

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

REGULAR MEETING
September 5, 2019

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session Thursday, September 5, 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 Jeff Nolen, Nolen Plumbing Heating & Air Conditioning

Minutes of the Regular Meeting August 5, 2019 were presented to the Board for their approval. **Motion** made by Dowdy, 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 August was presented to the Board for their approval. **Motion** made by Dowdy, 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 August 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 August was presented to the Board for their approval. **Motion** made by Callan, seconded by Rybolt, that the Water Report be approved and filed as presented. **Motion** passed by all “Yea” votes.

The Sewer Report for the month of August was presented to the Board for their approval. **Motion** made by Callan, 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 August 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: Zoning Officer Doug Hoy issued one zoning permit in the month of August.

Permit #750-19 was issued to Alex Kater, located at 113 S. Locust Street, for a fence.

President’s Report: President Marucco welcomed Jeff Nolen of Nolen Plumbing Heating & Air Conditioning to the table.

Mr. Nolen asked the Board for clarification that he would be able to build a building at his business location with a sewer receptacle. Once he obtains the zoning permit to build the building, he would like to be able to dump sewage at the business location as well as continue to dump sewage at the lagoon and at the sewer plant as needed.

President Marucco asked for a **motion**. **Motion** by Callan, seconded by Dowdy, to allow Nolen Plumbing Heating & Air Conditioning to dump the sewage from the porta-potties in the lagoon and at the sewer plant. **Motion** passed with a 5-0 vote.

President Marucco asked for a **motion** to approve **ORDINANCE 19-665**. **Motion** by Blakeman, seconded by Dowdy, to approve **ORDINANCE 19-665**, AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR CORPORATE AND SPECIAL PURPOSES FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE 1st DAY OF MAY, 2020, AND ENDING THE 30th DAY OF APRIL, 2021. **Motion** passed with a roll call vote that went as follows: Dowdy “Yea”; Rybolt “Yea”; Ramsey, “Yea”; Blakeman “Yea”; and Callan “Yea”. **Motion** passed with a 5-0 vote.

President Marucco discussed Ordinance 19-666 amending the municipal code imposing a municipal cannabis retailers’ occupation tax. This ordinance is intended to impose the tax authorized by law if a business of selling cannabis were allowed to open in the Village. Currently, President Marucco is not opting out of having a dispensary in the Village.

President Marucco asked for a **motion** to approve **ORDINANCE 19-666**. **Motion** by Dowdy, seconded by Ramsey, to approve **ORDINANCE 19-666**, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF STONINGTON, CHRISTIAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BY THE ADDITION OF CHAPTER 2. FINANCES, ARTICLE 4. REVENUES, SECTION 2.409, IMPOSING A MUNICIPAL CANNABIS RETAILERS’ OCCUPATION TAX. **Motion** passed with a roll call vote that went as

follows: Dowdy “Yea”; Rybolt “Yea”; Ramsey, “Yea”; Blakeman “Yea”; and Callan “Yea”. **Motion** passed with a 5-0 vote.

President Marucco asked for a **motion** to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with American Public Gas Association. **Motion** by Blakeman, seconded by Callan, to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with American Public Gas Association. **Motion** passed with 5-0 vote.

President Marucco reported that the Village received judgment in favor for the Old Post Office building. He asked for a **motion** to advertise for bids to demolish the building. **Motion** by Callan, seconded by Rybolt, to advertise for bids to demolish the building. **Motion** passed with a 5-0 vote.

Trustee Callan reported to the Board the pump at the main lift station needs to be replaced. The pump is 21 years old. A Proposal from Vandevanter Engineering proposed two options. Trustee Callan suggested Option Two would be the best option for replacement of the pump. Option two – NP-3153.185 Replacement Pump at the cost of \$18,609.11.

President Marucco asked for a **motion** for the replacement pump. **Motion** by Callan, seconded by Dowdy, to approve the purchase of Option Two – NP-3153.185 Replacement Pump from Vandevanter Engineering at the cost of \$18,609.11. The \$18,609.11 is to come from the Enterprise Fund. **Motion** passed with a 5-0 vote.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Engineer’s Report: Engineer Mark Bingham updated on Board on the water treatment project. The loan manger had some minor changes to the application and after it is signed it will move forward.

Superintendent’s Report: Superintendent Tumiaty reported to the Board that the audit from the Illinois Commerce Commission went well and he is waiting on the field testing results.

Superintendent Tumiaty asked the Board if the Village would be providing dumpsters for the fall rummage sale.

Asst. Superintendent, Jake Heberling reported to the Board that the well pump #12 went out. The pump has been pulled out and tests are being run on it to determine if it was hit by lightning.

Debbie Niles discussed with the Board new utility billing software from Continental Utility Solutions, Inc. She has received a quote from them in the amount of \$8,075.00. This software is an upgrade to the utility billing software that the Village currently uses. This software will allow work orders to be submitted electronically, utility payments can be

made online, ACH payments can be setup, and, the ability to look at the history of past utility bills.

President Marucco asked for a **motion** to enter into an agreement with Continental Utility Solutions, Inc. for the utility billing software in the amount of \$8,075.00. **Motion** by Blakeman, seconded by Dowdy, to enter into an agreement with Continental Utility Solutions, Inc. for the utility billing software in the amount of \$8,075.00. **Motion** passed with a 5-0 vote.

Debbie checked with Verizon and AT&T for pricing for new iPhones and iPads that can be used with the utility billing software from Continental Utility Solutions, Inc. Verizon had the best offers for both. The monthly data costs with 3 iPads and 2 smart phones with unlimited data is \$187.95 plus insurance and fees.

President Marucco asked for a **motion** to enter into an agreement with Verizon. **Motion** by Rybolt, seconded by Callan, to enter into an agreement with Verizon for 3 iPads and 2 smart phones with unlimited data is \$187.95 plus insurance and fees. **Motion** passed with a 5-0 vote.

WATER – The Water Report for June 26-July 24, 2019 billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for June 26-July 24, billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for June 26-July 24, 2019, billing period was presented.

Committee Reports: STREETS & ALLEYS: Nothing to report.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Nothing to report.

FINANCE –Nothing to report.

WATER – Nothing to report.

SEWER – Nothing to report.

GAS – Trustee Blakeman discussed with the Board leaf burning. He suggested that there be no leaf burning on holidays and should be only on odd numbered days between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and sunset. He would like this added to Chapter 5, article 5. Fire. This will be put in Ordinance form for the October meeting.

The Annual Stonington Firefighter's Chicken dinner will be held September 29, 2019 from 10:30 AM to 2 PM.

President Marucco set the date and time for the September Regular Meeting as Monday, October 7, 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 Callan, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. **Motion** passed by all “Yea” votes.

APPROVED:

Ryan Marucco, Village President

ATTEST:

Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk