STATE OF ILLINOIS } REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN } SS. July 6, 2021
VILLAGE OF STONINGTON }

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

President Bruce Dowdy called the meeting to order with the following present:

Trustees: David Blakeman, via GoToMeeting; Tara Ramsey, Tammy Wilson, Andrew

Callan, and Korey Bailey

Clerk: Jill Gilpin

Treasurer: Christine Lerch, via GoToMeeting

Superintendent: Jake Heberling

Village Engineer: Mark Bingham, via GoToMeeting

Village Attorney: Scott Garwood (Absent)

Chief of Police: Travis Peden Officer Manager: Debbie Niles

Zoning Officer: John LeVault (Absent)

Others in attendance: Anthony Rusher, Village resident and Steve Curtin, Holy Trinity

Catholic Church

The June 7, 2021, regular meeting minutes were presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Blakeman, seconded by Wilson, that the minutes be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

Minutes from the June 14, 2021, Health & Safety Committee meeting was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Wilson, seconded by Ramsey, 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 June to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Wilson, seconded by Bailey, 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 June to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Blakeman, seconded by Callan, 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 June 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 was presented for the month of June to the Board for their approval.

Motion made by Bailey, seconded by Callan, 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 June to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Ramsey, seconded by Wilson, 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 Callan, seconded by Wilson, to approve and issue warrants for all bills. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

Zoning Officer 's Report: Zoning Officer LeVault issued one zoning permit in the month of June.

Permit #771-21 to Stonington United Methodist Church located at 304 N. Elm for a building.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve the Zoning Report for the month of June. Motion made by Blakeman, seconded by Bailey, to approve the Zoning report for the month of June. Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

<u>President's Report</u>: President Dowdy made the appointment of Anthony Rusher to fill the vacant Trustee position and asked for the appointment to be confirmed. Motion by Wilson, seconded by Callan, to confirm the appointment of Anthony Rusher to fill the vacant Trustee position. Motion passed with a roll call vote that went as follows: "Wilson "Yea"; Ramsey "Yea"; Blakeman "Yea"; Callan "Yea"; and, Bailey "Yea". Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Anthony Rusher was sworn in by Clerk, Jill Gilpin.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to grant the liquor license to Casey's General Store. Motion by Bailey, seconded by Ramsey, to grant the liquor license to Casey's General Store. Motion passed with 5-0 vote with one abstaining.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to grant the liquor license to The American Legion. Motion by Blakeman, seconded by Rusher, to grant the liquor license to The American Legion. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy welcomed Engineer Mark Bingham to discuss the GIS Mapping. Engineer Bingham said the GIS Mapping is never really finished because additions will always be added to the mapping. Roughly the cost of a surveyor per day would be \$750.00. It would take approximately four or five days for a survey, and it would help to have a Village employee who is familiar with where the water meters are located to be more efficient and accurate. Once the data is surveyed, it will be imported into a GIS database. The cost to integrate the GIS information is \$3,200. The cost of training on the GIS mapping system is \$600.00. The online account will be using Chastain &

Associates, LLC's license and the purchase of a username through their account is \$500.00 for one year.

After the survey, the cost will be roughly \$4,300.00. The information for the fire hydrants and gas system that Chastain & Associates, LLC already have will be incorporated into the mapping.

President Dowdy asked about adding Sharpsburg and the cost of the administrative fee of incorporating it into the GIS mapping.

Motion by Blakeman, seconded by Callan, to start the process of the GIS/GPS Mapping system up to \$10,000.00. Motion passed with a roll call vote that went as follows: Blakeman, "Yea"; Wilson "Yea"; Ramsey "Yea"; Callan "Yea" and, Bailey "Yea" with one abstaining. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

President Dowdy moved the discussion on to the Village property on Main Street. He received an inquiry about purchasing the property. After much discussion, the property will be put out for open bids with the description and asking the intentions of the use of the property. The notice for sale will be published once a week for three consecutive weeks. The bids will be opened at the September 2021 meeting.

President Dowdy let the Board members know that we have received information with all the particulars to the railroad crossing expansion if anyone is interested in reviewing them. There are still discussions regarding the street that was abandoned for the elevator and trying to get Jeff Nolen access to his building.

President Dowdy discussed the bids received from Sloan Implement and Sievers for the sickle bar mower. The bids will be put on the agenda for the August meeting.

President Dowdy welcomed Steve Curtin on behalf of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church to the table. The Holy Trinity Catholic Church will be holding their steak dinner on Sunday, August 1, 2021, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The dinner will be a drive-thru dinner. Mr. Curtin presented a map and requested closing the streets for up to three hours on the East and West side of the church to ease with the drive-thru dinner. They will have volunteers directing traffic.

Motion made by Rusher, seconded by Bailey, to close the streets on the East and West sides of the church for up to three hours. Motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

<u>Village Engineer Report</u>: Engineer gave a brief update on the water plant. Next week, they are looking at starting the switching leads on the new vessels and getting the telemetry and controls started at the water plant. Water will not be processed but water will be running through it before the switchover to check the flows.

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

<u>Superintendent's Report</u>: Superintendent Heberling reported that the tin roof was installed on the maintenance building to help with water leaks and there were a few timbers replaced. The gas line will be fixed at the elevator before next Wednesday.

Trustee Bailey asked about any updates about the South County and West Street corner. Superintendent Heberling has contacted the person who will be replacing the valve installing the steel wall. He is still waiting on new equipment.

WATER – The Water Report was presented for the billing period of June 1, 2021 – July 1, 2021.

GAS – The Gas Report was presented for the billing period of June 1, 2021 – July 1, 2021.

SEWER – The Sewer Report was presented for the billing period June 1, 2021 – July 1, 2021.

<u>Committee Reports:</u> STREETS & ALLEYS – Trustee Ramsey reported to the Board that she has had a few people concerned about a motorized bicycle in town and not obeying stop signs. After much discussion, President Dowdy said he would do some research to see if any other towns have an ordinance in place about motorized bicycles.

HEALTH & SAFETY - Nothing to report.

FINANCE – Nothing to report.

WATER – Trustee Callan asked if the Village resident had been contacted about the Board's decision not to change the Ordinance allowing any fowl or farm animals within the Village unless a child is taking part in a youth teaching program.

SEWER – Nothing to report.

GAS – Trustee Blakeman reported he is keeping up with the daily or even weekly gas prices. This month was \$7.48 dekatherm which is the average we have been having for the last two years except for February.

President Dowdy set the date and time for the August Regular Meeting as Monday, August 2, 2021, 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 Bailey, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

APPROVED:

Bruce Dowdy, Village Pro	esident
ATTEST:	
Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk	