STATE OF ILLINOIS } REGULAR MEETING

COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN } SS. September 8, 2026

VILLAGE OF STONINGTON }

The Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

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

Trustees: Tara Ramsey, Tammy Wilson, Andrew Callan, Jeff Graham, Caleb Grover, and Scott Kuntzman
Clerk: Jill Gilpin
Office Manager/Treasurer: Kari Scott
Superintendent: Jake Heberling
Village Engineer: Mark Bingham (Absent)
Village Attorney: Scott Garwood (Absent)
Chief of Police: Travis Peden (Absent)
Zoning Officer: John LeVault (Absent)

Others in attendance: Kim Brown, Village resident; Austin Dowdy, Village resident; Assistant Chief of Police, Phil Deal; Earl Good, Village resident; Jeff Nolen, Village resident; and Kaitlyn Norris, Village resident

Minutes from August 3, 2026, regular meeting was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Grover, 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 August to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Wilson, seconded by Graham, 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 August to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Grover, seconded by Ramsey, 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 August to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Callan, seconded by Kuntzman, 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 August to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Kuntzman, seconded by Wilson, 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 August to the Board for their approval. Motion made by Graham, 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 Graham, 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 August.

Permit #806-26 to Legacy Grain located at 402 Walnut Street for a fence.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve the Zoning Report for the month of August. Motion made by Kuntzman, seconded by Graham, to approve the Zoning report for the month of August. Motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

President’s Report: President Dowdy asked for a motion to grant the liquor license to Beer Vault Saloon, LLC. Motion by Callan, seconded by Kuntzman, to grant the liquor license to Beer Vault Saloon, LLC. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 26-713, An Ordinance Levying Taxes For Corporate And Special Purposes For The Current Fiscal Year Commencing On The 1st Day Of May 2027 And Ending The 30th Day Of April 2028. Motion made by Wilson, seconded by Grahma, to approve Ordinance 25-713, An Ordinance Levying Taxes For Corporate And Special Purposes For The Current Fiscal Year Commencing On The 1st Day Of May 2027, And Ending The 30th Day Of April 2028. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

President Dowdy welcomed Assistant Chief of Police Phil Deal to the table to discuss solar powered radar speed signs. He received a bid from EpicStar LED LLC and for two units the cost is $5,600.00. He proposed to stand one on the west side of town on North Street and the other along Route 48. After much discussion the Board agreed to table this until the October meeting to see if the purchase would be TIF eligible.

President Dowdy welcomed Jeff Nolen to the table. Mr. Nolen requested Board approval to remove two large trees near the railroad property adjacent to his property. He stated that he will be paying for the removal. The Board unanimously gave him permission.

President Dowdy informed the Board the engine braking sign on the west side of town is partially obstructing the speed limit sign. Superintendent Jake Heberling has ordered taller poles to move the engine braking sign.

President Dowdy discussed when the water project was worked on in front of the shop the old tile was found. The part that is near the fire department’s end was plugged up

with rock. Superintendent Heberling is going to check into a catch basin, and, hopefully, find a cover small enough to keep the rocks from filling it up.

President Dowdy reported a notice was sent to the Martin residence on the west side of town and found out it has been sold to Jason Bleisner who plans to put a roof on it before fall and renovate the house during the winter.

President Dowdy reported the granddaughter of the vacant and deteriorated property adjacent to David Towne's residence said they are in the middle of trying to sell it.

President Dowdy told the Board if they have another vacant and deteriorated property in mind to send him a text and start sending out notifications.

President Dowdy welcomed Earl Good to the table. Mr. Good inquired when the Village will get sprayed again.

Superintendent Heberling stated it would be soon and they have also been trying to drop water tablets after rain because they do more than the spray does.

Village Engineer Report: Nothing to report.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Heberling reported the ICC audit was this week and the auditor keeps adding to it and instead of one audit, they now have four audits in the next five days.

President Dowdy asked Office Manager Kari Scott to look into getting a new computer for Superintendent Heberling due to the age of the equipment he is currently using. She said she would contact Decatur Computers.

WATER – The Water Report for July 1, 2026 – July 31, 2026, billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for July 1, 2026 – July 31, 2026, billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for July 1, 2026 – July 31, 2026, billing period was presented.

Committee Reports: STREETS & ALLEYS – Trustee Ramsey requested Beer Vault Saloon is requesting the road be blocked between the alley and Route 48 can be closed for bike night at the Beer Vault Saloon on Thursday, September 17, 2026, 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Board approved her request.

She reported the fall garage sales are scheduled for October 9-10, 2026. And requested a dumpster to be ordered for Monday, October 12, 2026.

It was requested that Kari add information to the utility bills about a dumpster being available for Village residents.

Trustee Ramsey also reported that the Fireman's pork chop sandwich dinner will be held September 27, 2026, from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm at the firehouse and it will be carryout only.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Nothing to report.

FINANCE – Trustee Wilson reminded everyone to pay their property taxes.

WATER – Nothing to report.

SEWER – Nothing to report.

GAS – Nothing to report.

President Dowdy reminded everyone the candidate packets are available.

President Dowdy suggested including with the October utility bills notice to residents advising there will be increased enforcement and citations issued for not stopping at stop signs.

Assistant Chief of Police Phil Deal reported he submitted a grant application through the County for a new fully equipped squad car with updated lighting and radio equipment. The estimated value of the squad car is approximately $67,000. He stated if the grant was awarded the old squad car be sold to help fund an Axon camera/reporting system. mentioned the county is working on a grant from the Buffett

President Dowdy set the date and time for the October Regular Meeting as October 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

With no further business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Grover, seconded by Wilson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

APPROVED:

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Bruce Dowdy, Village President

ATTEST:

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Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk