

STATE OF ILLINOIS	}	REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN	} SS.	August 3, 2020
VILLAGE OF STONINGTON	}	Via GoToMeeting and in person

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session Monday, August 3, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Stonington Community Building.

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

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

Others in attendance: Jake Heberling, Asst. Superintendent via GoToMeeting

Minutes of the regular meeting July 6, 2020 were presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Blakeman, seconded by Wilson, that the minutes be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

The Treasurer’s Report for the month of July was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Wilson, that the Treasurer’s Report be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

The Gas Report for the month of July was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Blakeman, seconded by Wilson, that the Gas Report be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

The Water Report for the month of July was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Bailey, that the Water Report be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

The Sewer Report for the month of July was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Rybolt, seconded by Ramsey, that the Sewer Report be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

The Police Report for the month of July was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Bailey, 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 Callan, seconded by Blakeman, to approve and issue warrants for all bills. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

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

President’s Report: President Dowdy discussed the renewal of the water and gas loan that matured on July 10, 2020. It was previously a balloon loan and is going to get rolled into a new loan with five more years of payments.

President Dowdy asked for approval to roll the water and gas loan through First National Bank of Nokomis into a five year loan in payments and authorizing Bruce Dowdy and Christine Lerch to sign the loan. Motion by Blakeman, seconded by Callan, authorizing rolling the water and gas loan through First National Bank of Nokomis into a five year loan in payments and authorizing Bruce Dowdy and Christine Lerch to sign the loan. Motion passed with a roll call vote that went as follows: Blakeman “Yea”; Rybolt “Yea”; Ramsey, “Yea”; Callan “Yea”; Wilson “Yea”; and Bailey “Yea”. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve Render Aid Agreement with Stonington Park District. Motion by Ramsey, seconded by Blakeman, to approve the Render Aid Agreement with Stonington Park District. Motion passed with 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy started the discussion regarding Chapter 4. Public Health Article 1. Board of Health and Article 2. Animals and Animal Control. Trustee Blakeman presented a proposed change to Section 4.104, changing the penalty of \$25.00 to \$100.00 and a proposed changes to Section 4.216, changing the fines for different level of offenses. After much discussion the Board decided to schedule a Health & Safety Committee meeting to re-write the Ordinance.

The Health & Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to be held at the Stonington Community Center.

President Dowdy opened one bid that was received for demolition of the old post office. The bid was from Ezell Excavating, Inc. from Villa Grove in the amount of \$55,800.00. After much discussion, the Board has chosen to table any further decisions until the September 2020 meeting.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to table further decisions regarding the old post office until the September 2020 meeting. Motion made by Bailey, seconded by Wilson, to table further decisions regarding the old post office until the September 2020 meeting. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy reported to the Board that the process is under way for collection of past due accounts since COVID-19 started. The process of collecting on the accounts needed to start before winter. Some residents are making installment payments along with their current bill amount.

President Dowdy reported that Debbie and Kari have finished the training for the new billing software. It might still be a couple of months before we are able to use it because they are still integrating our information in the software.

President Dowdy reported that he received a letter from NewWave Communications that they will be changing their name in the fall of 2020 to SparkLight.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Village Engineer's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

WATER – The Water Report for May 28 – June 25, 2020 billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for May 28 – June 25, 2020 billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for May 28 – June 25, 2020 billing period was presented.

Committee Reports: **STREETS & ALLEYS**: Trustee Ramsey reported that the Village is scheduled to receive CTI Fiber internet, TV, and phone in 2024.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Nothing to report.

FINANCE – Nothing to report.

WATER – Trustee Callan reported that Superintendent Tumiaty received a quote to clean the water tower. The quote is for \$5,100.00 and the bid is good until December 31, 2020. There is the option to get the water tower cleaned for a less amount if it is bundled with a couple other towns.

SEWER – Nothing to report.

GAS – Nothing to report.

President Dowdy is moving Trustee Tammy Wilson to Finance and move Trustee David Blakeman to Gas. This move will be effective at the September 2020 meeting.

President Dowdy set the date and time for the September Regular meeting as Monday, September 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

With no further business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Callan, seconded by Bailey, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:50 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