

STATE OF ILLINOIS }
COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN } SS.
VILLAGE OF STONINGTON }

REGULAR MEETING
November 1, 2021

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session Monday, November 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Bruce Dowdy with the following Members present:

Trustees: David Blakeman, via GoToMeeting; Tara Ramsey, Tammy Wilson, Andrew Callan, Korey Bailey, and Anthony Rusher
Clerk: Jill Gilpin
Treasurer: Christine Lerch, via GoToMeeting
Superintendent: Jake Heberling (Absent)
Village Engineer: Mark Bingham, via GoToMeeting
Village Attorney: Scott Garwood (Absent)
Chief of Police: Travis Peden
Officer Manager: Debbie Niles
Zoning Officer: John LeVault (Absent)

Others in attendance:

Minutes from the October 4, 2021, regular meeting was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Wilson that the minutes be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

Minutes from the October 19, 2021, Health & Safety Committee meeting was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Wilson, seconded by Rusher 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 October to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Rusher, seconded by 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 October to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Bailey, 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 October to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Rusher, 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 October to the Board for their

approval. Motion made by Bailey, seconded by 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 October to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Ramsey, seconded by Rusher, 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 Rusher, seconded by Bailey, 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 October.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Dowdy reported that the easiest way to keep track of the funds from the IL ARPA grant would be to open a separate checking account. To open an account, the bank requires the Village Board to pass this motion at a board meeting.

Mayor Dowdy asked for a motion to approve opening a separate checking account for the IL ARPA grant funds. Motion made by Rusher, seconded by Bailey, to approve opening a separate checking account for the IL ARPA grant funds. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Mayor Dowdy said that the Bank also requires a motion passed from the Village Board authorizing signatures for the IL ARPA checking account. Mayor Dowdy said that the signatures of Debbie Niles, Tammy Wilson, Christine Lerch, and himself are on all the other accounts. Motion made by Blakeman, seconded by Callan, to authorize signatures of Debbie Niles, Tammy Wilson, Christine Lerch, and Bruce Dowdy for the IL ARPA checking account. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Mayor Dowdy moved on to the emergency call system. After the last discussions, it was determined to try and use our own system. Letters have been mailed to residents to fill out their contact information. Residents also can go through the Village’s website to add their contact information to receive emergency calls.

Mayor Dowdy reported at the most recent SNAWS water meeting, they approved to go ahead and use the Village’s GIS mapping system. This will be taking place soon. It will be up to Superintendent Jake Heberling, Engineer Mark Bingham and the other Village employees to try and locate all the valves.

Mayor Dowdy asked the Board if there were any further changes to Chapter 9.108 that were made at the Health & Safety Meeting. Since there were no further changes, the Ordinance will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

Mayor Dowdy reported on the status of the February gas bill balances.

Mayor Dowdy stated that the Village will be updating some of its tools along with purchasing some of tools for the Zoning Officer.

Village Engineer Report: Engineer Bingham reported Burdick Plumbing & Heating, Inc. has been working on the water plant and have started rehabbing the old filter equipment. Burdick Plumbing & Heating, Inc. has rehabbed part of the filter and software and have a lot of the piping header pins up for the Phase 2 of the water plant.

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

Burdick Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	\$80,586.00
Chastain & Associates, LLC	\$5,694.19

President Dowdy asked for a motion to pay the requested disbursement of \$80,586.00 to Burdick Plumbing & Heating, Inc. and \$5,694.19 to Chastain & Associates, LLC for engineering costs. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Rusher, to pay Burdick Plumbing & Heating, Inc. \$80,586.00 and \$5,694.19 to Chastain & Associates, LLC for engineering costs. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Engineer Bingham stated there have been issues with the water plant and radio communication to the well and they are trying to get those issues resolved.

Engineer Bingham also wanted to mention that Burdick Plumbing & Heating, Inc. has \$257,432.60 left in the project to complete which includes the 10% retainage. They will be working on the chlorine room.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

WATER – The Water Report for October 1 - October 31, 2021, billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for October 1 – October 29, 2021, billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for October 1 – October 29, 2021, billing period was presented.

Committee Reports: STREETS & ALLEYS – Nothing to report.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Trustee Rusher informed the Board that he would have more information at the next meeting on trying to find part-time police officers.

FINANCE – Nothing to report.

WATER – Nothing to report.

SEWER – Nothing to report.

GAS – Trustee Blakeman inquired about the status of the storm sirens. He also reported on the gas prices. He reported that what the Village paid for a dekatherm was \$4.80. In 2020 we paid \$2.28; in October of 2019 we paid \$2.33; and January 2021 we paid \$2.84. The gas for February 2021 is not included in these amounts. As of right now, we're up \$1.96 since the first of the year.

There was a discussion with Chief of Police Peden regarding looking for part-time officers.

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

With no further business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Rusher, seconded by Callan, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

APPROVED:

Bruce Dowdy, Village President

ATTEST:

Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk