

STATE OF ILLINOIS }
COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN } SS. FINANCE MEETING
VILLAGE OF STONINGTON } April 18, 2024

The Board of Trustees met for a Finance Meeting Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 6:02 p.m. at the Village Hall.

The Meeting was called to order by Trustee Andrew Callan with the following Members present:

Mayor: Bruce Dowdy
Trustees: Tara Ramsey, Tammy Wilson, Andrew Callan, Caleb Grover, and Scott Kuntzman
Clerk: Jill Gilpin (Absent)
Superintendent: Jake Heberling
Chief of Police: Travis Peden (Absent)
Office Manager: Kari Scott

Others in attendance: Rex Wheeler, Village Employee; Billy Brunk, Village Employee

A Finance meeting was held to discuss the wages of employees.

Trustee Scott Kuntzman welcomed employees to address the Board and let them know how things are going.

Superintendent Jake Heberling provided the Board with past and present funds for accounts showing the increase in funds since he became Superintendent. Heberling stated to save money, they try to do everything as possible in house. He stated that Rex has been here three years, and he feels to keep people, you must take care of them. He does not want a constant turnover. Heberling also stated Billy has been here for a couple weeks, and has already passed one of his tests; but it is a long way away he and Rex not being on call. Since Superintendent Heberling has taken over, he has had 9 ICC Audits and 15 EPA Audits and has not had any recommendations on either. He feels they do a good job at not getting fines and getting into trouble.

He provided the board with a sheet of other towns and what their pay is.

Billy Brunk said that he has been applying himself and asking a lot of questions. He feels this is a career path for him not just a job. Billy has passed the General Standards testing and is preparing to take his Right of Way testing.

Rex Wheeler stated that he finally received his Class D license from the State after a yearlong wait. He is also fully qualified in gas.

Office Manager Kari Scott stated that when she was part time, the former Office Manager made sure to keep her above the minimum wage. She said that minimum wage increased to \$14.00 per hour on January 1, 2024.

Village Trustees were provided a spread sheet of current wages for each employee. and after much discussion, the updated hourly wages are as follows:

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| Jake Heberling | \$38.00 |
| Rex Wheeler | \$30.00 |
| Billy Brunk | \$23.00 |
| Travis Peden | \$33.90 |
| Phil Deal..... | \$27.00 |
| Kari Scott..... | \$24.85 |
| Debbie Niles..... | \$23.50 |
| Erika Ebert | \$16.00 |

With no further business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Ramsey, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

APPROVED:

Bruce Dowdy, Village President

ATTEST:

Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk