

**Village of Lovington  
Regular Board Meeting  
August 3, 2015**

**Call to order:** President Jim Minor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

**Guests** present were: Meta Creek, John Gordon, Florence Hallford, Gabriel Hallford, Mike Castelli and Rodney Houser

**Those wishing to speak were:** Meta Creek and John Gordon

1. **Meta Creek – Lovington Alumni Homecoming Parade October 17, 2015** – She was requesting the following:
  - a. Porta Potties (2) – It was decided that the Village will provide getting 2 for the downtown area.
  - b. Bathrooms at the park open
  - c. Put up barricades between the post office and the telephone office for vendors (State Street to Buck Street on Broadway.)
  - d. Picnic tables uptown – vendor area.
  - e. Trash cans – vendor area
  - f. Police available to lead the parade and also block Route 32
  - g. Electricity available for vendors (ask Dennis about the issue last year)
  - h. Do you want to put a time on the vendors closing down so you can open the road? (3:00 pm was decided)
  - i. We would like our Village President and trustees to be in the parade. If you plan to please contact Alma Fair. (Parade starts at 1:00 pm)

**New Business**

1. **Discussion and action re: John Gordon with Mike Castelli, Zoning Administrator regarding a special use permit or possible rezoning of 502 W Emery St.**

Discussion – John Gordon is purchasing the old Assembly of God church which is located at 502 W Emery. He would have liked to open a restaurant and bar but was denied by the zoning board. He would like to possibly use it as a civic center and rent it out to help pay for the taxes he will be paying on the property; he would need a special use variance to do it that.

Mike Castelli – none of the zoning board members would vote to rezone for a bar/restaurant. As for his personal use for parties and drinking he can do that. There is to be no selling of alcohol nor providing alcohol to minors. For a tax status he can

apply for a non-profit. Mike Castelli also stated that he does need a special use variance if he rents it out to the public with specifications that the village would provide with the variance.

McMahan asked how is it zoned now - It is zoned as residence A.

Minor suggested this be tabled until next month so that the board can look into it a little further. Castelli suggested that the board have a special hearing to invite the public to discuss it.

## **Old Business**

None

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

### **1. Discussion and action on July 2015 invoices**

**A Motion** was made by McMahan and seconded by Daily to approve the July 2015 invoices as presented.

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

**Absent:** Pam Anklam, Dennis Garmon

**Nay:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **2. Discussion and action on July 06, 2015 Regular Board Meeting minutes**

**A Motion** was made by Smith and seconded by Daily to approve the July 6, 2015 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

**YEA:** Walker, Daily, Smith

**Abstain:** McMahan

**Absent:** Pam Anklam, Dennis Garmon

**Nay:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

### **1. Discussion and action on Fiscal Year May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015 Annual Treasurer's report.**

**A Motion** was made by Daily and seconded by Walker to approve the Fiscal Year May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015 Annual treasurer's report as presented last month.

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

**Absent:** Pam Anklam, Dennis Garmon

**Nay:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **2. Discussion and action on May 2015, June 2015 and July 2015 treasurer's report**

Treasurer Katie McMahan is still having problems with the computer program; has made some progress but will have them ready for next month's meeting.

Table to August meeting.

## **Department Reports**

### **Presidents Report – Jim Minor**

1. The billing ordinance was presented for all trustees to read over and discuss at the next meeting.
2. The new roof on the Village shed is on and looks nice.
3. There are two lots that we own between the East End and the Gun shop that the person that owns Crown Roofing would be interested in purchasing. They would put a building on the lots.  
Walker – thinks that lots in town are going for \$3,000-\$4,500.  
Daily – would like to see any business come into town; it could bring a couple of jobs to town. Smith is in agreement with Daily.  
Walker – perhaps we should put in the paper that they are for sale and get bids.  
Minor will call the attorney to see if we need to have bids on the property in order to sell it. He will also see if we have the measurement for the lots.
4. The gaming tax has been suspended until the State passes a budget.
5. Minor read a thank you note from the Lovington postmaster regarding the replacement of the sidewalk outside of the post office. Looks very nice.

### **Water and Sewer Report – Jim McMahan**

1. The motor in well #5 is bad.

### **Parks and Special Projects – Dennis Garmon absence**

Nothing to report

### **Police –by Minor in Pam Anklam absence**

1. Police report for July - Reports taken – 20, Calls dispatched – 23, Calls officer initiated – 7, Vehicle Accidents – 0, Ordinance Citations Issued – 1, Warning Citations issued – 6, State Citations Issued – 8, Juvenile Cases - 2, Misdemeanor Cases – 2, Felony Cases – 2, Agency Assists – 6, Total hours – 394

### **Streets and Alleys – Doug Smith**

1. Replaced about 40 stop signs in town and still have other signs that need to be replaced. Roland Birt thought he would be done by the end of the month.
2. Minor – there are several dead trees in town that need to come down. Whispering Pines has a list that need to come down and was to come back to town and hasn't been back in contact with Minor. Minor will try to get in touch with Whispering Pines.

### **Buildings and Grounds – Roger Walker**

1. Nothing to report – but the roof on the Village shed turned out very nice

**Insurance – April Daily**

1. If anyone is interested in taking out Aflac insurance – the agent will be meeting at the Village Hall on Wednesday at 10:00 am with the employees and anyone else that is interested may attend.
2. Daily was filling out a report for the Illinois Municipal League and noticed the vehicles are getting quite old and suggested that we need to see about purchasing one every year if possible.
3. The health insurance company for employees is getting her new rates for next year. She is also going to get prices from another insurance company. They told her that the \$250.00 deductible is no longer available.

**Adjournment**

A **Motion** was made by McMahan and seconded by Walker to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

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

**Absent:** Pam Anklam, Dennis Garmon

**Nay:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**



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Alma M. Fair, Village Clerk

September 8, 2015

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Date Approved