

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

REGULAR MEETING

December 1, 2025

The Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Monday, December 1, 2025, 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

Office Manager/Treasurer: Kari Scott (Absent)

Superintendent: Jake Heberling

Village Engineer: Mark Bingham (Absent)

Village Attorney: Scott Garwood (Absent)

Chief of Police: Travis Peden (Absent)

Zoning Officer: John LeVault

Others in attendance: Ashley LeVault for the Marilyn Wattelet Memorial; and, Assistant Chief of Police Phil Deal

Minutes from November 3, 2025, regular meeting was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Kuntzman, 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 November to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Wilson, seconded by Graham, 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 November to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Grover, seconded by Callan, 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 November to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Ramsey, 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 November to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Kuntzman, seconded by 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 November to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Graham, 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 Wilson, seconded by Kuntzman, to approve and issue warrants for all bills. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer LeVault issued no zoning permit in the month of November.

President's Report: President Dowdy welcomed Ashley LeVault to discuss the Marilyn Wattelet Memorial upcoming events. The events are to help make money for a scholarship each year and to help families in need and not limit the families in need to the Village of Stonington or Christian County. The money for the families in need would not be handed out, but it would be used to help pay a medical bill, pay for a taxi to get to an appointment and food and clothing.

The scholarship guidelines have not been set yet but stated the goal was to start off by donating a \$1000 scholarship. The scholarship would be for Christian County and surrounding counties because Marilyn loved to give to anybody and everyone.

The two events scheduled for this year are events they would like to keep going each year to bring the community together. The first event is Play It Forward Volleyball Tournament scheduled for January 17, 2026, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Stonington Community Center Gym & Cafeteria. There will be a photo booth, donated by Brownback's, and volunteers to face paint, raffle baskets, 50/50 drawing, lunch menu, bake sale, and concessions.

The next second event is a Praise It Forward – Night of Worship scheduled for February 28, 2026, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Stonington Community Center Gym. There will be baked goods and drinks.

She asked for volunteers and/or donations and added that it is a legal organization with a EIN number.

President Dowdy stated Village Attorney Scott Garwood could not attend this evening meeting to discuss the Memorandum and draft Ordinance to Regulate Structures Within the Village of Stonington. He can attend either the January or February meeting and requested that if there are questions, they be sent to him ahead of the meeting so he can have the answers.

Village Engineer Report: Nothing to report.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Heberling reported the snow removal went smoothly but the 2006 truck lost its four-wheel drive.

President Dowdy stated that the purchase of a new truck was not put in the budget for this year, but he is going to look at the general fund budget to see if there is a possibility to start to purchase a replacement truck, so the Village is not at a point that all the trucks have to be replaced at once.

Superintendent Heberling also stated that the sewer pump went out at North Street, and it will have to be rebuilt, or a new pump will need to be purchased.

He reported that termite damage was found at the Village Shop in the ceiling and the wall.

He also reported some ditch work was done east of town and now the gas main is only about a foot deep, and all gas mains are supposed to be three feet deep.

Assistant Chief of Police Phil Deal reported the squad car repairs are complete.

WATER – The Water Report for October 1, 2025 – October 31, 2025, billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for October 1, 2025 – October 31, 2025, billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for October 1, 2025 – October 31, 2025, billing period was presented.

Committee Reports: STREETS & ALLEYS – Nothing to report.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Trustee Graham wanted to clarify that the Fire Department had no issues with the cancellation of the Christmas Kickoff event.

FINANCE – Nothing to report.

WATER – Nothing to report.

SEWER – Nothing to report.

GAS – Nothing to report.

President Dowdy set the date and time for the January Regular Meeting as January 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

With no further business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Callan, seconded by Graham, to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

APPROVED:

Bruce Dowdy, Village President

ATTEST:

Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk