STATE OF ILLINOIS } REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN } SS. December 7, 2020
VILLAGE OF STONINGTON } Via GoToMeeting and in person

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session Monday, December 7, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Stonington Community Center.

The Meeting was called to order by President Bruce Dowdy with the following Members present:

Trustees: David Blakeman, via GoToMeeting; Nathan Rybolt, Tara Ramsey, Tammy

Wilson, Andrew Callan, and Korey Bailey

Clerk: Jill Gilpin

Treasurer: Christine Lerch, via GoToMeeting

Superintendent: Jake Heberling Village Engineer: Mark Bingham

Village Attorney: Scott Garwood (Absent)

Chief of Police: Travis Peden, via GoToMeeting

Officer Manager: Debbie Niles Zoning Officer: John LeVault

Others in attendance: Kim Paisley, *Breeze-Courier*, via GoToMeeting; and Ray Likes, Village resident

Minutes of the regular meeting November 2, 2020 were presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Blakeman, seconded by Callan, that the minutes be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

The Treasurer's Report for the month of November was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Wilson, 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 November was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Blakeman, seconded by Bailey, that the Gas Report be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

The Water Report for the month of November was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Wilson, that the Water Report be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

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

The Police Report for the month of November was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Rybolt, seconded by Callan, 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 Callan, 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 November.

<u>President's Report</u>: President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 20-674. Motion by Blakeman, seconded by Callan, to approve Ordinance 20-674, An Ordinance Levying Taxes for Corporate and Special Purposes for the current Fiscal Year Commencing on the 1st Day of May, 2021 and ending on the 30th Day of April, 2022. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy discussed the latest information received regarding Legacy Grain's expansion project. Attorney Scott Garwood has gone through all the information to make sure that the Village has easement rights for any water and sewer lines and are going through the area. Attorney Garwood has also allowed for Legacy Grain to reimburse the Village for any fees incurred in trying to get everything finalized.

Trustee Blakeman discussed sending a letter of confirmation to Jeff Nolan and Stonington Township to let them know what is planned and to make sure they have no objections. There will be a right-a-way to get through the road it, but it will no longer be a street legal road.

An Ordinance regarding vacating a portion of Walnut Street will be approved at the January Board meeting.

President Dowdy discussed the motion that was made from November's board meeting allowing Debbie Niles and Kari Scott to accept ACH payment on the Village's website. The motion needs to be rescinded. There was a misunderstanding of what was needed to have a new person put on the bank account to be able to accept ACH Payments.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to rescind the motion from the November's Board meeting allowing Debbie Niles and Kari Scott to accept ACH payments to be made on our website. Motion made by Rybolt, seconded by Bailey, to rescind the motion to allow Debbie Niles and Kari Scott to accept ACH payments to be made on our website. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy discussed approving two persons who are already on the signature card at the Bank to be allowed to accept ACH payments on the Village's website. His recommendations are Debbie Niles and Tammy Wilson.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to allow Debbie Niles and Tammy Wilson to accept ACH payments to be made on the Village's website. Motion made by Rybolt, seconded by Callan, to allow Debbie Niles and Tammy Wilson to accept ACH payments to be made on the Village's website. Motion passed with 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy welcomed Ray Likes to the table. Mr. Likes wanted to discuss the future of the Stonington Methodist Church.

<u>Village Attorney Report</u>: Nothing to report.

<u>Village Engineer's Report</u>: Engineer Mark Bingham gave a brief update on the water project.

Burdick Plumbing & Heating, Inc. is looking at the end of this month for the vessel to show up. He feels that January will start getting busy at the water plant. At the end of January beginning of February, the startup of the baby plan which is two new filters, and one softener will be ready.

Engineer Bingham requested the following disbursement requests for the water project:

Chastain & Associates, LLC	\$7,351.43
Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating, LLC	. \$32,854.50

President Dowdy asked for a motion to pay the requested disbursements of \$7,351.43 for the engineering funds and \$32,854.50 to Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating, LLC for the water project. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Wilson, to pay the requested disbursements of \$7,351.43 for the engineering funds and \$32,854.50 to Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating, LLC for the water project. Motion passed with 6-0 vote.

Engineer Bingham discussed using Motor Fuel Tax to oil and chip the streets located in the southeast portion of the Village. He would like to know by January or February whether the Village will proceed with this project.

<u>Superintendent's Report</u>: Superintendent Heberling reported Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating, LLC have been are hooking up the meter sets. They only have two more to hook up. The Village has had to purchase some meter pits and other items that were not in the bid because they needed changed out. The sewer pumps and the water plant pump have been serviced and the lift station pump has been replaced.

The tiling project is done it went across the old main that came to town. They went under the old main and now there are water leaks.

Superintendent Heberling thanked the Board for allowing him to get the new CGI for the gas. It is a better system and more accurate.

President Dowdy reported that a new electric power washer will be purchased that will

be used in the garage to clean up equipment.

WATER – The Water Report for October 22, 2020-November 23, 2020 billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for October 22, 2020-November 23, 2020 billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for October 22, 2020-November 23, 2020 billing period was presented.

<u>Committee Reports:</u> STREETS & ALLEYS: Trustee Ramsey asked if there was any new development with the Village Pantry property. President Dowdy said it is still with the investment company.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Officer Peden reported the Village still does not have access to the password for the email that is used at the power plant. Different cameras have been installed at the power plant and Jake and Alan have access to the cameras on their phones so they can now view the outside of the plant and the controls inside the plant. There are still issues with internet access at the garage.

FINANCE – Nothing to report.

WATER – Nothing to report.

SEWER – Nothing to report.

GAS – Nothing to report.

Officer Manager Debbie Niles asked if there are any plans to pave the Village Hall parking lot. President Dowdy said that TIF funds could be used for that and bids will be sent out come Spring.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to move into Executive Session. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Bailey, to move into Executive Session. The Board went into Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. to discuss the hiring of a new village employee.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. Motion by Blakeman, seconded by Bailey, to adjourn the Executive Session.

The Board then returned to regular session.

President Dowdy set the date and time for the January Regular Meeting as Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

seconded by Rybolt, to adjourn the meetin votes.	g at 9:12 p.m.	Motion passed	by all "Yea"
APPROVED:			
Bruce Dowdy, Village President			
ATTEST:			
Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk			