



The Sewer Report was presented for the month of April to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Kuntzman, seconded by Grover, 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 April to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Graham, 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 Wilson, seconded by Kuntzman, 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 April.

Permit # 792-24 to Jason Bliesner, located at 502 N. Main Street, for a patio with a roof.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve the Zoning Report for the month of April. Motion made by Wilson, seconded by Graham, to approve the Zoning report for the month of April. Motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

President’s Report: President Dowdy discussed the General Fund Budget for the next fiscal year. President Dowdy entertained a motion to approve the General Fund Budget next fiscal year. Motion by Wilson, seconded by Ramsey, to accept the General Fund Budget. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to grant the liquor license to the Summerfest Committee for use June 21, 22, and 23, 2024. Motion by Kuntzman, seconded by Wilson, to grant the liquor license to the Summerfest Committee for use June 21, 22, and 23, 2024. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy stated the Stonington Township Public Library approached the Village about putting the Library’s hours on the Village bills. After much discussion, the Board decided to allow the Library’s hours to be added to the Village bills and to allow other non-profit organizations to place messages on the Village bills.

The Village clean-up days will begin on Thursday, May 9, 2024 through Tuesday, May 14, 2024 or until the dumpsters are full. The hours for the dumpsters are May 9, 2024 gates open until 3:30 p.m.; May 10, 2024 gates open 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; May 11 and May 12, 2024 gates are open from 6:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; May 13, 2024 gates open from 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; and May 14, 2024 gates open 7:00 a.m. until dumpsters are picked up.

President Dowdy started the discussion if hiring a fourth Village Works employee. After much discussion, The Board decided to run an ad for Village Works employee from May

13-May 24, 2024. The Board then scheduled a meeting to discuss the application on May 29, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

President Dowdy discussed a bid from Hutchins Excavating for concrete work. Bid #2 in the amount of \$3,000.00 is to fix the door and approach at both roll up doors at the gas plant.

Superintendent Heberling discussed Bid #3 from Hutchins Excavating for concrete work. It is for the triangle lot at the Methodist Church which is including ADA mats in the amount of \$6,500.00.

President Dowdy stated that the amount for Bid #2 can come out of Building and Maintenance Fund and Bid #3 amount will come out of Sidewalks Fund.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to accept Bid #2 in the amount of \$3,000.00 and Bid #3 in the amount of \$6,500.00 from Hutchins Excavating for a total of \$9,500.00. Motion made by Kuntzman, second by Grover, to accept Bid #2 in the amount of \$3,000.00 and Bid #3 in the amount of \$6,500.00 from Hutchins Excavating for a total of \$9,500.00. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Village Engineer Report: Engineer Mark Bingham represented the Motor Fuel Tax – Acceptance of Proposal from Louis Marsch, Inc. for 2024 Street Maintenance for the amount of \$57,172.00. President Dowdy asked for a motion to accept the proposal from Louis Marsch, Inc. for the amount of \$57,172.00. Motion made by Ramsey, second by Wilson to accept the proposal from Louis Marsch, Inc. for in the amount of \$57,172.00 for 2024 Street Maintenance.

Engineer Bingham also reported still waiting for the EPA to review the project plan that was submitted at the beginning of the year. He has also been working with the property owner at the well site, looking to making improvements on the well site, not changing the dimensions of the site just cleaning up the easement that is there existing. Hope to have that finished up this month.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

President Dowdy welcomed Bitt Tally to the table. Mr. Tally voiced his concern about the overgrown yards and the conditions of some of the homes around town. And because of the overgrown yards there are more rodents around his home.

Village resident Mike Hughes voiced his concern about the overgrown yards and seeing more rodents and foxes in his area of town as well as the ditches having overgrown grass because homeowners are not taking care of them.

President Dowdy stated Ordinances violations are sent out but because some homes

are in foreclosure the violations are not received.

Officer Manager, Kari Scott, reported she had a resident request that a stop sign be installed at Brown and Spruce. The resident stated he has little kids, and they are unable to ride their bikes due to vehicles not slowing down at the intersection.

President Dowdy stated they would consider installing a stop sign and maybe consider installing a Slow Children Playing sign in the area.

Mike Hughes questioned what the legal age was to drive golf carts in the Village. President Dowdy stated that the driver of a golf cart must have a valid driver's license and if they are caught, they lose their rights to the sticker for the year.

Motion made by Ramsey, second by Wilson, to adjourn and go into Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. to discuss employee compensation.

Motion made by Callan, seconded by Wilson, to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. and return to the regular meeting.

WATER – The Water Report for March 1, 2024 – March 28, 2024, billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for March 1, 2024 – March 28, 2024, billing period was presented.

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

Committee Reports: STREETS & ALLEYS – Trustee Ramsey inquired if anyone was living in the travel trailer since the homeowner had passed away.

President Dowdy stated he was not aware of anyone living in it at this time.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Trustee Graham had a resident contact him regarding the drainage problems on Maple Street.

President Dowdy stated they are in contact with the drainage district that surrounds the town, and that Superintendent Heberling is working on tile work and drainage issues to try to get them improved.

FINANCE – Nothing to report.

WATER – Nothing to report.

SEWER – Nothing to report.

GAS – Trustee Callan reported Mitch and Nicole White contacted him about a half dead

tree in their boulevard and that the sidewalk is getting pushed up from the roots of the tree.

President Dowdy stated that Superintendent Heberling is in the process of getting a bid to have the tree taken down.

President Dowdy there was an incident in the Village parking lot with the new Police truck backing into Kari Scott's vehicle. The estimate for the damage to Kari's vehicle is \$1,229.63 and there was no damage to the Police truck. He asked the Board if they wanted to turn in the claim to the insurance company and pay the deductible or just pay it out of pocket. The Board voted to pay the claim out of pocket.

President Dowdy set the date and time for the June Regular Meeting as June 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

With no further business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Graham, seconded by Grover, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 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