

**Village of Lovington**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**May 6, 2013**

**Call to order:** Acting President Dennis Garmon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Acting President Dennis Garmon led the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees present were: Doug Smith, Roger Walker, Jim Minor, David Eckel, and Barry Morgan. Trustee Debbie Murphy-Bennett was absent. Clerk Sara Gale and Treasurer Tom Bennett were also present.

**Newly elected Trustees and Officers Oath of Office:** Clerk Sara Gale read the vote canvas for the April election. She then led all newly elected and newly appointed Trustees and Officers in the Oath of Office. They are as follows: Clerk Alma Fair, President Jim Minor, Trustees Pam Anklam, Doug Smith, Dennis Garmon, appointed Trustee Dave Eckel, and appointed Treasurer Katie Stanley.

**Adjournment:** Jim Minor adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

**Call to order:** President Jim Minor called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Duties of the trustees were assigned as follows:

Streets & Alleys – Doug Smith, Building & Grounds – Roger Walker, Police – Pam Anklam, Parks & Projects – Dennis Garmon, Sewer & Water – Dave Eckel, Insurance – Barry Morgan.

**Guests:** The following guests were present: Susan Gordon, Alma M. Fair, Linda Alumbaugh, Florence Hallford, Tom Bennett, Katie Stanley, Annett Coslow, Kathryn Sims, Julie Kinert, Linda Patrick, Shirley Smith, Lonnie Bly, Dalton Bly, David Bowers, Kathy Minor and Nick Minor

1. Julie Kinert regarding a Miss Lovington scholarship request: Mrs. Kinert noted that the last Miss Lovington contest was held in 2007, this year's contest will be June 1, 2013, at the Lovington Grade School. The scholarship request for \$250.00 to \$500.00 will go to the 2013 Miss Lovington. She would receive the scholarship after the first semester with prove that they are attending a college with a passing grade. After some discussion the following motion was made.  
**MOTION:** Trustee Garmon moved to give \$250.00 to the Miss Lovington scholarship. Trustee Walker seconded the motion.  
**YEA:** Smith, Walker, Anklam, Morgan, Eckel and Garmon. **MOTION CARRIED.**
2. Tom Bennett thanked the board for his serving as Treasurer and also wanted to thank former President Kelly Bennett for her work on the drainage work in town. It worked in his area of town after the last big rain.
3. Linda Patrick mentioned ordinance numbers 319, 314 and 327 regarding Animals. (nothing more was said regarding animals) She then stated that Sue Gordon was unable to find the ordinance on placing garbage cans next to the street but, she believes that Steve Fleming was President when it went into effect. From what she remembers it stated the garbage cans cannot be placed on the curb 24 hours before and after garbage pickup. Trustee Walker thinks it was more like 12 hours before and after. Mrs. Patrick stated that the enforcement of that ordinance has been lax and would like for the Village to see that it is enforced again.
4. David Bowers reported on the drainage district success after the 5 inch rain that we received last month. Mr. Bowers had emailed the board members with that update before the meeting. He then explained what the drainage district would like to do in the second phase of the project. Trustee Walker plans to talk with Mr. Bowers at a later date to go over those ideas.

**New Business**

1. Discussion and action on cable franchise agreement  
Mr. Bowers was not prepared to talk about the franchise at this meeting and requested to have it on the agenda next month.  
**MOTION:** Trustee Morgan moved to table the cable franchise agreement until the June meeting. Trustee Smith seconded the motion.  
**YEA:** Walker, Anklam, Morgan, Eckel, Garmon and Smith **MOTION CARRIED.**
2. Discussion and action on \$1000 donation to Moultrie County K-9 Unit  
President Minor spoke with the Sheriff's office and if our police officer stops a car and makes an arrest because of drugs then we would get some of the money with paid for the K-9 Unit back.  
**MOTION:** Trustee Walker moved we donate \$1000 to the Moultrie County K-9 Unit. Trustee Morgan seconded the motion.  
**YEA:** Anklam, Morgan, Eckel, Garmon, Smith and Walker **MOTION CARRIED.**
3. Discussion and action on 2013 Motor Fuel budget  
Trustee Smith went over the Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways which is to be sent to the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding this year's streets to be oiled. The estimated cost is \$44,462.05. Also noted was a map of which roads where to be oiled.

**MOTION:** Trustee Smith moved to approve the Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways to be submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation. Trustee Garmon seconded the motion.

**YEA:** Morgan, Eckel, Garmon, Smith, Walker and Anklam **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **Old Business**

1. Skate Park Committee Report

Trustee Walker reported that the Village has all the money and the contract has been signed and sent in. They will need one half of the money mentioned in the contract, as soon as possible.

**Motion:** Trustee Walker moved that one-half of the money mentioned in the contract be paid. Trustee Morgan seconded the motion.

**YEA:** Morgan, Eckel, Garmon, Smith, Walker and Anklam **MOTION CARRIED.**

Note: The money is in a savings account that can have checks written from – former Treasurer Bennett suggested just getting counter checks from the bank or send money orders from this account.

2. Discussion and action on hiring an additional outside person

Trustee Eckel reported that Jeremy Doggett would be needing surgery in about three weeks and will be off for six to twelve weeks. President Minor appointed a committee of Doug Smith, Dave Eckel and himself to go over the applications. They will meet this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

**MOTION:** Trustee Smith moved to hire two part time seasonal employees at \$10.00/hour for one and \$12.00/hour for the second one, not to exceed 37.5 hours per week nor no more than 600 hours annually. Trustee Eckel seconded the motion.

