

**Village of Lovington
Regular Board Meeting
November 2, 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: Dennis Garmon, April Daily, Doug Smith, Roger Walker and Pam Anklam. President Jim Minor and Clerk Alma Fair were also present.

Absent: Jim McMahan

Guests present were: Alice and Bruce Bowman, Patty Bailey, Chris Myers, Jan Harner and Tina Irvin.

Those wishing to speak were: Jan Harner and Tina Irvin

1. Jan was here for information purposes only – Dec. 20th from 5-8 pm the Church of God will be having a live nativity at the Life Center on W State Street. It will be a walk through not a drive by. After the visitors walks through - the center will be open to them for hot chocolate and cookies. They will have a no parking to the South and West of the Life Center's church property. Shepherds will lead the visitors to the nativity. They have about 60 people helping. They plan to let the neighbors in the area know about the event and are publicizing the event in area communities.
2. Tina Irvin – people come flying down the alley by where she lives. She has talked to the Lovington Police Chief regarding the matter. Also there are deep holes in the alley. Smith will talk to the street employee to put road pack in the holes. Minor unless the police sees them in the act he can't write them a ticket but if she would sign a complaint and get a license number of the vehicle then the officer can give a ticket.

New Business

1. Discussion and action on 2016 health insurance benefit for full-time employees

Daily has talked to the insurance company and also spoke to another insurance company in Champaign. This is the last year that we can have the current insurance with low deductible. Next year it would be need to be an Obama sponsored high deductible plan. The other company she spoke with suggested – since it is the last year for this plan stay with it for this year, then we can talk to them next year regarding a new plan if we wanted.

A Motion was made by Daily and seconded by Anklam to approve the 2016 health insurance benefit for full-time employees to be the same as this year's plan.

YEA: Smith, Walker, Anklam, Garmon, Daily

Nay: None

Absent: McMahan

MOTION CARRIED

2. Discussion and action on providing a small storage shed and a bench at the Community Garden

Tabled since Paul Chambers hasn't provided the village with sizes nor plans for the shed and he wasn't present at the meeting.

Old Business

1. Discussion and action on modifying the Village of Lovington Animal Ordinance to allow the raising of a limited number of chickens and or rabbits

Daily in Arthur's ordinance there is to be no live stock. If the ordinance is changed - Anklam asked who is going to monitor this; what about the diseases that can be spread; where are they being slaughtered? She is personally not in favor of it. She would not want them living next to her. Garmon stated he too would not want them living next door to him. Chris Myers – he knows that Champaign has a licensing fee and regarding the disease - there are only a few that chickens transfer to humans. Anklam there are more than just one ordinance that would need to be change. Alice Bowman – believes Decatur has that they have to be 75 feet from the neighbors. She only wants chickens to have fresh eggs. Anklam - Decatur has more police to police the ordinance then here. Garmon agrees with Anklam, he would not like to have chickens next door to him.

A Motion was made by Anklam and seconded by Smith to NOT change the ordinance to allow the raising of a limited number of chickens and or rabbits.

YEA: Garmon, Daily, Smith, Anklam

Nay: Walker

Absent: McMahan

MOTION CARRIED

2. Discussion and action on modifying the Village of Lovington ordinance to allow permanent signs in residential yards

Daily did some checking – Bethany doesn't have an ordinance for this. Arthur does have one that reads like our ordinance. Minor read from the ordinance Zoning Code 40-2-1 page 40-5 1 foot not to exceed 18” Walker either the ordinance has to be changed or obeyed. Daily – thinks that more and more businesses are going to be in their homes and we might need to be mindful of that. Smith – the business would have to have parking for their customers. Could we give her a temporary variance?

A Motion was made by Garmon and seconded by Anklam to NOT change the ordinance to allow permanent signs in residential yards.

YEA: Smith, Anklam, Garmon

Nay: Walker, Daily

Absent: McMahan

MOTION CARRIED

3. Discussion and action on IMLRMA recommendations for playground equipment at the park

The recommendations from the insurance company were reviewed. If someone gets hurt and we have these recommendations that we could be liable. Smith - what would we have to do to make the slide safe?

A Motion was made by Daily and seconded by Garmon to take the slide at the park down as recommended by the insurance company.

YEA: Anklam, Garmon, Daily, Smith

Nay: Walker

Absent: McMahan

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A Motion was made by Anklam and seconded by Garmon to invest in padding under the swings to adhere to the insurance company recommendations.

YEA: Garmon, Daily, Smith, Walker, Anklam

Nay: None

Absent: McMahan

MOTION CARRIED

4. Discussion and action on installing new cameras at the Park and Village Hall

Minor presented Keith Stanberry's bid on installing the cameras at the park and village hall at the total cost of \$3,536.00. Garmon personally doesn't see a need to have the park surveyed.

A Motion was made by Garmon and seconded by Smith to put to rest the need for cameras at the park as there is no need for them now.

