

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

COMMITTEE MEETING  
August 18, 2025

The Board of Trustees met for a committee meeting on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

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

Trustees: Tara Ramsey, Tammy Wilson, Andrew Callan, Jeff Graham, Caleb Grover,  
and Scott Kuntzman  
Clerk: Jill Gilpin  
Office Manager/Treasurer: Kari Scott

President Dowdy stated the meeting was focused to discuss writing an ordinance to impose fines and place liens on properties that are uninhabitable due to structural damage (e.g., holes in roofs, missing utilities) and abandoned or neglected which attract animals or are becoming safety hazards.

Trustee Graham voiced his concern that properties should not be referred to as vacant or unoccupied to avoid penalizing seasonal residents (e.g., "snowbirds") or those temporarily away.

The Board discussed examples of Ordinances from Edinburg, Taylorville, Pana, and Nokomis.

President Dowdy asked Office Manager, Kari Scott if she would generate a list of properties that have inactive utility accounts to identify problem properties.

President Dowdy is going to discuss with Village Attorney, Scott Garwood, about drafting an ordinance to follow state law to fine property owners, amount of monthly fines, placing liens on properties and demolishing unsafe structures.

With no further business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Callan, seconded by Kuntzman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 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