STATE OF ILLINOIS	}	REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN	} SS.	January 4, 2021
VILLAGE OF STONINGTON	}	Via Zoom and in person

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session Monday, January 4, 2021, 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: David Blakeman, via Zoom; Nathan Rybolt, Tara Ramsey, Tammy Wilson, Andrew Callan, and Korey Bailey Clerk: Jill Gilpin Treasurer: Christine Lerch, via Zoom Superintendent: Jake Heberling Village Engineer: Mark Bingham, via Zoom Village Attorney: Scott Garwood (Absent) Chief of Police: Travis Peden, via Zoom Officer Manager: Debbie Niles, via Zoom Zoning Officer: John LeVault

Others in attendance: Kim Paisley, Breeze-Courier, via Zoom

Minutes of the regular meeting December 7, 2020 were presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Blakeman, seconded by Bailey, that the minutes be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

The Treasurer's Report for the month of December was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Wilson, seconded by Callan, that the Treasurer's Report be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

The Gas Report for the month of December was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Blakeman, seconded by Ramsey, that the Gas Report be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

The Water Report for the month of December was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Bailey, seconded by Callan, that the Water Report be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

The Sewer Report for the month of December was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Rybolt, seconded by Wilson, that the Sewer Report be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

The Police Report for the month of December was presented to the Board for their

approval. Motion made by Bailey, seconded by Rybolt, 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 Callan, to approve and issue warrants for all bills. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer LeVault issued no zoning permits in the month of December.

<u>President's Report</u>: President Dowdy inquired about the existing Zoning Board members and recruiting new members. The Ordinances state there are to be five members on the Zoning Board.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve Ordinance Number 21-675. Motion by Blakeman, seconded by Ramsey, to approve Ordinance 21-675, An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Walnut Street. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Trustee Blakeman inquired if Jeff Nolen and Stonington Township had been contacted regarding a portion of Walnut Street being vacated. Office Manager, Debbie Niles, said she had called them but had not heard back from either one and she will follow-up with them.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve Resolution Number 21-453. The Resolution has to do with Inter-governmental Agreements and FEMA funding and does not have to be done yearly but must be put into place to be eligible for those things.

Motion by Rybolt, seconded by Blakeman, to approve Resolution Number 21-453 A Resolution of Adoption of the Christian County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy discussed with the Board about mowing. He discussed the possibility of having our personnel do the mowing and will make inquiries into equipment costs to be discussed further.

President Dowdy informed the Board that the furnace at the Post Office has quit. The Post Office is leasing the building from the Village. A couple of quotes were received from George Yard Heating & Cooling.

They gave a quote for a Trane furnace for \$3,521.52 and a quote for a Runtru by Trane furnace for \$2,850.91. After much discussion, President Dowdy asked for a motion to replace the furnace at the Post Office from George Yard Heating & Cooling for the Trane furnace in the amount of \$3,521.52.

Motion by Wilson, seconded by Callan, to replace the furnace at the Post Office from George Yard Heating & Cooling for the Trane furnace in the amount of \$3,521.52. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy announced that the Village has two new employees that will be starting Monday, January 11, 2021. They are Rex Wheeler and James Lupton.

President Dowdy discussed continuing with Jeff Tumiati as water operator. After much discussion the Trustees chose to continue with Jeff and will look at options after he is done in April 2021.

Engineer Mark Bingham gave a brief update on the water project. Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating, LLC is 90% done with a little bit of clean-up left to be done. Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating, LLC has turned in a change order which amounts to a credit to be approved at the next meeting.

Burdick Plumbing & Heating, Inc. are at the point of getting measurements.

Engineer Bingham requested the following disbursement requests for the water project:

Chastain & Associates, LLC	\$2,172.35
Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating, LLC	\$28,762.20

President Dowdy asked for a motion to pay the requested disbursements of \$2,172.35 for the engineering funds and \$28,762.20 to Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating, LLC for the water project. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Wilson, to pay the requested disbursements of \$2,172.35 for the engineering funds and \$28,762.20 to Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating, LLC for the water project. Motion passed with 6-0 vote.

Engineer Bingham discussed that he and Superintendent Heberling are working on the Motor Fuel Tax. He hopes to have the Motor Fuel Tax Resolution ready to be approved at the February board meeting.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

<u>Superintendent's Report</u>: Superintendent Heberling reported they replaced a fire hydrant on South Locust and South County and it is now working.

The gas valve located in the ditch across from The Triangle Pub keeps falling over when water runs through the ditch. He talked to a company about putting up a steel shoring wall to protect it and is runs \$200 a foot. The company said it was possible to start with 25 foot this year and keep adding to it and that the steel shoring wall will last 100 years.

President Dowdy asked him to get a bid for the steel shoring to be discussed further at the next February board meeting.

WATER – The Water Report for November 24 – December 21, 2020 billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for November 24 – December 21, 2020 billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for November – December 21, 2020 billing period was presented.

Committee Reports: STREETS & ALLEYS: Nothing to report.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Trustee Rybolt notified the Board that due to personal issues he might have to resign his position and is encouraging the Board to find a replacement for him. His intent is to stay on the Board as long as he can and/or until there a replacement is found.

FINANCE – Nothing to report.

WATER – Nothing to report.

SEWER – Nothing to report.

GAS – Trustee Blakeman asked the status of being able to make payments for gas and water bills on the Village's website. Officer Manager, Debbie Niles, said since the December minutes were approved, she would take a copy to the bank for them to approve at their next board meeting.

President Dowdy set the date and time for the February Regular Meeting as Monday, February 1, 2021 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 Blakeman, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:51 p.m. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

APPROVED:

Bruce Dowdy, Village President

ATTEST:

Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk