

STATE OF ILLINOIS                    }       REGULAR MEETING – Via GoToMeeting  
COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN            } SS.                    May 4, 2020  
VILLAGE OF STONINGTON         }

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session via GoToMeeting Monday, May 4, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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 – Via GoToMeeting; Tammy Wilson – Via GoToMeeting; Andrew Callan – Via GoToMeeting; and Korey Bailey - present

Clerk: Jill Gilpin - present

Treasurer: Christine Lerch – Via GoToMeeting

Superintendent: Jeff Tumati – Via GoToMeeting

Village Engineer: Mark Bingham (Absent)

Village Attorney: Scott Garwood (Absent)

Chief of Police: Travis Peden – Via GoToMeeting

Officer Manager: Debbie Niles – Via GoToMeeting

Zoning Officer: John LeVault – Via GoToMeeting

Others in attendance: Jake Heberling, Asst. Superintendent via GoToMeeting; and, Gordon Wayman, Specialist from the US Census via GoToMeeting

Minutes of the regular meeting April 6, 2020 were presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Bailey, seconded by Blakeman, that the minutes be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

The Treasurer’s Report for the month of April was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Bailey, seconded by Ramsey, that the Treasurer’s Report be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

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

The Sewer Report for the month of April was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Bailey, seconded by Blakeman, that the Sewer Report be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

The Police Report for the month of April was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Rybolt, 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 Blakeman, 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 April:

Permit #752-20 was issued to Nathan Rybolt located at 408 Jack Dettro Dr. for a fence.

Permit #753-20 was issued to Logan Lewellyn located at 205 S. Main for a lean-to.

President’s Report: President Dowdy welcomed Gordon Wayman, product specialist for the U.S. Census. He surveys several counties including Christian County.

They calculate a response rate on the percentage of households that have currently responded to the census in each town in the county and this is done every day. As of today, the percentage for the Village is 62.1%. The average for Christian County is 62.6% and we are in the middle for the county. The Village’s percent last week was on April 27, 2020 was 54%. So this is a nice increase.

Anyone can go online to <https://2020census.gov> if they have not received a census. If they do not have their census ID number, they can type in their address to fill out the census.

The timeline for the census has changed due to the Covid-19 virus. The on-line responses due date has been moved to October 31, 2020. Starting August 11 through October 31, 2020 a census employee will be going door-to-door to everyone that has not responded.

As of last week for everyone who has not responded they should have received a paper questionnaire in the mail.

We are asking everyone to help participate by posting on social media, post on the Village’s website or anywhere to put the information out there for people to know about the census.

Every week he sends emails to people on his list to post information on the census. If you know of anyone who would like to be added to the list, he will gladly take their information.

President Dowdy discussed Legacy Grain's request to close Walnut from Jack Dettro to American Legion Drive due to the elevator's expansion. They are going to try to leave a lane drivable between the bins and the Township so if emergency vehicles need to pass through there it will still be eligible it just will not be a two lane.

Trustee Rybolt questioned clarification regarding the road maintenance. President Dowdy and Kevin Walker from Legacy Grain have had the discussion and they will be having future discussions regarding a different or better option to help with maintenance of the roads. It will not happen until after fall or the harvest season.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to void out Walnut Street from Second Street to Jack Dettro and Walnut Street from Second Street to American Legion Drive and give the property to Legacy Grain. Motion by Blakeman, seconded by Bailey, to void out Walnut Street from Second Street to Jack Dettro and Walnut Street from Second Street to American Legion Drive and give the property to Legacy Grain. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy discussed a problem with a couple of dogs in town running loose in people's yards. An individual has been chased a couple of times and is making us aware of the dogs who has chased him when he has walked his dog.

President Dowdy discussed with the Board that Officer Peden is looking into purchasing another Toughbook for the police department so both police vehicles will be fully equipped. President Dowdy hopes to have more information regarding the cost to discuss at the June meeting.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Village Engineer's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Tumiaty discussed in the water department that the water plant got hit by lightening on Saturday when the storm came through. He was able get a programmer in on Sunday morning so the plant is up and running on auto. The plant does not have all the bells and whistles but it is operating.

He reported that the water main project will start in the next couple of weeks. They would like to boar most of it. Superintendent Tumiaty changed some things around. As a result of the changes, we received a \$1,300 credit.

WATER – The Water Report for February 25-March 26, 2020 billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for February 25-March 26, 2020 billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for February 25-March 26, 2020 billing period was presented.

Committee Reports: STREETS & ALLEYS: Trustee Ramsey asked if the Village is going to still have clean-up days. President Dowdy said as a result of employees not being able to stay 6 feet apart a dumpster has been brought in for residents to use for cleaning up.

Trustee Ramsey has been asked by a resident of Taylorville, who has family living in Stonington, if they would be able to register their UTV in Stonington for the family to use in Stonington. The UTV is street legal and registered in Taylorville.

Officer Peden said that one of Stonington's specifications for a UTV is to have an 11 cubic feet dump bed and that is not one of Taylorville's specifications. He said they could bring it to have it inspected and see if it meets the specifications according to our Ordinance.

Trustee Ramsey also wanted everyone to know that Pat Beck is making masks so if anyone needs one to let her know.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Nothing to report.

FINANCE – Trustee Blakeman asked about the status of the grant for the siren. President Dowdy said it has been granted to us but we have to wait for the State to get everything processed and as soon as we receive the grant money we will get them updated.

WATER – Nothing to report.

SEWER – Nothing to report.

GAS – Nothing to report. – Trustee Wilson asked what stage we are at with the new billing program.

Office Manager Debbie Niles said the company is working at getting all our information transferred to the new program. Things are a little delayed because of COVID-19 and their employees are working from home too.

President Dowdy also wanted to let everyone know as an FYI, that there has been no letter mailed out informing residents of the new leaf burning ordinance. When the COVID-19 stay at home started, it was at the same time the new leaf burning ordinance would be taking effect. President Dowdy is happy that residents are able to get out and clean up their yards and pick up things.

President Dowdy set the date and time for the April Regular Meeting as Monday, June 1, 2020 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 Rybolt to adjourn the Meeting at 7:31 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