STATE OF ILLINOIS } REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN } SS. November 2, 2020
VILLAGE OF STONINGTON } Via GoToMeeting and in person

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session Monday, November 2, 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: N/A

Village Engineer: Mark Bingham

Village Attorney: Scott Garwood (Absent)

Chief of Police: Travis Peden, via GoToMeeting Officer Manager: Debbie Niles, via GoToMeeting

Zoning Officer: John LeVault

Others in attendance: Kim Paisley Jones, *Breeze-Courier*, via GoToMeeting; Jake Heberling, *Asst. Superintendent*

Minutes of the regular meeting October 5, 2020 were presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Wilson, 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 October was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Blakeman, seconded by Wilson, 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 Ramsey, 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 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 October was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Callan, 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 October was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Callan, 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 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 October.

<u>President's Report</u>: President Dowdy discussed adding the new compensatory policy to the Employee Handbook. The changes to the compensatory policy were discussed at the Finance Committee meeting on October 5, 2020

The new policy would allow up to 40 hours of comp time and those hours are maxed at 40 hours and can be rolled from year to year but after 40 hours it must be taken in pay.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to add the new compensatory time policy to the Employee handbook. Motion made by Wilson, seconded by Blakeman, to add the new compensatory time policy to the Employee Handbook. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

Compensatory time is to be turned in to the Office Manager so it can be kept track of and recorded.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to make a change to the Employee Policy, 1.09 Residency requirement of living within a 5-mile radius of the Village of Stonington to living within a 30-minute driving distance of the Village of Stonington.

Motion made by Blakeman, seconded by Ramsey, to change the Employee Policy, 1.09 Residency requirement of living within a 5-mile radius of the Village of Stonington to living within a 30-minute driving distance of the Village of Stonington. Motion passed with all "Yea" votes.

There will be no change to 2.01 (e) of the Employee Policy which states the on-call employee shall have a 30-minute response call time limit.

President Dowdy appointed Assistant Superintendent Jake Heberling as the new Superintendent.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to put in effect the 6% pay increase for Jake Heberling for the promotion of Superintendent. The pay increase was discussed at the Special Meeting held on October 22, 2020. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Wilson, to put in effect the 6% pay increase for Jake Heberling for the promotion to Superintendent. Motion passed with all "Yea' votes.

President Dowdy welcomed Office Manager, Debbie Niles, to discuss the requirement to allow recurring ACH bank draft payments to be made on our website. The bank needs approved minutes that shows the approval of two people to be listed to accept ACH bank draft payments to be made on our website. Approved minutes will then go to the Bank Board for their next meeting and they must approve the request. Once the request is approved by the Bank, ACH bank draft payments will be set up on our website.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to allow Debbie Niles and Kari Scott to accept ACH payments that are made on our website. Motion made by Blakeman, seconded by Wilson, to allow Debbie Niles and Kari Scott to accept ACH payments to be made on our website. Motion passed with all "Yea" votes.

President Dowdy discussed the gas leak detector. The Village currently have three detectors that are 15 years old. The accuracy of the detectors has gone down. The new detector allows a report to be printed when leaks are checked.

President Dowdy discussed the quote that was received from Sensit Technologies for a Sensit G2 TC next generation instrument for locating gas leaks and confined space applications at a cost of \$2,556.11.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to purchase from Sensit Technologies a Sensit G2 TC next generation instrument for locating gas leaks and confined space applications for a cost of \$2,556.11. Motion made by Ramsey, seconded by Callan, to approve the purchase from Sensit Technologies a Sensit G2 TC next generation instrument for locating gas leaks and confined space applications for a cost of \$2,556.11. Motion passed with all "Yea" votes.

There was a Sharpsburg meeting and they are getting close on Phase 3 and are looking for 50 people to hook on. At this time, they currently have 42. Currently, Sharpsburg has 306 active customers.

<u>Village Engineer</u>: Engineer Mark Bingham gave a brief update on the water project. Next week the service lines will be installed. The vessels are being manufactured and Burdick Plumbing & Heating, Inc. has asked for a partial request, which is roughly 30%, of the tanks. The vessels should be ready in the Spring.

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

Burdick Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc., (partial pay request)	\$54,000.00
Chastain & Associates, LLC	\$5,012.30
Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating, LLC	\$6,837.08

President Dowdy asked for a motion to pay the requested disbursements of \$54,000.00 which is partial pay request to Burdick Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc. for the vessels, \$5,012.30 for the engineering funds, and \$6,837.08 to Petersburg Plumbing &

Excavating, LLC for the water project. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Bailey, to pay the requested disbursements of \$54,000.00 which is partial pay request to Burdick Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc. for the vessels, \$5,012.30 for the engineering funds, and \$6,837.08 to Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating, LLC for the water project. Motion passed with all "Yea" votes.

Engineer Bingham presented a change order from Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating, LLC for an extra 200 foot of a water main and extra fire hydrants at a cost of \$16,613.00.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to accept the change order from Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating LLC for an extra 200 foot of a water main and extra fire hydrants at a cost of \$16,613.00. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Wilson, to accept the change order from Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating LLC for an extra 200 foot of water main and extra fire hydrants at a cost of \$16,613.00. Motion passed with all "Yea" votes.

Engineer Bingham also presented a change order from Burdick Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc. for a change in mag meters at a cost of \$11,682.00. After much discussion, the Board chose to hold off on this change.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

<u>Superintendent's Report</u>: Superintendent Heberling reported that they have everything set up to lower down the line on Thursday with the assistant of Nolen Plumbing. He also reported that at the Brown lift station pump has been acted up for a while and there is one sewer pump that is not pumping.

WATER – The Water Report for August 26-September 29, 2020 billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for August 26-September 29, 2020 billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for August 26-September 29, 2020 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 – Nothing to report.

President Dowdy set a date for a meeting for Monday, November 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. to review applications.

President Dowdy set the date and time for the December Regular Meeting as Monday, December 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

With no further business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Callan, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:51 p.m. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

APPROVED:	
Bruce Dowdy, Village President	
ATTEST:	
Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk	