

**Village of Lovington
Regular Board Meeting
September 8, 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, Pam Anklam, Dennis Garmon, Jim McMahan and April Daily. President Jim Minor and Clerk Alma Fair were also present.

Absent:

Guests present were: Annette Coslow, Meta Creek, John Gordon, Megan Foor, Susan Gordon, Hunter Kamm, Jake Kamm, Chris Myers and Mike Castelli

Those wishing to speak were: Annette Coslow, John Gordon, Megan Foor, Hunter Kamm, Chris Myers and Susan Gordon and Jake Kamm as needed.

1. Annette Coslow - School crossing suggestions-

She thanked the Village board for the sidewalk at the school crossing at the corner of Church and Route 32. She was also requesting 2 flashing lights which will be placed on Rt 32 to caution people to slow down.

Walker then spoke about the sample that he had to show the board; it is ran by solar. These lights would flash all the time and the batteries would need to be changed at least once a year. He thinks the cost is around \$150.00 for each.

Minor thinks we need to talk to the state to make sure we can place them on Route 32.

It was suggested to place the purchase of 2 flashing lights on the agenda next month.

Mike Castelli stated that there is a sign that can be set up and turned on to flash and removed when not in use.

Coslow stated that she would not do that.

2. **John Gordon** – listed on the agenda so waited to speak until then.

3. **Megan Foor** – Regarding her chickens and rabbits; she would like to see the Village ordinance change to allow them to raise the chickens and rabbits in town. The rabbits are caged and cleaned regularly. She asked what it would take to change the ordinance. Trustee Anklam – she would not be in favor of changing the ordinance but can't speak for the board? Walker – a few years ago there was someone with chickens and then their neighbors complained and the board had to enforce the ordinance.

It will be put on the agenda for next month so action can be taken.

Castelli said - if they build a coop then they would need to have a building permit from the zoning board.

4. **Hunter Kamm**- he and his dad works for a firework company from Springfield, and they would like to bring the fireworks back to Lovington. The company they work for does Bethany, Arthur and will have Sullivan next year.
Minor stated the reason it stopped was the cost. Kamm stated that Bethany's fireworks this year cost around \$6000. He thought they could do it for around that and that they would last 30 minutes. Garmon and Anklam both thinks it would be good to talk about it. Kamm stated if the board was interested their boss would come to next month's meeting to discuss it.
It was determined to put Fireworks on the agenda for next month.
5. **Chris Myers** – was here to talk about the Chickens and passed out a two page paper he had prepared.

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 (1) Personnel
2. 5 ILCS 120/2 Sec.2 (11) Litigation

A Motion was made by Garmon and seconded by Anklam to go into closed session for the purpose of Personnel and Litigation at 7:20 p.m.

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

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Return to Open Session

A Motion was made by Anklam and seconded by McMahan to reconvene to open session at 7:42 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Action on Closed Session items

A Motion was made by Anklam and seconded by McMahan to accept Police Officer Jay Clark's resignation effective August 27, 2015.

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

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

1. Discussion and action on hiring a police officer to fill vacancy
Anklam reported that she has received four applications at this time.
Minor – Rob Kidd is a police officer at Sullivan and is willing to work one or two days a week to help us out on his days off. Minor would like to put him on the payroll to help out.

Police Chief Christian Switzer – he spoke to Officer Kidd and he only wants to work one day.

A Motion was made by Anklam and seconded by McMahan to hire Rob Kidd as a police officer to help as needed.

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

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Minor – We are trying to find someone that has already gone thru the police training so that it won't cost us as much.

A Motion was made by McMahan and seconded by Garmon to give Anklam authority to interview and present to the board a full time police officer.

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

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

2. Discussion and action to allow Shooters and the East End Tavern to stay open 1 additional hour during Homecoming; Friday, October 16th and Saturday, October 17th 2015.

Minor had letter from them both bars requesting to stay open.

A Motion was made by Anklam and seconded by McMahan to allow both Shooters and the East End Tavern to stay open 1 additional hour during Homecoming; Friday, October 16th and Saturday, October 17th 2015.

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

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business

1. Discussion and action on rezoning 502 W Emery St. (tabled in August)
John Gordon – asked - has any other discussion been made with the rezoning of 502 W Emery St.? Also what route should he take at this time? He wishes to rent the sanctuary out for weddings and parties and would like to have a variance to do that. **Minor** – he will have a meeting with the zoning board to get an answer for him. **Castelli** – there are no commercial zoning in that area and if he comes to the zoning board to rezone they would say no. The Church was a non-commercial business and zoning cannot be a for profit business. This is a gray area – he has talked to other communities and churches that are sold are for residential use only.

