

**Village of Lovington  
Regular Board Meeting  
February 2, 2015  
7:02 p.m.**

**Call to order:** President Jim Minor called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Barry Morgan. President Jim Minor and Clerk Alma Fair were also present.

**Guests present were:** Linda Alumbaugh, Val Brumfield, Mike Castelli and Florence Hallford – News Progress reporter. Those requesting to speak were Mike Castelli and Val Brumfield.

1. Mike Castelli, Zoning Administrator – the zoning board met to hear Val Brumfield’s request to put a shed on her property at 412 S County St for a non-conforming use of a building. The committee voted 5-0 in favor of her proposal.
2. Mr. Castelli then let Val Brumfield present her request. Attached is documentation for her request as well as a letter from the neighbor to the south of the property saying it was okay with them for Ms. Brumfield to place the building at 412 S County Street and use it for Val’s Hair business.
3. This is not a full time business – and it would have water and sewer hookup from the home. Since this is not for a business permit it is classified as a non-conforming use of a building. The non-conforming use permit will be in Ms. Brumfield’s name, if she moves from 412 S County the permit will be null and void. She is mainly using the building in the morning. There is to be no signs on the property at all referring to a business. Parking would be in her driveway only. There was discussion regarding a former request to have a salon at a home that she was not living in – it was turned down. The difference is that she was not going to live in the home and Ms. Brumfield is living at this address. Mr. Castelli stated that the zoning board recommended that the shed be handicap accessible. Morgan stated that it sounds like the zoning board did their homework and he recommends that the board approve the request.

**New Business –**

1. **Discussion and action** on approval of the Lovington Zoning Board’s recommendation for variance at 412 S County St for non-conforming use of a building.

**A Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by Anklam to approve of the Lovington Zoning Board’s recommendation for variance at 412 S County Street for non-conforming use of a building as long as the zoning board provides to the Village board a letter stating it is null and void if Val Brumfield leaves the property.

**YEA:** Smith, Walker, Anklam, Garmon, McMahan, Morgan

**MOTION CARRIED.**

- 2. Discussion and action** to review electrical supplier proposals as well as recommendation from Good Energy for renewing the future electric rate on the 7 Municipal electric accounts

Trustee Garmon received an email from Jerod McMorris, Energy Consultant for Good Energy regarding the current contract which expires in April 2015 for the 7 municipal accounts. He recommends going with a 24 month or a 36 month Term. Garmon recommends going with 24 months with Homefield Energy at \$0.05437

**A Motion** was made by Garmon and seconded by Anklam to accept the Good Energy's proposal of 24 months with Homefield Energy at the rate of \$0.05437 renewing the future electric rate on the 7 Municipal electric accounts as presented.

**YEA:** Walker, Anklam, Garmon, McMahan, Morgan, Smith

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Old Business - None**

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

- 1. Discussion and action** on January, 2015 invoices

**A Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by Garmon to approve the January, 2015 invoices as presented

**YEA:** Anklam, Garmon, McMahan, Morgan, Smith, Walker

**MOTION CARRIED.**

- 2. Discussion and action** on January 5, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes

**A Motion** was made by Anklam and seconded by McMahan to accept the January 5, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented.

**YEA:** Garmon, McMahan, Morgan, Smith, Walker, Anklam

**MOTION CARRIED.**

- 3. Illinois Codification Service update**

- Clerk Fair stated she has been going through the Village Ordinance book preparing to update the book through the Illinois Codification Service. She has found some of the ordinances that have been updated since the November 1, 2012 update. Fair asked if any of the trustees had a chance to look at their part of the Ordinance book for any corrections that need to be done. Some needed more time. Fair will put on the agenda again next month as a reminder.

**Treasurer's Report**

- 1. Discussion and action** on January 2015 treasurer's reports

**A Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by Garmon to accept the January 2015 treasurer's reports.

**YEA:** McMahan, Morgan, Smith, Walker, Anklam, Garmon

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Department Reports**

**Presidents Report – by Jim Minor**

- Walker and Minor met with Coles County regional planning, but will have Walker report later.

2. Whispering Pines – gave him a list of trees need to be removed he will look into that.
3. Minor read a letter from Jim Fleming via Gary Smith – On June 13<sup>th</sup> the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Amish Country Tractor Cruise will be held. The route the tractors are taking will take them through Lovington and they plan to stop at the Firehouse and get coffee and a break. They would be arriving in Lovington around 9:30 a.m. and be here until 10:30 a.m. The route they would be arriving from will be from the east and proceed down State Street to the firehouse. They should be able to park at the firehouse and at Gary Smith's parking lot area.

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

1. Sewer – Worm gear drive at the plant has been rebuilt by Central Plains and is working great.
2. I.R.W.A. meeting in Effingham will be February 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. Jeremy will be taking more sewer classes. I.E.P.A. is going to require 30 CEU hours of training same as the water CEU's
3. Had a problem with the tower controls – think we have it figured out in the control panel.
4. Replaced air acuator in the water plant – it was causing the air compressor to run all the time.
5. Problems with well 7 overloading – ordered new heaters for control panel to see if that fixes it, if not it might be a bad motor in the well.

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

1. Nothing to report
2. Park Recreation Board update -Approached one individual and was told no so he then spoke with the remaining members since last month's resignations. After speaking to Andrea Wardrip she stated that she might quit too, she was to let him know by tonight but he hasn't heard anything. He then spoke with Sonja Tedrick and she has agreed to be the head of the park recreation board and will see about filling the vacancies. He will report again next month.

### **Police – by Pam Anklam**

1. Expenses for police car totaled \$695.
2. Ordinance violations - one is paying and one is still in court.
3. Looking at body cams for the police officers. Chief Swisher is getting prices and if it is within the police budget she will have him get them.

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

1. Dodge truck is acting up again, not sure what is going on with it.
2. The men were out this weekend plowing snow.

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

1. The community building is 90% done. They have the drywall fixed and painted, a new hot water heater was installed, and the front carpet was cleaned. A little work in the back still needs to be done.

2. Started putting bathroom in the street garage. There was a lot of concrete in the way when they started running the sewer line. Will finish it when weather permits.
3. Windows are covered in metal have 4 or 5 left to do.
4. Mayor Minor and Trustee Walker met with Coles County regional planning. – They help get grants; they will have someone coming to talk to the board next month. They contacted us – because we are ready to go with the phase II of the drainage project - June 1<sup>st</sup> grant must be written. They first must survey Lovington before it can be done. The survey will then be good for 2 years, so if grant isn't given this year than we can apply again next year. The grant would be from \$1,500-\$3,500. They must know by March 1<sup>st</sup> if we want them to proceed. The last survey was done in 2009. Again they will be at the March meeting as well as Dave Bowers – so it will be on the agenda.
5. Discussion on electronic marquee board - Walker mentioned to someone - wouldn't it be nice if we could have an electronic marquee where the fire department sign is now. The fire department then contacted him to see if the village would go in on an electronic marquee. The fire department will check into the price if we are interested in sharing the cost. Several members think it would be a good idea. It was in agreement to see what the prices would be.

**Insurance** – by Barry Morgan

Nothing to report

### **Adjournment**

A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by McMahan to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

**YEA:** Morgan, McMahan, Garmon, Anklam, Walker, Smith

**MOTION CARRIED**



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Alma M. Fair, Village Clerk

March 2, 2015

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Date Approved