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| STATE OF ILLINOIS     | }     | REGULAR MEETING |
| COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN   | } SS. | June 2, 2025    |
| VILLAGE OF STONINGTON | }     |                 |

The Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Monday, June 2, 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 (Absent)  
Clerk: Jill Gilpin (Absent)  
Office Manager/Treasurer: Kari Scott  
Superintendent: Jake Heberling (Absent)  
Village Engineer: Mark Bingham (Absent)  
Village Attorney: Scott Garwood (Absent)  
Chief of Police: Travis Peden (Absent)  
Zoning Officer: John LeVault (Absent)

Others in attendance: Kim Brown, Village resident; Jenny Nation, Village resident, Jason Bliesner, Business owner, Austin Dowdy, Village resident, Rex Wheeler, Village employee, and, Assistant Chief of Police Phil Deal

Minutes from May 5, 2025, regular meeting was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Tammy Wilson, seconded by Jeff Graham, that the minutes be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

Minutes from May 5, 2025, adjourned meeting was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Andrew Callan, seconded by Tara Ramsey, 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 May to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Tammy Wilson, seconded by Jeff 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 May 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 May to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Caleb Grover, seconded by Tammy Wilson, 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 May to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Andrew Callan, seconded by Jeff Graham, 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 May 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 May.

Permit #801-25 to Earl Good located at 602 W Second St. for an addition.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve the Zoning Report for the month of May. Motion made by Andrew Callan, seconded by Tammy Wilson, to approve the Zoning report for the month of May. Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

President's Report: President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 25-700, An Ordinance Appropriating Taxes for And Special Purposes For The Current Fiscal Year Commencing On The 1<sup>st</sup> Day Of May 2025, And Ending On The 30<sup>th</sup> Day Of April 2026. Motion made by Jeff Graham, seconded by Tammy Wilson, to approve Ordinance No. 25-700. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 25-701, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7. Water, Article 1. General Provisions, Sections 7.106, 7.107, And 7.127 And Chapter 10 Utilities, Article 9. Rates Of The Municipal Code Of Ordinances Of The Village Of Stonington, Christian County, Illinois. Motion made by Andrew Callan, seconded by Tara Ramsey, to approve Ordinance No. 25-701. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

The Village received a Chicken Application submitted from Sheila Binkley. President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve the Chicken Application submitted by Sheila Binkley. Motion by Tammy Wilson, second by Tara Ramsey, to approve the submitted Chicken application from Sheila Binkley. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

The Village received a Chicken Application submitted from Luke Wright. President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve the Chicken Application submitted by Luke Wright. Motion by Tammy Wilson, second by Jeff Graham, to approve the submitted Chicken application from Luke Wright. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

President Dowdy brought up the discussion to change the ordinance for liquor sales to go to 6am – 2am Sunday through Saturday.

President Dowdy stated that we will get this put onto Ordinance form to be voted on at the July 2025 meeting.

President Dowdy brought up the discussion for Superintendent Jake Heberling in regard to purchasing and upgrading gas valves. Superintendent Heberling is asking for an amount of up to \$12,000 to be spent on purchasing new and upgrading current gas valves.

After much discussion, a motion was made to spend up to \$12,000 a year to purchase and upgrade gas valves. Motion made by Caleb Grover, seconded by Tammy Wilson. Motion passes with a 5-0 vote.

President Dowdy invited Jenny Nation to the table. Jenny stated that there is a tree on the boulevard side of the sidewalk. The limb hangs straight across her driveway. She is asking if someone come and look at it before it breaks and possibly lands on her vehicle or home. President Dowdy stated that someone would look at it.

Tammy Wilson stated that over by Scott Hodges property, there is a tree with a very long limb that hangs over to village property. She asked when the Public Works were out trimming trees that they also take care of that one.

President Dowdy brought up the Summerfest. He mentioned that Assistant Chief Phil Deal has been trying to get in contact with the railroad to slow down the trains. Police Chief Travis Peden will be driving in the parade. He will not be able to toss candy so he will have one of his grandkids help. Office Phill will be on duty on Friday and Sunday night. He is going to check with County to see if they can come by a few times throughout the evening.

Trustee Ramsey said that they should have enough activities going on.

Village Engineer Report: Nothing to report.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

WATER – The Water Report for April 1 – April 3, 2025, billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for April 1 – April 30, 2025, billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for April 1 – April 30, 2025, billing period was presented.

Committee Reports: STREETS & ALLEYS – Nothing to report.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Trustee Graham stated that he received a couple of phone calls regarding a few properties in town. One was about a property on West St. and the other was a property about parking habits on Covington St. He stated that Officer Deal has handled the call on West St., and will be taking care of the parking on Covington St.

FINANCE – Nothing to report.

WATER – Nothing to report.

SEWER – Nothing to report.

GAS – Nothing to report.

Office Manager Kari Scott asked if something could be done about the part in the ordinances that states the Chief of Police has to inspect Golf Carts/Side by side. There are times when the police department is not available.

President Dowdy stated that we could probably have that changed to say Village Employee.

President Dowdy set the date and time for the July Regular Meeting as July 7, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

With no further business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Andrew Callan, seconded by Tammy Wilson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 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