

STATE OF ILLINOIS }
COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN } SS. August 5, 2024
VILLAGE OF STONINGTON }

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session Monday, August 5, 2024, at 7:00 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 (Absent)
Treasurer:
Superintendent: Jake Heberling
Village Engineer: Mark Bingham
Village Attorney: Scott Garwood (Absent)
Chief of Police: Travis Peden
Officer Manager: Kari Scott
Zoning Officer: John LeVault

Others in attendance: Elizabeth Wood, *Breeze-Courier*; Donnie Bouvet, Village resident; Kelsey Rhodes, Village resident; Steve Little, Village resident; Betty and Earl Good, Village residents; and Police Officer, Phil Deal.

Minutes from July 1, 2024, regular meeting was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Andrew Callan, seconded by Tammy Wilson, that the minutes be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

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

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

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

The Sewer Report was presented for the month of July to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Scott Kuntzman, seconded by Tammy Wilson, 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 July to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Jeff Graham, seconded by Tara 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 Tammy Wilson, seconded by Jeff Graham, to approve and issue warrants for all bills. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

Zoning Officer’s Report: Zoning Officer LeVault issued 1 zoning permit(s) in the month of July.

Permit # 795-24 to Chadd Peden, located at 303 S Livergood, for a garage.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve the Zoning Report for the month of July. Motion made by Andrew Callan, seconded by Scott Kuntzman, to approve the Zoning report for the month of July. Motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

President’s Report:

President Dowdy entertained the discussion of the TIF District.

Office Manager Kari Scott stated that she had been in contact with the TIF District advisor from Moran Economic. He had given some suggestions on things that need to be done to receive repayment of projects out of TIF funds.

Kari Scott stated she asked the advisor if proof of payment needed to be shown before repayment can be made. She was advised that the Village can request proof of payment such as a bank statement, canceled check or proof from a contractor.

President Dowdy asked Kari Scott if she could contact Moran Economic and see if the Village needed to have a policy put in an ordinance form or resolution form.

President Dowdy brought up the discussion of adding on to the Village maintenance shop. Quality construction had the lowest bid for doing the construction. There was also a bid put together to add on to the building. To add on to the building, it would cost \$28,750.00. That includes the walls and metal framework. The garage door would be additional with an insulated door being \$8,100 and non-insulated door costing \$6,970.00. If work was completed at one time, it would save around \$1,500.00.

Trustee Jeff Graham asked if there were any other bids for the maintenance shop addition.

Superintendent Heberling stated that Trimble also bid the addition, but it was higher than Quality Construction.

After some discussion, Trustee Andrew Callan suggested the board table the addition for the village maintenance shop.

President Dowdy brought up the discussion of the water wells. He stated that the well project is 100% refundable from the TIF. He also stated that there is ARPA funds still available as well.

Superintendent Heberling stated there was about \$23,000 left for ARPA fund to be used. He suggested maybe using \$10,000 towards the water wells to decrease that amount.

Engineer Mark Bingham stated that for the first part of the upgrade, they would be installing larger pumps and doing electrical upgrades. He stated in the past, there was not the electrical service out there to have the larger pumps. He received a quote from Joe May Electric for the electrical upgrades bid amount of \$19,657.14. Layne has done all the existing well work, and has all the specialized equipment, bid amount of \$40,570.00. Pedrotti does the electrical controls for the water wells to tell them how to run, bid amount of \$24,490.00. Bingham said there may be some additional sampling fees, but we will not know that until we get the permit to get the wells done.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve up to \$100,000 in TIF funding to upgrades to wells 11 and 12. Motion made by Andrew Callan, seconded by Tara Ramsey. A roll call vote was taken: Wilson, Yeah; Graham, Yeah; Ramsey, Yeah; Callan, Yeah; Grover, Yeah; Kuntzman, Yeah. Motion passed 6-0.

President Dowdy welcomed Betty Good to the table. Mrs. Good had some questions about the entire community. She said that they go around a lot on their golf cart and see a lot of abandoned cars just sitting and wanted to know what was going to be done about a property in town.

President Dowdy stated that there is a lot of scrap metal is nothing that is against an ordinance, but the tires are an issue. He said that we have fined the owner, and they come up and pay the fine and a little bit gets cleaned up. He stated there is a fine line and we cannot just go on property. He also stated that there were 31 letters sent out on junk, inoperable vehicles and abandoned houses.

Village resident Steve Little spoke to the board about a garage that he is wanting to put on a property that he purchased and had the home torn down. He needs to have the property zoned as commercial so he can build that garage that he needs for his equipment.

President Dowdy stated that we would have to put it on the agenda for next month and there will have to be a public hearing for any resident to come and state their opinion.

Village resident Donnie Bouvet asked what the plan was for Birch St in front of his house. He said that there were potholes that are always filled with water.

President Dowdy stated that they will go in and cold patch on top of the holes before the oil and chipping.

Bouvet also asked why there was a limit on the size of garage they can put on their own property.

President Dowdy stated the ordinance was put in place before he came on the board but he thinks it has to do with the size of your house.

Bouvet also asked about speed bumps. He asked if he purchased them if he can put them on.

Mayor Dowdy said that would have to go through the board also to put one on there.

Village Engineer Report: Engineer Bingham handed out an updated Source Water Protection Plan. He stated that it has been provided to the EPA and they are asking for a waiver for their review. He is asking for approval to grant a 45-day extension for the EPA to review the plan.

President Dowdy approved the 45-day extension.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

WATER – The Water Report for May 31, 2024 - June 28, 2024, billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for May 31, 2024 - June 28, 2024, billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for May 31, 2024 - June 28, 2024, billing period was presented.

Committee Reports: STREETS & ALLEYS – Nothing to report.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Nothing to report.

FINANCE – Nothing to report.

WATER – Trustee Grover stated that in October, there was approval to purchase the radar cart. He was curious to see if we were still using it.

Chief Peden said that lately, it has not been used.

SEWER – Trustee Kuntzman asked Jake about a 5 foot blade at the sewer plant. He was asking if the Village would entertain selling it.

Superintendent Heberling said at this time he would hate to sell something if they were to need it later on.

GAS – Trustee Callan asked who was going to replace Debbie as Treasurer. He also asked if we needed to up Erika’s hours

President Dowdy stated that at the present time, we do not need to up Erika’s hours. He said as far as Treasurer goes, it’s like any other appointed position, he has 60 days to try to appoint somebody.

President Dowdy set the date and time for the September Regular Meeting as September 4, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

With no further business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Tammy Wilson, seconded by Tara Ramsey, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

APPROVED:

Bruce Dowdy, Village President

ATTEST:

Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk