

**Village of Lovington
Regular Board Meeting
January 11, 2016**

Call to order: President Jim Minor called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Minor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call found the following trustees to be present: Dennis Garmon, Jim McMahan, April Daily, Doug Smith and Pam Anklam. President Jim Minor and Clerk Alma Fair were also present.

Absent: Roger Walker

Guests present were: Jake Kamm, Julie Kinert and Kyle Crafton

Those wishing to speak were: Julie Kinert and Kyle Crafton

1. Julie Kinert was asking for a donation for scholarship money for the Miss Lovington. The contest will be held on May 19, 2016 at 7:00 pm. In the past the scholarship was \$500.00. Minor read the statement from the Illinois Attorney General's office regarding donations.
2. Kyle Crafton wanted to know what can be done on Al Best to divert the water. Their property is not designated as a flood plain so they cannot get flood insurance. He felt that the alley was higher than his property and when the cross road to the south (Church Street) is flooded it comes down the property between his neighbor to the south and his house. It goes to the alley and comes back to his house and around his house. The alley is stopping the natural flow of water. His house is on a slab so the water was coming into his house. He cut a trench through the alley and within an hour the water was out of his house. The alley and the sidewalk in front of his house is higher than the property. He would like for the Village to do something with the alley. Garmon and Anklam would like to look into it and see if there is anything that can be done. Minor thought that Smith and McMahan might need to talk Gary Ozier and Dave Bowers, who is in charge of drainage, to see if there is anything that can be done if anything. Minor will then get back with him.

Closed Session

Meeting of "The Mayor & Commissioners of a municipality organized under article 4 of the Municipal Code held to discuss matters, which relate solely to exercise their executive or administrative responsibilities."

1. 5 ILCS 120/2 Sec.2 (2) Salary Deliberations
2. 5 ILCS 120/2 Sec.2 (3) Purchase or Sale of Real Property

A Motion was made by Garmon and seconded by McMahan to go into closed session for the purpose of Salary Deliberations and Purchase or Sale of Real Property at 7:23 pm.

YEA: Smith, Anklam, Garmon, McMahan, Daily

Nay: None

Absent: Walker

MOTION CARRIED

Came back to open session at 7:35 pm.

Return to Open Session

1. Action on Closed Session items

A Motion was made by McMahan and seconded by Anklam to enter into an agreement to sell the Villages excess property downtown on State Street.

YEA: Anklam, Garmon, McMahan, Daily, Smith

Nay: None

Absent: Walker

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

1. Discussion and action on disposition of old slide removed from the park

Garmon - On Dec. 9th the slide was removed and is being stored behind Lester's shed on State Street. Jeremy Doggett might want it.

A Motion was made by Anklam and seconded by McMahan to sell the old slide removed from the park for \$1.00 to Jeremey Doggett.

YEA: Garmon, McMahan, Smith, Anklam

Nay: None

Absent: Walker

Abstain: Daily

MOTION CARRIED

2. Discussion and action on the amended and revised Water Billing Ordinance

A Motion was made by Garmon and seconded by Anklam to amend the revised Water Billing Ordinance #O-1-11-2016

YEA: McMahan, Daily, Smith, Anklam, Garmon

Nay: None

Absent: Walker

MOTION CARRIED

3. Discussion on appropriation changes for FY 2016 – 2017

Clerk Fair will be preparing the appropriation for next fiscal year 2016-2017. She ask for any changes to be given to her so the changes can be made before next month's meeting.

Old Business

1. Discussion and action on fireworks for July 2016 and funding of fireworks.

Jake Kamm was present representing the company that would be in charge of the fireworks. Garmon stated that he and Daily requested it to be on the agenda for discussion so that if we are planning to have fireworks this year, the people doing fund raising would have time to do so. It was asked if we would be covered by our insurance and was told that the company doing the fireworks would have insurance.

Minor talked to Shelly Martina, she and Pam Anklam are working on a fund raiser and think they can raise around \$3,500.

Garmon would suggest the village spend \$6,000 for this year.

Minor reminded everyone the need for other items to spend money on.

Daily noted that the company has an opening on July 3rd

Garmon feels this is giving back to the community.

A Motion was made by Garmon and seconded by Smith to commit to providing \$6,000 toward the cost of putting on the Fireworks display to be held July 3, 2016.

Discussion – Smith would like to put it in the appropriation for this year.

YEA: Daily, Smith, Anklam, Garmon, McMahan

Nay: None

Absent: Walker

MOTION CARRIED

Kamm mentioned the only thing they would need is to block off Al Best Dr. on the day of the fireworks.

Minutes and action of Village Clerk – by Alma Fair

1. Discussion and action on December 2015 invoices

A Motion was made by McMahan and seconded by Anklam to approve the December 2015 invoices as presented.

YEA: Smith, Anklam, Garmon, McMahan, Daily

Nay: None

Absent: Walker

MOTION CARRIED

2. Discussion and action on December 7, 2015 Regular Board Meeting minutes

A Motion was made by Anklam and seconded by McMahan to approve the December 7, 2015 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

YEA: Anklam, Garmon, McMahan, Daily

Nay: None

Abstain: Smith

Absent: Walker

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Katie Stanley

1. Discussion and action on November and December 2015 treasurer's report

Minor read a note from the Treasurer, the ACS software has duplicated November entries and she has contacted the tech support for ACS – they hope to have a fix by the end of this week.

Garmon noted that he has contacted a software company which would replace the system we currently have and has asked those involved to review it. It will be done in the next month or two.

Department Reports

Presidents Report – Jim Minor

Minor - Read a letter from Moultrie MultiCorp regarding the sale of the telephone company, the cable company and the internet company to Shawnee Communications, Inc. The companies being acquired will remain under the control of the Bowers brothers pending approval of the sale by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Water and Sewer Report – Jim McMahan

Jeremy is working on getting information to see if we are charging enough for our water and sewer. The sewer plant is in need of an upgrade. The EPA let us know that the sewer plant is overloaded. Garmon and Anklam want to know what needs to be done and how much it would cost to update the sewer plant. What Jeremy is looking into is - what it costs to provide water and

how much are we getting for that water. We might need to talk to our engineering to know what it is going to cost.

Parks and Special Projects – Dennis Garmon

Special projects. He read letter from Good Energy they need two motions tonight.

Our current contract expires in May.

A Motion was made by Garmon and seconded by Anklam to we renew the professional service agreement with Good Energy and to approve the resolution. The Village president to appoint the designee to attend the bid meeting and accept the bid on behalf of the community.

YEA: Garmon, McMahan, Daily, Smith, Anklam

Nay: None

Abstain:

Absent: Walker

MOTION CARRIED

Police – Pam Anklam

Nothing more than the following reports:

1. Police report for December - Reports taken – 17, Calls dispatched – 17, Calls officer initiated – 0, Vehicle Accidents – 1, Ordinance Citations Issued – 1, Warning Citations issued – 2, State Citations Issued – 1, Juvenile Cases - 2, Misdemeanor Cases – 8, Felony Cases – 1, Agency Assists – 5, Total hours – 400
2. The animal control report was also presented for December.

Streets and Alleys – by Doug Smith

Nothing to report

Buildings and Grounds – by Roger Walker absent

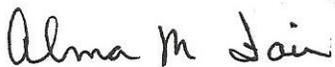
Nothing to report

Insurance – April Daily

Daily has sent the contract off to renew the health insurance.

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Anklam and seconded by McMahan to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.



Alma M. Fair, Village Clerk

February 08, 2016

Date Approved