

STATE OF ILLINOIS	}	REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN	}	November 3, 2025
VILLAGE OF STONINGTON	}	

The Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Monday, November 3, 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

Clerk: Jill Gilpin

Office Manager/Treasurer: Kari Scott

Superintendent: Jake Heberling

Village Engineer: Mark Bingham (Absent)

Village Attorney: Scott Garwood (Absent)

Chief of Police: Travis Peden

Zoning Officer: John LeVault

Others in attendance: Kim Brown, Village resident; and Austin Dowdy, Village resident

Minutes from October 6, 2025, regular meeting was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Kuntzman, 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 October to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Wilson, seconded by 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 October to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Kuntzman, 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 October to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Grover, seconded by Ramsey, 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 October to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Kuntzman, seconded by 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 October to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Graham, 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 Wilson, seconded by Kuntzman, 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 October.

President's Report: President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve the Chicken Application submitted from Jason and Rhea Dooley located at 110 N. Main Street. Motion made by Wilson, second by Kuntzman, to approve the submitted Chicken application from Jason and Rhea Dooley. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Chief of Police stated that the chickens located at the Berea Baptist Church is in the County and is outside the city limits.

President Dowdy moved to discuss the Memorandum and proposed Ordinance to Regulate Structures Within the Village of Stonington that was drafted by Village Attorney Scott Garwood. President Dowdy outlined some of the highlights that the Ordinance would cover which would allow the Village to enter onto properties to address issues like overgrown trees, rubbish, and dilapidated homes. He stated that Village Attorney Garwood would recommend receiving pictures, addresses and GPS pins for him to look further into the situation and make sure the property is liable in accordance with the Ordinance.

After much discussion, this was tabled for the December meeting with the possibility of Attorney Scott Garwood to be in attendance to explain the ordinance more and answer any questions.

Village Engineer Report: Nothing to report.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Heberling reported the building materials for the shop have been ordered and for the project to start on Thursday. Zoning Officer, John LeVault is to issue a zoning permit for the project.

Superintendent also reported that everything is good with Sharpsburg and the water plant is running well.

The Board discussed the applicants for the public works position. The top three candidates were going to be called to schedule interviews for Wednesday, November 12, 2025, starting at 6:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

WATER – The Water Report for August 30, 2025 – September 30, 2025, billing period

was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for August 30, 2025 – September 30, 2025, billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for August 30, 2025 – September 30, 2025, billing period was presented.

Committee Reports: STREETS & ALLEYS – Trustee Ramsey talked about a proposed “micro pantry” that is like a little free library, but this would be for food and hygiene items. There were concerns raised about weatherproofing and pests. She will inquire from a couple of places that have a “micro pantry”.

Trustee Ramsey reported the kickoff to Christmas in the Park is scheduled for November 30, 2025, the Sunday after Thanksgiving and people can start decorating now.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Nothing to report.

FINANCE – Trustee Wilson wanted to report that Halloween was successful and there was a great turnout.

WATER – Nothing to report.

SEWER – Nothing to report.

GAS – Nothing to report.

President Dowdy set the date and time for the December Regular Meeting as December 1, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

With no further business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Grover, seconded by Callan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

APPROVED:

Bruce Dowdy, Village President

ATTEST:

Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk