

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

REGULAR MEETING  
November 7, 2022

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session Monday, November 7, 2022, 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, Anthony Rusher, and Nathan Frisch  
Clerk: Jill Gilpin  
Superintendent: Jake Heberling  
Village Engineer: Mark Bingham  
Village Attorney: Scott Garwood (Absent)  
Chief of Police: Travis Peden  
Officer Manager: Kari Scott  
Zoning Officer: John LeVault

Others in attendance: Mike Blakeman, Pulley, Martynowski and Blakeman; and Bob Brown, Village resident

Minutes from the October 3, 2022, regular meeting was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Callan, 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 Wilson, 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 Blakeman, seconded by Rusher, 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 Frisch, 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 Frisch, 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 Rusher, 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 Rusher, seconded by Wilson, to approve and issue warrants for all bills. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer LeVault issued three zoning permits in the month of October.

Permit #782-22 to Nancy Moma located at 301 S. Main Street for a fence.

Permit #783-22 to Mark and Tammy Wilson located at 116 S. Maple for a garage.

Permit #784-22 to Clayton Nichols located at 212 W. Brown for a garage.

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

Mayor's Report: President Dowdy welcomed Bob Brown to the table. Mr. Brown was asked how to start a petition for leaf burning.

President Dowdy stated that he believed a petition for leaf burning would have to come from the County and the number of signatures that are required is based off the population. President Dowdy stated he would follow-up on where to obtain a petition and get back to Mr. Brown.

Superintendent Heberling presented one bid for the Village hallway repair. The bid was from Trimble Construction, Inc. to remove damaged drywall in hallway to restroom and post office. Repair and retexture Drywall. Paint drywall from corner to corner in the amount of \$970.00

Motion made by Rusher, seconded by Wilson, to accept the bid to Trimble Construction, Inc. to remove damaged drywall in hallway to restroom and post office. Repair and retexture Drywall. Paint drywall from corner to corner in the amount of \$970.00. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy moved the discussion to the property at 402 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. He questioned how long the Village should continue to trap the animals at this property or wait to see if it goes back to be a recurring issue.

Trustee Callan questioned if there were any fines issued. President Dowdy stated that two fines have been issued and they have not been paid. President Dowdy stated that the property owners have cleaned up a little and have covered the car that is in the trees. President Dowdy informed the property owners to check the holes in the building

because that is how the animals are getting in. The property owner has asked for an extension until the end of the month to pay the fines and to clean up, which President Dowdy agreed to.

Trustee Callan asked the amount of the fines. Chief of Police Peden stated that the fine for the vehicle was \$50.00 and for the fine for the grass and weeds was \$75.00.

Trustee Rusher asked about the property on Pine Street next to Jim Cunningham. President Dowdy stated that the property owner had the Village take out all the utilities and the property owner has been in touch with surrounding homeowners.

After much discussion the Board has decided to continue to set a trap at 402 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, but the trap will be tripped on the weekends.

President Dowdy stated that the Employee Policy was not ready to be discussed at this meeting. He would be finishing making the suggested changes to the Employee Policy and email out copies to be looked over.

President Dowdy discussed the gas rates. President Dowdy stated that the last billing cycle was for a five-week billing cycle.

Office manager, Kari Scott, stated that the one five-week billing cycle was trying to get the Village cycle was closer to the Missouri Public Utility Alliance invoice.

President Dowdy discussed campers/travel trailers used for a permanent dwelling. He had received information from other villages on how they handle this type of situation. After much discussion, they will consult the attorney to make changes to the ordinance regarding campers/travel trailers being used for a permanent dwelling.

President moved on to the discussion of installing lighting in the Village Hall parking lot. The cost of the lighting is all TIF eligible.

Superintendent Heberling presented a bid from Springfield Electric Supply in Decatur, Illinois for lighting in the Village Hall parking lot. The bid is for two LUM PFPRV-1-C40-T4-20-0 in the amount of \$4,024.62. The Village will have to purchase the wire and will install the lights.

Motion made by Rusher, seconded by Callan, to approve up to \$7,000.00 for lightning for the Village Hall parking lot. Motion passed with a roll call vote that went as follows: Wilson "Yea"; Rusher "Yea"; Ramsey "Yea"; Callan "Yea"; Frisch "Yea"; and Blakeman "Yea". Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Village Engineer Report: Engineer Bingham presented Change Order No. 6 from Burdick Plumbing and Heating, Inc. to deduct \$34,580.00 and a request for a 90-day time extension.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve Change Order No. 6 from Burdick Plumbing and Heating, Inc. to deduct \$34,580.00 and request a 90-day time extension. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Rusher, to approve Change Order No. 6 from Burdick Plumbing and Heating, Inc. to deduct \$34,580.00 and request a 90-day time extension. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy welcomed Mike Blakeman from Pulley, Martynowski and Blakeman. Mr. Blakeman presented the Annual Financial Report for the year ending April 30, 2022, and the Independent Auditor's Report. Mr. Blakeman also presented the comparative analysis dated April 30, 2022, which is a five-year history. Mr. Blakeman focused on discussing with the Board the comparison of the years 2022 to 2021 of the General Fund, Motor Fuel Tax Fund, and Enterprise Fund.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

President Dowdy reported to the Board that the lift stations are still having issues with debris coming through them.

Chief of Police Peden reported that the Christian County Circuit Clerk's office got a grant and bought equipment for all the towns and now all citations will be an electronic citation. The Village will have to be using the system by November 11, 2022, no more paper tickets.

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WATER – The Water Report for August 25 – September 30, 2022, billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for August 25 – September 30, 2022, billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for August 25 – September 30, 2022, billing period was presented.

Committee Reports: STREETS & ALLEYS – Nothing to report.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Nothing to report.

FINANCE – Nothing to report.

WATER – Trustee Callan thanked the Village for donating to his brother's memorial fund, The Safe Passage.

SEWER – Nothing to report.

GAS – Trustee Blakeman reported that the gas prices the last couple of days have went down and today the gas prices are going up. The three gas prices they quote are from \$2.49, \$8.45, and \$4.47, the futures are \$5.63.

Trustee Blakeman reported he touched base with Engineer Mark Bingham regarding the Village’s current map. Trustee Blakeman would like to get a new Village map showing the current residential and commercial properties.

President Dowdy set the date and time for the December Regular Meeting as Monday, December 5, 2022, 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 8:35 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