STATE OF ILLINOIS } REGULAR MEETING

COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN } SS. July 6, 2020 - Via GoToMeeting

VILLAGE OF STONINGTON }

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session Monday, July 6, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Stonington Community Center due to the rules in place for social distancing.

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

Trustees: David Blakeman, via GoToMeeting; Nathan Rybolt, via GoToMeeting; Tara

Ramsey, Tammy Wilson, Andrew Callan, and Korey Bailey

Clerk: Jill Gilpin

Treasurer: Christine Lerch, via GoToMeeting

Superintendent: Jeff Tumiati

Village Engineer: Mark Bingham, via GoToMeeting

Village Attorney: Scott Garwood (Absent)

Chief of Police: Travis Peden, via GoToMeeting Officer Manager: Debbie Niles, via GoToMeeting

Zoning Officer: John LeVault

Others in attendance: Kim Paisley, *Breeze-Courier*, via GoToMeeting; Jake Heberling, Asst. Superintendent; Ron Smith, via GoToMeeting village resident; Joe Stepping, Christian County Solid Waste; and, Brian Dickerson, BLH Computers

Minutes of the regular meeting June 1, 2020 were presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Blakeman, seconded by Callan, that the minutes be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

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

The Water Report for the month of June was presented 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 for the month of June was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Ramsey, seconded by Bailey, that the Sewer Report be approved and

filed as presented. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

The Police Report for the month of June was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Rybolt, seconded by Callan, 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 Bailey, 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 two zoning permits in the month of June.

Permit #757-20 to Nancy Roasio located at 117 E. North for a fence.

Permit #758-20 to Clayton Nichols located at 212 Brown Avenue for a fence.

<u>President's Report</u>: President Dowdy requested a motion to appoint Pulley, Martynowski & Blakeman as the Village Auditor. A motion was made by Blakeman, and seconded by Wilson, to rehire Pulley, Martynowski & Blakeman as the Village Auditor. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

The audit has been completed and is getting put together in a booklet to be presented at the August meeting.

President Dowdy discussed the small changes made to the budget. Some funds were moved around allowing more money for building infrastructure which would allow purchasing a backup generator for the Village Hall.

President Dowdy presented a General Fund Budget and asked for approval. Motion by Rybolt, seconded by Andrew, to approve the General Fund Budget. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 20-673. Motion by Blakeman, seconded by Wilson, to approve ORDINANCE 20-673, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING TAXES FOR CORPORATE AND SPECIAL PURPOSES FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF May, 2020, AND ENDING ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2021. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to grant the liquor license to Casey's General Store. Motion by Callan, seconded by Bailey, to grant the liquor license to Casey's General Store. Motion passed with 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to grant the liquor license to The American Legion. Motion by Ramsey, seconded by Wilson, to grant the liquor license to The American Legion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to grant the liquor license to One More Bar & Grill. Motion by Wilson, seconded by Bailey, to grant the liquor license to One More Bar & Grill. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

<u>Village Engineer's Report</u>: Engineer Mark Bingham gave a brief update on the water project. The project is moving forward and Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating, LLC will be in town in approximately two weeks starting the water main directional drilling.

Burdick Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc. has started the shop drawings for Chastain & Associates LLC to review.

Engineer Bingham is requesting the following disbursement requests for the water project. The disbursements are for all the initial engineering funds and the contractor's bond/insurance payment:

Chastain & Associates, LLC	\$120,232.24
Legal	\$2,555.00
Burdick Plumbing & Heating Co	\$13,365.00
Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating,	LLC \$4,050.00
Total	\$140.202.24

President Dowdy asked for a motion to pay the initial disbursements for the engineering funds and the contractor's bond/insurance payments for the water project in the amount of \$140,202.24. Motion made by Blakeman, seconded by Callan, to pay the initial disbursements for the engineering funds and the contractors bond/insurance payments for the water project in the amount of \$140,202.24. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Engineer Bingham mentioned that there will be disbursement requests every month moving forward with the water project.

President Dowdy welcomed Ron Smith. Mr. Smith voiced his concerns to the Board regarding his various incidents with dogs not being restrained. He described an attack from a vicious dog that attacked him and his dog which resulted in his left hand being injured from pulling the vicious dog off his dog. He is requesting that the Board revisit the Ordinance and make some changes. His main concern is that a young child would get hurt by the dogs not being restrained.

Officer Peden discussed the different definitions and fines regarding dogs running loose, vicious, and dangerous dogs.