YEA: Daily, Smith, Walker, Anklam, Garmon

Nay: None

Absent: McMahan

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Minutes and action of Village Clerk – by Alma Fair

1. Discussion and action on October 2015 invoices

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

YEA: Smith, Walker, Anklam, Garmon, Daily

Nay: None

Absent: McMahan

MOTION CARRIED

2. Discussion and action on October 5, 2015 Regular Board Meeting minutes

A Motion was made by Garmon and seconded by Daily to approve the October 05, 2015 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

YEA: Walker, Garmon, Daily, Smith

Abstain: Anklam

Nay: None

Absent: McMahan

MOTION CARRIED

3. Discussion on the Village of Lovington Annual Tax Levy Ordinance for Fiscal Year May 1, 2015 – April 30, 2016

A Motion was made by Anklam and seconded by Daily to approve Annual Tax Levy Ordinance for Fiscal Year May 1, 2015 – April 30, 2016 as presented. Ordinance number to be O11022015

YEA: Anklam, Garmon, Daily, Smith, Walker

Nay: None

Absent: McMahan

4. Discussion and action on payment options for the Village Illinois Municipal League Risk Management insurance for 2016

A Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Anklam to pay Option 2 of the IMLRM insurance for 2016 (Pay \$19,580.54 by 11/20/15 and \$19,580.54 by 5/13/16)

YEA: Garmon, Daily, Smith, Walker, Anklam

Nay: None

Absent: McMahan

5. Discussion and action on October 28, 2015 Special Session Board Meeting minutes

A Motion was made by Garmon and seconded by Smith to approve the October 28, 2015 Special Session Board Meeting minutes with corrections.

YEA: Smith, Walker, Garmon

Abstain: Anklam, Daily

Nay: None

Absent: McMahan

MOTION CARRIED

6. Discussion and action on October 28, 2015 Closed Session Special Board Meeting minutes

A **Motion** was made by Garmon and seconded by Walker to approve the October 28, 2015 Closed Session Special Board Meeting minutes as presented.

YEA: Walker, Garmon, Smith

Abstain: Anklam, Daily

Nay: None

Absent: McMahan

MOTION CARRIED

7. 2014 – 2015 Audit available for review

The Audit was reviewed by Trustees present.

8. Proposed meetings in 2016

Clerk Fair presented calendars for the proposed meetings for 2016. She also recommended changing the ordinance to state that meetings will be the 2nd Monday of each month instead of the 1st Monday so that the Treasurer will have ample time to prepare the treasurer's report for the meetings. This was asked to be on the agenda for December.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Katie Stanley

1. Discussion and action on August 2015 and September 2015 treasurer's report

A **Motion** was made by Walker and seconded by Garmon to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

YEA: Garmon, Daily, Smith, Walker, Anklam

Nay: None

Absent: McMahan

MOTION CARRIED

Water billing receipts through November 1st and Gaming tax and Electric Aggregation Funds received through October were also presented.

Department Reports

Presidents Report – Jim Minor

Minor reported that Walker talked to the attorney regarding the selling of village property. The man doing the appraisal will not have it done for a month or two. If only one person was interested in purchasing village property, then we could sell to that one person. But if you know that more than one is interested then we might need to put them up for bid.

Regarding liquor license in town our current ordinance is for 3 it was recommended to change the ordinance to 2. Walker would like for it to be on the agenda in December.

Water and Sewer Report – Jim McMahan absent

Parks and Special Projects – Dennis Garmon

Regarding the Christmas lights that were talked about last year; time is running out for this year. The work that it would take to put the power in, would run the employees thin. Anklam's husband would like to talk to Garmon about welding something to put in the park for Christmas lighting. Garmon will talk to the workers about removing the slide and putting shock absorbing surface material under the swings. Daily will call the insurance company and ask for recommendation for the absorbing surface material.

Police – Pam Anklam

1. Police report for October - Reports taken – 25, Calls dispatched – 26, Calls officer initiated – 3, Vehicle Accidents – 0, Ordinance Citations Issued – 1, Warning Citations issued – 2, State Citations Issued – 2, Juvenile Cases - 9, Misdemeanor Cases – 14, Felony Cases – 0, Agency Assists – 5, Total hours – 257
2. The animal control report was also presented for September and October.
3. The police will need to get a new laptop for the police vehicle to be compatible with the new printer that was given to us.
4. Anklam approved to have them pay for a membership free to LESO for \$150.00

Streets and Alleys – by Doug Smith

The Motor Fuel Allocation report was reviewed.

Smith will get with Roland Birt regarding the alley spoken of earlier and other items on the Motor Fuel allocations.

Buildings and Grounds – by Roger Walker

1. Discussion and action on larger gutters and ice barriers on the Village garage (corner of S County and W State St)

Walker has talked to a gutter guy regarding the larger gutters and the ice barrier is not really called ice barrier but we are getting quote for them.

The appraisal for the Village property has been done but the report can't be done for another month. (See mayors report)

The appraisal has also completed the survey of the railroad property and the pins have been set. There will be markers set also.

Insurance – April Daily

The Timm fund has money that is available for us. She will be happy to represent the Village. We can ask for money for park equipment or new vehicles.

Regarding health insurance for full time employees. Daily was told by the insurance company that our policy for new hire is – the insurance takes effect after two months of employment. It was the village that set it that way.

A Motion was made by Daily and seconded by Anklam to change our policy to have health insurance start immediately for full time employees.

YEA: Daily, Smith, Walker, Anklam, Garmon

Nay: None

Absent: McMahan

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Anklam and seconded by Garmon to adjourn at 9:02 p.m.



Alma M. Fair, Village Clerk

December 7, 2015

Date Approved