Meta Creek stated that for the record the zoning board does not have the final decision but the Village board is the final decision. The board knows that but she wanted it to be recorded.

Minor to meet with the zoning board A.S.A.P. and will contact Mr. Gordon after that meeting as to what was decided. Kenny Wilhelm is the chairmen for the Zoning board. Casteeli will get with Sue Gordon tomorrow to get in the paper that there is going to be a meeting.

Minutes and action of Village Clerk – by Alma Fair

1. Discussion and action on August 2015 invoices

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

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

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

2. Discussion and action on August 03, 2015 Regular Board Meeting minutes

A **Motion** was made by McMahan and seconded by Daily to approve the August 03, 2015 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

YEA: Walker, Daily, Smith McMahan

Abstain: Pam Anklam, Dennis Garmon

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Katie Stanley

1. Discussion and action on May 2015, June 2015, July 2015 and August 2015 treasurer's report

McMahan noted that the software has a glitch and the software company knows about it and they are working on it correcting it for Stanley.

A **Motion** was made by Anklam and seconded by Daily to accept the report presented – showing all account balances as of the end of August.

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

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Department Reports

Presidents Report – Jim Minor

1. Minor contacted our Attorney regarding the selling of Village property - we do not have to take bids but sell as surplus property. We must have it surveyed (which it has been done) and also have it appraised. It must sell within 80% of the appraised value.

Garmon asked do we have a person interested in purchasing lots or buildings?

Minor – they are interested in purchasing the lots

Smith – perhaps we should only appraise the two lots.

Daily – is it X number of dollars for each appraisal?

Anklam – the appraisal is only good for so many days.

Walker – wants to see a business uptown.

A Motion was made by McMahan and seconded by Garmon to have the two lots and two buildings appraised.

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

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Minor read letter from Mervil and Hazel Newlan thanking the board for “the nice new sidewalk” that was installed at their residence. Minor noted that it was Annette Coslow who suggested putting the sidewalk there for the school children.
3. **Smith** – we are pretty well spent on sidewalks this year but everyone on the board needs to look around town for sidewalks that need to be replaced. Garmon suggested to have someone to mark the areas in town that need to be replaced. Smith will work on that with Garmon’s help.

Water and Sewer Report – Jim McMahan

1. Well #5 is fixed – no price yet. Have the sample from the well but we don’t have the test results back yet.
2. Had to purchase a new dehumidifier – the old one lasted 15 years. This as a 5 year guarantee.
3. Bought 2 new doors for well house 5 & 10 – will have them installed this week.
4. Need a new roof on well 5 & 10 will be doing that soon. It can be done by the village workers.

Parks and Special Projects – Dennis Garmon

1. The slide was painted with chrome paint. Looking at painting the rest of the metal equipment. Roland and Garmon have discussed moving the merry-go-round to the kiddy park area. There will be some thought put into where to move it.
2. There has been a lot of activity at the skate park lately.

Police –by Pam Anklam

1. Police report for August - Reports taken – 27, Calls dispatched – 32, Calls officer initiated – 4, Vehicle Accidents – 1, Ordinance Citations Issued – 0, Warning Citations issued – 2, State Citations Issued – 0, Juvenile Cases - 10, Misdemeanor Cases – 6, Felony Cases – 2, Agency Assists – 10, Total hours – 362
2. The police department has been looking to purchase an online printer that prints out tickets and Cindy Brady is purchasing one for us. The only thing we need to purchase is the extended warranty and the tickets to go with the printer.

Streets and Alleys – Doug Smith

1. 200 plus signs have been replaced.

Buildings and Grounds – Roger Walker

1. Nothing that hasn't already been discussed.
2. **Minor** the tree guy is to back in town in a day or two. There will be 1 tree cut down and one limb cut down to see if the tree is rotten or not. Whispering Pines to doing the work. The cost would be around \$1650.00

Insurance – April Daily

1. Nothing for insurance this month – next month should be getting the changes on the employee's insurance. Daily will get it to the board members as soon as she gets it so they will have a change to look it over before the meeting. She is also trying to get a couple of other quotes from other companies.

Adjournment:

A **Motion** was made by McMahan and seconded by Anklam to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

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

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED



Alma M. Fair, Village Clerk

October 5, 2015

Date Approved