing. The bid was received from William and Lindsey Voudrie in the amount of \$300 per cycle. Motion made by Rybolt, seconded by Callan, to award the mowing bid to William and Lindsey Voudrie. Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

President Dowdy requested a motion to rehire Mark Bingham with Chastain & Associates LLC as Engineer for Motor Fuel Tax. Motion made by Ramsey, seconded by Rybolt, to rehire Mark Bingham with Chastain & Associates LLC as Engineer for Motor Fuel Tax. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 20-671. Motion by Rybolt, seconded by Bailey, to approve Ordinance 20-671, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7. Water, Article 1. General Provisions, Sections 7.106 And 7.107 And Chapter 10 Utilities, Article 9. Rates Of The Municipal Code Of Ordinances Of The Village Of Stonington, Christian County, Illinois. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 20-672. Motion by Ramsey, seconded by Rybolt, to approve Ordinance 20-672, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5. Public Safety, Article 5. Fire, Section 5.503 Leaf Burning Of The Municipal Code Of The Village Of Stonington, Christian County, Illinois. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

President Dowdy discussed the Committee recommendations of the health insurance and have agreed to offer two different plans with the same employee contributions that the employees are currently making. The option gives them the right to choose the best plan for their needs.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to offer two different health insurance plans and give the employee the right to choose the best plan for their needs. The two policies

they will be able to pick from are Blue Cross/Blue Shield G532BCE and Blue Cross/Blue Shield G530BCE.

Motion by Bailey, seconded by Ramsey, to change the current health insurance policy to two different health insurance plans and give the employee the right to choose the best plan for their needs. The two policies they are able to pick from are Blue Cross/Blue Shield G532BCE and Blue Cross/Blue Shield G530BCE. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve the employee raises as recommended by the Committee. Motion by Wilson, seconded by Callan, to approve the employee raises as recommended by the Committee effective May 1, 2020. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

President Dowdy welcomed Dave Spengler with the drainage district to the table.

Mr. Spengler discussed how drainage district #1 and #4 effect the drainage in town. Since some of it is backed up, it is not letting the tiles run properly. He would like to clean the ditch and between that outlet and the railroad tracks so the surface drainage will be able to drain. Mr. Spengler would like for the Village to help financially along with the two districts to help with cleaning up the backup. The cost from the tile and roughly 3200 feet out is around \$14,000.00.

President Dowdy welcomed Debbie Niles to the table. Some decisions need to be made in regard to the new billing software and one of the choices that needs to be made now is to remain with the postcards used for sending out monthly bill or change to an envelope and a full page invoice.

One of the reasons this choice needs to be made is due to a stack of returned postcards from the post office from this last billing with no explanation. Lost utility bills have been an ongoing problem. There is also a problem with the SNAWS bills tearing off part of the address.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to switch the billing to an envelope and full-page invoice from the postcard. Motion by Wilson, seconded by Ramsey, to switch billing to an envelope and a full-page invoice from the postcard that is currently being used. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

President Dowdy welcomed Kyle Parks to the table. He asked when the Village would be able to work on the ditch in front of his house. Superintendent Tumiaty said they were planning on working on it at the end of the week.

President Dowdy welcomed David Heath, the new Pastor at Joy Assembly. He wanted to introduce himself and wanted the Board to know he is impressed with what is going on in Stonington. He wanted to let the Board know there will be an Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 4, 2020.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Village Engineer's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

WATER – The Water Report for December 30, 2019-January 23, 2020 billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for December 30, 2019-January 23, 2020 billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for December 30, 2019-January 23, 2020 billing period was presented.

Committee Reports: STREETS & ALLEYS: Trustee Ramsey has a request for a replacement street sign at West Street and Brown. The pole is still there but the sign has been gone since the tornado. She also had questions regarding the drainage at the triangle and if it can be rectified.

Superintendent Tumiaty stated it has always been an issue.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Nothing to report.

FINANCE – Nothing to report.

WATER – Trustee Callan inquired about the old post office. Letters have been sent to the owners.

The village received some rough estimates to tear it down. If we decide to tear it down, we will need to put a lien on it to try to get the money back.

SEWER – Nothing to report.

GAS – Nothing to report.

President Dowdy set the date and time for the April Regular Meeting as Monday, April 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 Ramsey, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:07 p.m. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

APPROVED:

Bruce Dowdy, Village President

ATTEST:

Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk