

**Village of Lovington  
Regular Board Meeting  
March 14, 2016**

**Call to order:** Trustee Roger Walker, in President Minor's absence, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Trustee Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call found the following trustees to be present: Dennis Garmon, Jim McMahan, April Daily, Doug Smith and Roger Walker. Clerk Alma Fair was also present.

Absent: President Jim Minor and Pam Anklam

**Guests present were:** Sue Gordon, Ralph Zancha, Carol Smith and Paul Chambers.

**Those wishing to speak were:** Carol Smith and Paul Chambers

1. Carol Smith and Paul Chambers representing the Lovington Community Club, the Alumni Association and the Lovington Revitalization Coalition regarding a request for a summer celebration June 17 and 18, 2016.

Mrs. Smith went over the proposed activities for the summer celebration. They are requesting from the Village to provide 2 port a pottys, police help when they have a parade on Saturday, blocking off the street for vendors downtown and electricity for the vendors. They will be able to provide more details closer to the time.

The board didn't have a problem with any of the requests.

Mr. Chambers then asked the board for a tax number to get the shed for the Community Garden. Mrs. Gordon stated that the Village has an account with Menard's. Mr.

Chambers would need to schedule a time for one of the Village employees go with him to sign for the purchase of the building.

**New Business**

**1. Discussion and action on purchasing a new software package for the Village Hall**

**A Motion** was made by McMahan and seconded by Smith to purchase the Municipal Accounting Software package offered by USTI at an initial cost of \$4,834 if purchased by March 31, as well as \$1,270 in Annual Support fees going forward. If purchased after March 31, our initial cost will be \$5,230.

**YEA:** Smith, Garmon, McMahan, Daily, Walker

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** Anklam

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Old Business**

**1. Discussion and action to approve final May 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017 Village of Lovington appropriations**

A **Motion** was made by Garmon and seconded by McMahan to approve the 2016-2017 Village of Lovington Appropriations as presented to be on file at the Village Hall for 30 days and final approval of ordinance at the Appropriation Hearing on May 9th at 7:00 pm.

**YEA:** Garmon, McMahan, Daily, Smith, Walker

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** Anklam

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2. Opening of and acceptance of bids for the sale of Municipal property**

A **Motion** was made by McMahan and seconded by Daily to accept the bid from Ralph Zancha for the amount of \$25,000.00.

**YEA:** McMahan, Daily, Smith, Garmon, Walker

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** Anklam

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3. Discussion and action on Ordinance to authorize the sale of municipally owned real property. To be voted on in April.**

**Minutes and action of Village Clerk – by Alma Fair**

**1. Discussion and action on February 2016 invoices**

A **Motion** was made by McMahan and seconded by Garmon to approve the February 2016 invoices as presented.

**YEA:** Smith, Garmon, McMahan, Daily, Walker

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** Anklam

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2. Discussion and action on February 8, 2016 Regular Board Meeting minutes**

A **Motion** was made by McMahan and seconded by Daily to approve the February 8, 2016 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

**YEA:** Garmon, McMahan, Daily, Smith, Walker

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** Anklam

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3. Discussion and action on February 8, 2016 Closed Session Board Meeting minutes**

A **Motion** was made by McMahan and seconded by Smith to approve the February 8, 2016 Closed Session Board Meeting minutes as presented.

**YEA:** McMahan, Daily, Smith, Garmon, Walker

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** Anklam

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4. Clerk Fair presented a letter from Jan Harner regarding the retirement of David Bowers**

Although the day of Mr. Bowers retirement party will be April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm, the board felt the appreciation day should be a full day so they decided on April 3<sup>rd</sup> instead of April 2<sup>nd</sup> for the David Bowers appreciation day.

**A Motion** was made by McMahan and seconded by Garmon to make April 3, 2016 David A. Bowers appreciation day with a plaque or certificate as a backup.

**YEA:** Daily, Smith, Garmon, McMahan, Walker

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** Anklam

**MOTION CARRIED**

Garmon will get the plaque and if not able to before the supper Clerk Fair will get a resolution prepared and let the trustees know so they can come to the Village Hall and sign it.

**Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Katie Stanley**

**1. Discussion and action on January 2016 treasurer's report**

Clerk Fair noted that there is no February report, the system is fixed and Treasurer Stanley will be working on the February report this week.

**A Motion** was made by Daily and seconded by McMahan to approve the January 2016 treasurer's report as presented.

**YEA:** Daily, Smith, Garmon, McMahan, Walker

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** Anklam

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Department Reports**

**Presidents Report – Roger Walker in the absence of Jim Minor**

Nothing to report

**Water and Sewer Report – Jim McMahan**

Turned it over to Sue Gordon to present the Water/Sewer Rate Study results and options. This resulted as a request a couple of meetings ago to see what rates would be needed to update the system. The figures were based on 2015 expenses and consumer usage. The average 2015 customer (508) usage was 3000 gallons per household per month and is the base for the projected revenue. Mrs. Gordon presented what was suggested by the Illinois Rural Water Association and then she presented what she calculated.

McMahan stated that the sewer permit is good for five years.

It was decided to put on the agenda next month to determine which option the board wants to go with.

**Parks and Special Projects – Dennis Garmon**

Garmon read some of the questions that the park board president had for the board. It was determined that Garmon and Minor should get together and answer them.

He also reported on the electric aggregation meeting that was to be held February 24<sup>th</sup> but he and Roger were unable to attend because of the snow storm. Garmon contacted them and told them they may not be able to attend and they reported back to him that Homefield Energy was the only company to bid so the contract will be for 36 months with Homefield Energy at .05874 per kwh with the total rate being .05974 with the included Civic contribute of .001. Garmon has signed the papers and sent them back to them.

**Police – absent Pam Anklam**

The Animal Control Report and Police Department report as presented.

**Streets and Alleys – by Doug Smith**

Nothing to report

Clerk Fair reported that on March 17, 2016 at 12:30 pm she and Jeremy Doggett with meet with a rep from IDOT to go over the Motor Fuel needs.

**Buildings and Grounds – by Roger Walker**

**Discussion and action on the purchase of survey stakes.**

The surveyor recommended to purchase 40 of them. Around \$1,200. For the stakes and the stickers. These are for the railroad right of way and several other areas in town.

**A Motion** was made by McMahan and seconded by Garmon to approve the purchase of survey stakes as presented.

**YEA:** Smith, Garmon, McMahan, Daily, Walker

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** Anklam

**MOTION CARRIED**

Clean up date - June 11 was the recommended date. If okay with the board Walker will call and let them know.

**Insurance – April Daily**

Nothing to report

**Adjournment:**

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



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Alma M. Fair, Village Clerk

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April 11, 2016

Date Approved