President Dowdy welcomed Joe Stepping from the Christian County Solid Waste Management Department and Brian Dickerson from BLH Computers to the table. The electronics recycling program was started in 2007 in conjunction with BLH Computers.

This electronic recycling program is the only one like it in the State and it is 100% free to the residents of Christian County. This program is solely funded by Christian County.

Residents of Christian County can take their electronics for recycling to BLH Computers in Taylorville or to BLH Computers in Springfield store.

BLH Computers in Taylorville receives approximately 115,000 pounds of materials which breaks down to approximately 3.5 pounds per person in the entire county who comes to Taylorville to have their items recycled.

State of Illinois has an average of 3.52 pounds per person which is recycled on an average for all the counties combined.

Brian tracks all the numbers in poundage in materials that are received and has seen a spike from Stonington. He wanted to bring to the Village's attention that in a year over year basis, the Village is recycling 8,500 pounds of electronics which puts Stonington at 9 pounds per person. Stonington is 3% of the overall population of Christian County and is bringing in 7% of the overall weight of Christian County.

There was much discussion on possible options in monitoring items being dropped off for recycled at the Village's garage.

President Dowdy brought up for discussion the old post office building. He stated that moving forward has been stalled and the two choices at this point is to keep it barricaded or send out for bids to tear it down.

Debbie informed the Board that the Village had received judgment to tear it down. If it is not torn down and someone is injured, they could sue the Village. If the building is torn down a lien could be put on the building to try to recoup some of the costs. Debbie reminded the Village that a certificate saying that the asbestos has been removed may have to be obtained before it could be demolished.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to advertise for bids to demolish the old post office building. Motion by Rybolt, seconded by Callan, to advertise for bids to demolish the old post office building. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy discussed the CDS Office Technologies bid for a Toughbook computer. Now the squad cars are sharing the Toughbook. This computer will work with the existing docking station.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to purchase another Toughbook from CDS Office Technologies for \$3,059.00. Motion by Wilson, seconded by Ramsey, to purchase the Toughbook from CDS Office Technologies for \$3,059.00. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy discussed employee compensation time and stated there is nothing in the employee handbook that states how much can be accumulated or how much can be rolled over. The Auditor brought this to his attention and asked if the Village had a policy. All the time is deserved and from a financial standpoint this needs to be discussed in the future.

<u>Superintendent's Report</u>: Superintendent Tumiati reported that Bayer will start irrigation tomorrow morning.

Superintendent Tumiati reported they have been chosen to build a new source water protection plan. It must be done by August 1, 2020.

The flow meter at the sewer plant needs to be replaced. Superintendent presented a quote from Vandevanter Engineering for a replacement flow meter and installation for the wastewater treatment plant in the amount of \$7,491.00.

Motion made by Bailey, seconded by Wilson, to purchase the replacement flow meter and installation for the wastewater treatment plant from Vandevanter Engineering in the amount of \$7,491.00. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Superintendent Tumiati just wanted to bring it to the attention of the Board that the backhoe has had to have a lot of repairs in the last two weeks. He will look at getting a price on replacing it.

WATER – The Water Report for April 24-May 27, 2020 billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for April 24-May 27, 2020 billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for April 24-May 27, 2020 billing period was presented.

<u>Committee Reports:</u> STREETS & ALLEYS: Trustee Ramsey wanted to thank the employees for doing a good job getting the roads cleaned off after the storm we had a couple weeks ago.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Nothing to report.

FINANCE – Nothing to report.

WATER – Trustee Callan asked about the watermain replacement located on Livergood. Superintendent Tumiati said the Engineer is working up the numbers and have not received anything at this time.

SEWER – Trustee Bailey asked if the drainage has been fixed near Nathan's residence as there is a pipe sticking up out of the ground. Asst. Superintendent Heberling said that is where the new pipe stopped and hope to replace more as time allows.

GAS – Trustee Wilson wanted to thank the employees for the awesome job they did in getting the streets cleared off after the storm.

President Dowdy said that Blue Mound, Macon, Moweaqua, Stonington Township helped out in the clean up.

Debbie discussed the handout of the sample of a one-page bill that the Village will be using. It will be able to show the previous balance and has room to put notes on the bill.

Debbie reported she and Kari will be training later this month for three days for the new billing software. She also reported the microserver has been installed so her computer is not the server anymore.

President Dowdy set the date and time for the August Regular Meeting as Monday, August 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

With no further business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Bailey, seconded by Callan, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:27 p.m. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

APPROVED:
Bruce Dowdy, Village President
ATTEST:
Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk