

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

REGULAR MEETING
October 7, 2019

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session Monday, October 7, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The Meeting was called to order by President Ryan Marucco with the following Members present:

- President: Ryan Marucco
- Trustees: David Blakeman, Bruce Dowdy, Todd Thomason (Absent), Andrew Callan, Tara Ramsey, and Nathan Rybolt
- Clerk: Jill Gilpin
- Treasurer: Christine Lerch
- Superintendent: Jeff Tumiat
- Village Engineer: Mark Bingham
- Village Attorney: Scott Garwood (Absent)
- Chief of Police: Travis Peden
- Officer Manager: Debbie Niles
- Zoning Officer: Doug Hoy

Others in attendance: Jake Heberling, Asst. Superintendent; Rene Wattelet, Village Resident; Rita Paulek, Village Resident; Ellen Colbrook, Village Resident; Bruce Reinheimer, IDAT Recovery Solutions, Inc.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting September 5, 2019 were presented to the Board for their approval. **Motion** made by Blakeman, seconded by Dowdy, that the Minutes be approved and filed as presented. **Motion** passed by all "Yea" votes.

The Treasurer's Report for the month of September was presented to the Board for their approval. **Motion** made by Dowdy, seconded by Blakeman, that the Treasurer's Report be approved and filed as presented. **Motion** passed by all "Yea" votes.

The Gas Report for the month of September was presented to the Board for their approval. **Motion** made by Blakeman, seconded by Callan, that the Gas Report be approved and filed as presented. **Motion** passed by all "Yea" votes.

The Water Report for the month of September was presented to the Board for their approval. **Motion** made by Dowdy, seconded by Blakeman, that the Water Report be approved and filed as presented. **Motion** passed by all "Yea" votes.

The Sewer Report for the month of September was presented to the Board for their approval. **Motion** made by Callan, seconded by Rybolt, that the Sewer Report be

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

The Police Report for the month of September 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 Dowdy, seconded by Callan, to approve and issue warrants for all bills. **Motion** passed by all “Yea” votes.

Zoning Officer’s Report: There were no zoning permits issued in the month of September.

Zoning Officer Hoy voiced his concern regarding the moveable buildings that residents are purchasing and putting on their property. They do not have to have a zoning permit because they are moveable, but residents need to make sure that they are abiding by the Ordinance with regards to where the buildings are being placed on their property.

President’s Report: President Marucco reported to the Board he attended a Christian County Hazard Mitigation Committee Meeting. Their next meeting is December 10, 2019.

President Marucco updated the Board on the fence issue. It was surveyed and it is on the Boulevard. The Village will cover the cost of having the fence moved.

President Marucco wanted to remind everyone that the curfew for the month of October is 9:00 p.m. for ages 16 and under. Also, Trick-or-Treating will be October 30th and October 31st between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

President Marucco discussed Ordinance 19-667, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5. Public Safety, Article 5. Fire, Section 5.503 Leaf Burning. Before President Marucco asked for a motion to approve, Ellen Colbrook asked if she could voice her opinion regarding the changes to the leaf burning ordinance. She feels that having set days for leaf burning this will cause more problems. President Marucco assured her that if there are issues with the changes to the leaf burning ordinance, it can be amended.

President Marucco asked for a **motion** to approve **ORDINANCE 19-667. Motion** by Dowdy, seconded by Blakeman, to approve **ORDINANCE 19-667, 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 roll call vote that went as follows: Dowdy “Yea”; Rybolt “Yea”; Ramsey, “Yea”; Blakeman “Yea”; and Callan “Yea”. **Motion** passed with a 5-0 vote.

President Marucco welcomed Rene Wattelet. Mr. Wattelet voiced his concern about the culvert by his home. It is full of dirt and leaves and when it rained, he needed up having

16 inches of water in his front yard. He asked if Illinois Department of Transportation could be contacted to let them know of the issue and he asked if there was anything the Village could do in the meantime. Superintendent Tumiaty was asked to contact IDOT and find out what the Village is allowed to do to try to clean out the culvert until they are able to deal with the issue.

President Marucco welcomed Bruce Reinheimer with ODAT Recovery Solutions, Inc. Mr. Reinheimer introduced himself. He is the founder of ODAT Recovery Solutions, Inc., a non-profit organization. He would like to open a Recovery Home outside of Stonington and wanted to know what he needed to do to have the home zoned correctly. President Marucco said he would talk to the Supervisor of Assessors to find out how the home should be zoned.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Engineer's Report: Engineer Mark Bingham updated on Board on the water treatment project. Scott Garwood has sent the legal opinion to the EPA.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Tumiaty informed the Board that the EPA has raised the chlorine levels requirements for Sharpsburg. Because of the change to the chlorine levels they will be going out more and making rounds in Sharpsburg. He was asking for direction regarding making changes to the contract the Village has with Sharpsburg.

Superintendent Tumiaty also asked about purchasing some new Christmas decorations. They are 20 years old and are showing their age. Mayor Marucco asked him to get some estimated costs for the next board meeting.

WATER – The Water Report for July 25 – August 28 ,2019 billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for July 25 – August 28, 2019 billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for July 25 – August 28, 2019 billing period was presented.

Committee Reports: STREETS & ALLEYS: Trustee Ramsey inquired if Debbie had heard from Shelby Electric regarding the streetlight on the West Side of 48 near the West Street crossing. Debbie had emailed them and was going to make a follow-up phone call regarding the streetlight.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Trustee Rybolt feels that the municipal code requiring residents to have water and sewer connections needs to be revisited.

He has scheduled a Health & Safety Committee meeting for Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss

FINANCE – Trustee Dowdy asked Business Manager, Debbie Niles the time frame for the new billing software. She said the Village is on the waiting list, which is four months out. She informed the Board that the Village has received the iPads and iPhones from Verizon. The iPhones are being used but the iPads will have to wait until the billing software is up and running.

Trustee Dowdy informed the Board on the not-for-profit Stonington Community Center. It is split between the Stonington Park District and Stonington Community Center. They have received inquiries from youth groups to use the gym. They have also had inquiries from the Girl Scouts and Christian County Quilters to use some rooms.

WATER – Nothing to report.

SEWER – Trustee Callan informed the Board that Vandevanter Engineering had to revise the contract that they have with Village to reflect an increase of 6% to reflect prevailing wage to be paid to their employees.

GAS – Nothing to report.

Ellen Colbrook asked to speak on point of interest. She spoke on some of the history of the bank where the old post office was housed. Tammy Wilson and Kim Brown found old bank deposit slips that were left in the building. Ellen, her husband, and her grandson, William looked further in the back of the building and found more paperwork dating back to the year 1911. She has organized all this information in a book. The book is now at the Stonington Township Library.

President Marucco set the date and time for the November Regular Meeting as Monday, November 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

APPROVED:

Ryan Marucco, Village President

ATTEST:

Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk

