

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

COMMITTEE MEETING  
February 10, 2025

The Board of Trustees met in Committee Session Monday, February 10, 2025, at 6:00 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

Zoning Officer: John LeVault via phone

Others in attendance: Don Bouvet, Village resident; Earl Good, Village resident; Carol White, Village resident; Jeff Nolen, Nolen Services, Inc.; Daniel Nolen, Nolen Services, Inc.; Rolando Salazar, Nolen Services, Inc.; Leslie DeVore, Village resident; Blake Mink, Village resident; Jeff Good, Village resident; Jackie Dowdy, Village resident; Austin Dowdy, Village resident; and Assistant Chief of Police Phil Deal

President Dowdy asked for a motion to grant the liquor license to Mulvaney’s Pub LLC. Motion by Kuntzman, seconded by Ramsey, to grant the liquor license to Mulvaney’s Pub LLC. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to remove Debbie Niles from the bank accounts and the security deposit boxes. Motion made by Wilson, seconded by Graham, to approve removing Debbie Niles from the bank accounts and the security deposit boxes. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy welcomed Carol White to the table to discuss the water issue draining in her sump pump at her residence. She reported that Jeff Nolen put some red dye in the water in the ditch in front of her house. She took several samples from the water in her sump pump, and it had a slight pink color to it. Jeff Nolen also put some green dye in the water in the ditch in front of her house and within 26 minutes, the water in the sump pump was green. This proved that the water is recirculating. She stated Jeff Nolen used his pumper truck and sucked up as much water as he could and that slowed the water coming into her sump pump. She is concerned about her sump pump running 24/7.

President Dowdy stated that at this time of the year it is tough to clean out ditches and even though it is somewhat soft on the top, when you dig deeper it is still frozen. President Dowdy is going to ask Superintendent Jake Heberling to discuss this with

Engineer Mark Bingham and ask about what options there are to help alleviate the problem.

President Dowdy welcomed Earl Good to the table. Mr. Good voiced his concern about parked vehicles and equipment.

President Dowdy stated fines have been issued and they have been paid. He also stated that if it is a licensable vehicle, they must have a current license on them and if they are a recreational vehicle, they do not require a state license. And he stated trailers also have to have a current license.

President Dowdy welcomed Jeff Nolen to the table. Because of the conversation from the last Village meeting, Mr. Nolen looked up the law on the Illinois General Assembly website and the definition of a commercial motor vehicle is 10,001 or more pounds and a commercial trailer is 5,001 or more pounds.

President Dowdy started the conversation about making any changes to Chapter 11, Article 2. Districts and Boundaries 11.201 (B) and the question of parking or storing property on residential property. President Dowdy quoted from the Village's Municipal Code:

B) No building shall be erected or altered, nor shall any building or premises be used for any purpose other than that which is permitted in the district in which such building, structure, or use is located, and no lot shall be so reduced or diminished that the yards or other open spaces shall be smaller than permitted by this ordinance.

Daniel Nolen stated that tandem axle trailers are 7000-pound trailers, because each axle is 3500 pounds. He stated the plastic units are single axel.

Jeff Nolen stated there are a couple of portable restrooms that are dual axle.

President Dowdy stated he discussed the situation with the Village Attorney, Scott Garwood and was told that there is no state statute against storing or parking of commercial vehicles on residential property and that the laws would fall to the county or city ordinances.

Village resident Leslie DeVore voiced her opinion that if a trailer is owned and operated by a commercial business it should not be permitted to be stored on residential property and that it is not adhering to the ordinance because it is being altered.

After much discussion, it was agreed to leave the current ordinance as it is. Jeff Nolen is to move the porta-potties behind the residential house and hide the porta-potties by trailers. This arrangement was agreed upon with Mr. Bouvet.

President Dowdy welcomed Jeff Good to the table. He inquired about expanding his home and asked what adds to property taxes. President Dowdy stated, for example, if a zoning permit was issued for \$20,000 that permit is registered with the county, and they come and re-evaluate the property based on the \$20,000 permit.

Mr. Good voiced his concern about his previous complaints regarding properties around town not being taken care of and feels like there should be more progress being made with regard to his complaints. He feels that there needs to be progressiveness in the ordinance to make the fines higher so they cannot be ignored.

President Dowdy stated that fines have been issued to the village resident, and they have been paid. The fines are not the same amount for continuous citations. He stated that as a Village to go on to private property and to do something, a state law has had to be broken. He will check into the changes of the fines for violation that has been changed.

With no further business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Callan, seconded by Ramsey, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 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