**YEA:** Eckel, Garmon, Smith, Walker, Anklam and Morgan **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Discussion and action on the three dollar fee currently included on the water bill for bond repayment

Trustee Morgan reported that he was wrong in stating before that the three dollar fee currently included on the water bill for bond repayment would automatically come off. If we leave it on and continue to collect it then that money can be used to take care of the water plant.

**MOTION:** Trustee Walker moved to continue billing the three dollars on the water bills and use that money for water plant maintenance. Trustee Eckel seconded the motion.

**YEA:** Garmon, Smith, Walker, Anklam, Morgan and Eckel **MOTION CARRIED.**

Note: Sue Gordon will be able to do a spread sheet to break out the three dollars collected.

#### **Minutes and action of Village Clerk**

1. Discussion and action on unpaid invoices

**MOTION:** Trustee Morgan moved to pay all invoices. Trustee Walker seconded the motion.

**YEA:** Smith, Walker, Anklam, Morgan, Eckel and Garmon. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Discussion and action on April 8, 2013 Regular Board meeting minutes

**MOTION:** Trustee Morgan moved to accept the April 8, 2013 Regular Board meeting minutes with the following correction – page one under New Business 5. Remove “After discussion, the three dollar fee will be removed from water bills. The water tower bond was paid off in February 2013” and replace with “To be discussed at next month’s board meeting.”

**YEA:** Garmon, Smith, Walker, Anklam, Morgan and Eckel **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **Treasurer’s Report**

1. Discussion and action on April 2013 treasurer’s report.

**MOTION:** Trustee Morgan moved to accept the April 2013 treasurer’s report as presented. Trustee Anklam seconded the motion.

**YEA:** Walker, Anklam, Morgan, Eckel, Garmon and Smith. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **Department Reports**

##### **Presidents Report**

1. Discussion and action on Arthur-Lovington Sports Calendar ad

President Minor presented a request to place a 4X4 ad for \$369.00 in a Arthur-Lovington Sports Calendar. After some discussion no motion was made. President Minor also reported on the list of items to be discussed which were presented to him by Trustee Walker. One other thing to put on the list is a new computer system.

##### **Water and Sewer Report**

1. Discussion and action on Sensus Support contract

Trustee Eckel asked Trustee Garmon to report on the Sensus Support contract. Trustee Garmon stated that when the initial support stopped the contract for support was quite expensive and at that time it was decided to not get the support contract. He then had Sue Gordon to explain what has happened in the last few months. Sue explained that in December the handheld unit wasn’t talking to the computer program and was sent to the company for repair. The software was updated on the unit but wasn’t on the computer so it still didn’t work and was send back a second time. The total of the repairs was \$2,200.00 but if we take a support contract for \$1,500.00 we don’t have to pay the repair bills and it will be covered under the contract.

**MOTION:** Trustee Eckel moved to approve the purchase of the Sensus Support contract for \$1,500.00, it was seconded by Trustee Morgan.

**YEA:** Walker, Anklam, Morgan, Eckel, Garmon and Smith. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Discussion and action on upcoming projects or purchases  
Trustee Eckel reported – two water valves have been purchased and all is working. Flushing of the water lines has started; the CCR report has been published in the Newspaper. A drain has been fixed at the sewer plant. Jeremy Doggett will be having surgery in three weeks.

#### **Parks and Special Projects**

1. Discussion and action on upcoming projects or purchases  
Trustee Garmon reported that the Park Board didn't spend all the money given to them for the Easter Egg hunt and they returned \$132.78 cash to Village. It was deposited 5/1/13. He also noted that a bolt is missing from one of the play ground equipment and will have someone replace it.

#### **Police**

1. Discussion and action on filling police officer vacancy  
Trustee Anklam asked President Minor to report on the filling of the police officer vacancy. President Minor stated that 6 applications have been received so far. The Village could spend \$5,000 to send one person to a full time school or spend \$6,000 to send three to a part time school every other Saturday. After completing the classes they would need to stay employed by the Village for at least nine months. President Minor explained that we had one police officer quit to take a job that paid \$10.00/hour more than we were paying and the other officer isn't working because he is ill. President Minor appointed a committee of Trustees Anklam, Garmon and himself. They will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.
2. Discussion and action on upcoming projects or purchases  
**MOTION:** Trustee Anklam moved that the East End be allowed to close the side street for the length of their building on June 29, 2013 for a bag tournament. Trustee Eckel seconded the motion.  
**YEA:** Anklam, Morgan, Eckel, Garmon, Smith and Walker. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **Streets and Alleys**

1. Discussion and action on upcoming projects or purchases  
Trustee Smith reported on lawn mower, drain intakes, removing bushes on the highway north of Lucky Bidders. During June fest the street in front of the Library will be closed. Lucky Bidders will have an outside auction in a couple of weeks the street on the north side will be closed.

#### **Buildings and Grounds**

1. Discussion and action on upcoming projects or purchases  
Trustee Walker reported the wall on the building uptown is being fixed and it was suggested to him to put a mural on that wall when completed. Kenny Wilhelm asked if he could rent the lot where the Dahm building used to be. There is a large concrete block there and needs to be broken down about a foot so that vehicles don't get hung up on it. That concrete block wasn't removed before because it goes down in the ground at least 10 feet. The discussion was as long as we aren't liable if people are to park there then it would be okay to use it. Trustee Morgan will have insurance check on it. Trustee Walker asked for Trustee Morgan to also have the insurance adjuster to check on the roof of the water plant and garage for hail damage.

#### **Insurance**

1. Discussion and action on any insurance needs  
Trustee Morgan had nothing to report

#### **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Trustee Morgan made a motion to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Trustee Garmon seconded the motion.

**YEA:** Morgan, Eckel, Garmon, Smith, Walker and Anklam. **MOTION CARRIED.**



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Alma M. Fair, Village Clerk

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June 10, 2013  
Date Approved