



approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

The Police Report was presented for the month of September 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 Wilson, seconded by Ramsey, to approve and issue warrants for all bills. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

Zoning Officer’s Report: Zoning Officer LeVault did not issue any zoning permits in the month of September.

President’s Report: President Dowdy welcomed Rajita Singhal from Chastain & Associates, LLC. She stated that Burdick Plumbing & Heating, Inc. has requested the last payment be released since the punch lists items have been taken care of. However, since the treatment plan still has some control issues, as a precaution, she suggested releasing part of the retainage and retain some part right now. She suggested withholding 2% of the whole project which is \$17,607.86 and releasing to Burdick Plumbing & Heating, Inc. 8% of the whole project is \$70,431.42.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to release to Burdick Plumbing & Heating, Inc. \$70,431.42 which is 8% of the project cost and retain \$17,607.86 which is 2% of the project costs until the control issues have been resolved. Motion made by Ramsey, seconded by Wilson, to release to Burdick Plumbing & Heating, Inc. \$70,431.42 which is 8% of the project cost and retain \$17,607.86 which is 2% of the project costs until the control issues have been resolved. Motion passed with a roll call vote that went as follows: Wilson “Yea”; Ramsey “Yea”; Callan “Yea”; Grover “Yea”; and Rusher “Yea”. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Treasurer Niles reported she checked with Busey Bank and the Village is not eligible for one of their CD specials. She also reported she closed out the old CD account at First National Bank of Nokomis she and Trustee Tammy Wilson signed and opened a new CD account. She asked for any feedback on the Illinois Funds account information she distributed at the September meeting. President Dowdy suggested discussing the Illinois Funds accounts again at the beginning of 2024.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to move part-time police officer Jed Davis to full-time police officer. Motion made by Wilson, seconded by Grover, to approve part-time police officer Jed Davis to full-time police officer. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Discussion proceeded to Chapter 11. Zoning Section 11.2007 E. regarding adding fines and to Chapter 11. Zoning, Section 11.302 adding detailed specifications. After much discussion, this will be tabled to allow President Dowdy to consult with the Village Attorney on setting fines and detailed specifications.

Village Engineer Report: Nothing to report.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Heberling reported there will be an audit done by the Illinois Commerce on October 17, 18, and 19, 2023 and there will be two more audits at the end of the year. He also reported they will be installing three new services for Sharpsburg, and they are waiting on a new part for the gas meter at the gas plant at North run.

President Dowdy reminded everyone Trick-or-Treating will be October 30<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup> between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Manager Kari Scott mentioned Trunk-or-Treat will be held on Sunday, October 29, 2023. Office Manager Kari Scott questioned the day the Village will observe Veterans Day. President Dowdy stated the Village will observe Veterans Day on November 10, 2023.

Chief of Police Peden wanted to remind everyone that the curfew for the month of October is 9:00 p.m. for ages 16 and under.

Chief of Police discussed purchasing a used radar cart on Facebook Marketplace listed for \$3,500.00 and the benefits of having one. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Ramsey, to purchase the used radar cart from Facebook Marketplace for \$3,500.00. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy started the discussion about the starting hourly pay rate for the new Village hire. After much discussion the starting hourly pay rate for the new hire for the Village is as follows:

- \$21.50 – no insurance
- \$19.20 – Employee only with insurance
- \$17.75 – Employee + Child with insurance
- \$15.45 – Employee + Spouse with insurance

President Dowdy moved to discuss implementing timelines for outside Village employees to achieve licenses. After much discussion the following were timelines to be implemented and added to the Employee Policy:

- CDL License – First available opportunity
- General Standards License – 6 months
- Gas License – On-going training until certified

Trustee Anthony Rusher voiced his opposition regarding the hiring of a new outside Village employee. His opposition stems from wanting proof that there is a need for a

new outside Village employee; no timelines have been set to achieve water and sewer licenses, and, no vote was taken for the starting wage for the new Village hire.

WATER – The Water Report for July 29, 2023-August 31, 2023, billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for July 29, 2023-August 31, 2023, billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for July 29, 2023-August 31, 2023, billing period was presented.

Committee Reports: STREETS & ALLEYS – Nothing to report.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Nothing to report.

FINANCE – Trustee Wilson reported the Stonington Township Library will be having an Ugly Art Contest on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Judges need to be there at 6:15 p.m.

WATER – Nothing to report.

SEWER – Nothing to report.

GAS – Nothing to report.

President Dowdy set the date and time for the November Regular Meeting as November 6, 2023, 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 Wilson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 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