

STATE OF ILLINOIS                    }  
COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN            } SS.  
VILLAGE OF STONINGTON         }

REGULAR MEETING  
November 4, 2019

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session Monday, November 4, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The Meeting was called to order by President Ryan Marucco with the following Members present:

President: Ryan Marucco  
Trustees: David Blakeman, Bruce Dowdy, Todd Thomason (Absent), Andrew Callan, Tara Ramsey, and Nathan Rybolt  
Clerk: Jill Gilpin  
Treasurer: Christine Lerch  
Superintendent: Jeff Tumiat  
Village Engineer: Mark Bingham  
Village Attorney: Scott Garwood (Absent)  
Chief of Police: Travis Peden  
Officer Manager: Debbie Niles  
Zoning Officer: Doug Hoy

Others in attendance: Kim Paisley, *Breeze-Courier*; Jake Heberling, Asst. Superintendent; and, Allen Barringer, Village employee

Minutes of the Regular Meeting October 7, 2019 were presented to the Board for their approval. **Motion** made by Callan, 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 October was presented to the Board for their approval. **Motion** made by Blakeman, seconded by Dowdy, that the Treasurer’s Report be approved and filed as presented. **Motion** passed by all “Yea” votes.

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

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

The Police Report for the month of October 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 Dowdy, seconded by Callan, to approve and issue warrants for all bills. **Motion** passed by all “Yea” votes.

Zoning Officer’s Report: There were no zoning permits in the month of October.

Zoning Officer Doug Hoy gave his resignation that will be effective December 31, 2019.

President’s Report: President Marucco researched zoning specifications for Bruce Reinheimer’s non-profit organization ODAT Recovery Solutions, Inc. He was unable to find any specifications regarding zoning for a non-profit organization. Mr. Reinheimer did provide proof of ODAT Recovery Solution, Inc. being a non-profit organization to switch the utilities.

President Marucco reported to the Board that the Village received the new squad car. The grant money was received, and the car has been paid off.

President Marucco reported that Trustee Todd Thomason has resigned due to health issues.

President Marucco reported that at the Health & Safety Committee meeting on October 17, 2019 they discussed a couple of options for subsidizing the utility bills to the Stonington Community Center. One of the options was to provide utilities at cost and the other option was to provide utilities at 50% of the total cost and then re-evaluate after 6 months.

President Marucco asked for a **motion** for subsidizing the utility bills to the Stonington Community Center. **Motion** by Blakeman, seconded by Ramsey, to provide utilities at 50% of the total cost for 3 to 6 months. **Motion** passed with a roll call vote that went as follows: Rybolt “Yea”; Ramsey, “Yea”; Blakeman “Yea”; and Callan “Yea”, with Dowdy “Abstaining”. **Motion** passed with a 4-0 vote.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Engineer’s Report: Engineer Mark Bingham updated to the Board that authorization has been received to advertise for bids for the water treatment project.

Superintendent’s Report: Superintendent Tumiati reported to the Board that Round Prairie Water Co-Op has reached out to the Village again seeking a water operator, someone to read meters, and provide service calls to customers. Tumiati said if the

Village were able to help out another employee would need to be hired and another truck would need to be purchased.

Superintendent Tumiati reported the ICC would be here for two days. He also reported the on the lawsuit regarding Panhandle that the transportation fee would go up from .40 to \$1.95.

Superintendent Tumiati checked on costs of new Christmas decorations, and thought it would be best to wait due to high prices. Bayer has some Christmas decorations to donate. (Bayer has our current Christmas decorations and are updating them with new LED Bulbs. This should allow us to use them for a few more years.)

Superintendent Tumiati presented information on an International Single Axle Dump truck for sale at Higgs Welding for \$9,800.00. This truck is a diesel and would replace the dump truck the Village has that uses LP.

WATER – The Water Report for August 29 – September 25, 2019 billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for August 29 – September 25, 2019 billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for August 29 – September 25, 2019 billing period was presented.

Committee Reports: STREETS & ALLEYS: Nothing to report.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Trustee Rybolt scheduled a Health & Safety Committee hearing for Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

FINANCE – Nothing to report.

WATER – Nothing to report.

SEWER – Nothing to report.

GAS – Nothing to report.

Office Manager, Debbie Niles, reported that the Tornado grant check has been received and she would start reimbursing agencies for their assistance during clean-up from the storm.

President Marucco set the date and time for the December Regular Meeting as Monday, December 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

With no further business coming before the Board, a **motion** was made by Dowdy,

seconded by Blakeman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. **Motion** passed by all "Yea" votes.

APPROVED:

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Ryan Marucco, Village President

ATTEST:

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Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk