

The Sewer Report was presented for the month of January to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Frisch, seconded by Callan, 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 January 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 no zoning permits in the month of January.

Mayor's Report: President Dowdy reported there was a bill included with the bills that the Village paid for documents that were drawn up for the Stonington Community Center grant. The bill has been turned over to the Stonington Community Center and they will reimburse the Village.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to grant the liquor license to Stoney Slots LLC. Motion by Callan, seconded by Rusher, to grant the liquor license to Stoney Slots LLC. Motion passed with 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to grant the Raffle License 23-24 to Stonington American Legion. Motion by Wilson, seconded by Frisch, to grant the Raffle License 23-24 to Stonington American Legion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 23-687 per the changes made at the January 17, 2023, Committee meeting. Ordinance 23-687 is An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4. Public Health, Article 3. Nuisance Weeds, Grass, Trees, And Bushes, Section 4.301 Statutory Authority; Article 4. Public Health Nuisances, Section 4.408, Dense Smoke; And 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 by Rusher, seconded by Callan, to approve Ordinance No. 23-687. Motion passed with a roll call vote that went as follows: Wilson "Yea"; Rusher "Yea"; Ramsey "Yea"; Blakeman "Yea"; Callan "Yea"; and Frisch "Yea". Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy started a discussion on the Waste Management recycling bin. He stated the cost per month is \$462.26 and if there is a contamination fee or inactivity fee that charge is over \$160+ on top of that cost. If we don't call them to come pick up the recycling bin in advance, there is a penalty fee. The decision to cancel the recycling bin with Waste Management must be decided this month or there will be another year contract with them.

After much discussion between the Village Board, Ed Cleeton of Cleeton Sanitation, and Matt Cordts of GFL Environmental, the Village decided the ordinance regarding garbage haulers needed to be changed to allow more than one garbage hauler in town.

A Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss making changes to the current ordinance regarding garbage haulers.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to discontinue the roll-off recycling bin from Waste Management. Motion made by Rusher, seconded by Ramsey, to discontinue the roll-off recycling bin from Waste Management. Motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy will have Office Manager, Kari Scott, notify the Village residents regarding the decision to discontinue the recycling service from Waste Management and inform them when it will be picked up for the last time. He will also have her post this information on the Village's website and Facebook too.

President Dowdy discussed the quote received regarding cleaning Wells 11 and 13. Superintendent Heberling stated that the last well was cleaned in 2019 because the motor burnt up. Well 11 has not been cleaned since 1996 and Well 13 has not been cleaned since it was installed.

Superintendent Heberling stated the ARPA funds can be used for cleaning the Wells. The quote that he received from Layne Christensen Company is \$13,135.00 per well. The total project for Wells 11 and 13 is \$26,270.00.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve the cleaning of Wells 11 and 13 at a total cost of \$26,270.00 to be paid out of the ARPA funds. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Blakeman. Motion passed with a roll call vote that went as follows: Wilson "Yea"; Rusher "Yea"; Ramsey "Yea"; Blakeman "Yea"; Callan "Yea"; and Frisch "Yea". Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Village Engineer Report: Engineer Rajita Singhal reported most of the water treatment plant has been done. Engineer Singhal requested the following final disbursements for the water treatment project so they can start closing it out.

Burdick Plumbing & Heating, Inc. – payout #18.....	\$8,786.75
Burdick Plumbing & Heating, Inc. – payout #19.....	\$88,039.28
Chastain & Associates, LLC	\$7,880.19
Total disbursement	\$103,827.54

President Dowdy asked for a motion to pay the final requested disbursements of \$8,786.75 to Burdick Plumbing & Heating, Inc. payout #18, disbursement of \$88,039.28 to Burdick Plumbing & Heating, Inc. payout #19, and disbursement of \$7,880.19 to Chastain & Associates, LLC. The total final disbursement amount is \$103,827.54. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Wilson. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President welcomed Jeff Good to the table. He inquired if a residential property in town had been zoned as a commercial property for a junkyard? Chief of Police Peden stated that he has talked to the owner and advised the owner that it needed to be cleaned up or they will be cited. The property owner stated that once the weather gets nicer, they will start cleaning it up.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Heberling reported that Engineer Mark Bingham left Chastain & Associates, LLC and Rajita Singhal from Chastain & Associates, LLC will now be the Village's contact.

Superintendent Heberling reported the bypass cylinder for the sewer plant was ordered, and the Village employees installed it. It is now up and running.

Superintendent Heberling reported on the EPA inspection that for the most part the inspection went well expect the Village was documented on a few things. The wells heads were missing some bolt which have been replaced. The pressure gauges on the well heads were broken off so new pressure gauges have been installed. The way the Village has been performing the drawdown test was the wrong way, so the drawdown test will be conducted the way the EPA recommends. The EPA also recommended that the Village purchase a replacement chlorine pump in case a chlorine pump goes down because chlorine must be pumped.

Trustee Rusher suggested making an inventory list of all backup equipment that the Village needs to have on hand.

Superintendent Heberling stated that they worked on a water leak in Sharpsburg today.

President Dowdy reported that he and Superintendent Heberling had a meeting with Missouri Gas. He stated that it was assumed the Village had purchased gas on the futures market in the past. However, they found that Missouri Gas was purchasing the gas on the futures market on behalf of the Village.

WATER – The Water Report for December 1 – December 28, 2022, billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for December 1 – December 28, 2022, billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for December 1 – December 28, 2022, billing period was presented.

Committee Reports: STREETS & ALLEYS – Trustee Ramsey raised the question if there was a time frame for the railroad tracks to be fixed.

Chief of Police Peden stated the railroad tracks will not be fixed until all the parts are available and the track crew comes through, which will be at least September.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Nothing to report.

FINANCE – Nothing to report.

WATER – Nothing to report.

SEWER – Trustee Frisch reported the Committee Meeting scheduled for February 13, 2023, will be his last meeting. He has been appointed Associate Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

GAS – Nothing to report.

President Dowdy scheduled the March Regular Meeting for March 6, 2023, 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 Frisch, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

APPROVED:

Bruce Dowdy, Village President

ATTEST:

Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk