

**Village of Lovington
Regular Board Meeting
February 8, 2016**

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, Jim McMahan, April Daily, Doug Smith, Roger Walker and Pam Anklam. President Jim Minor and Clerk Alma Fair were also present.

Absent:

Guests present were: Amanda Kreher, Nina Fridge, Timothy Fridge, Jennifer Peck, David Bowers, Rick Levine, Paula Murray and Lisa Clark.

Those wishing to speak were: David Bowers and Rick Levine
Bowers will talk later in the meeting.

Rick Levine for the Lovington police department.

1. Requesting to pursue the purchase of a gently used vehicle for around \$30,000. He was told that the Timm Foundation would possible provide \$10,000-\$15,000 toward the vehicle. The Timm Foundation is to meet in April. The Current vehicle would be auctioned off and the current backup would be kept for backup. The mileage on the current vehicle is around 17,000 miles. The current vehicle has been having a lot of work done on it lately. The vehicle they are looking at, would need nothing added to it. Our computer and radar would need to be transferred to a new vehicle.

A Motion was made by Daily and seconded by McMahan to approve for the police department to look into purchasing a gently used police car and writing up a proposal for the Timm Foundation.

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

Nay: None

Absent:

MOTION CARRIED

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 (2) Salary Deliberations
2. 5 ILCS 120/2 Sec.2 (3) Purchase or Sale of Real Property

A Motion was made by Garmon and seconded by McMahan to go into closed session for the purpose of Salary Deliberations and Purchase or Sale of Real Property at 7:13 pm.

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

Nay: None

Absent:

MOTION CARRIED

Came back to open session at 7:45 pm.

Return to Open Session

1. Action on Closed Session items

A **Motion** was made by Anklam and seconded by McMahan to accept the proposed raises as discussed in closed session.

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

Nay: None

Absent:

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

1. **Discussion and action on Ordinance to authorize the sale of municipally owned real property.**

Table until the March meeting after the three weeks of newspaper notice.

2. **Discussion and action on Funding request from the Lovington Park Board for the Easter 2016 event.**

Minor introduced the newly appointed park recreation committee. They are as follows: Jenny Peck as chairperson/treasurer, Brandie Mendoza as Co-Chairperson, Amanda Kreher as Secretary, Nina Fridge, Paula Murray and Lisa Clark. This committee has been appointed for 1 year term.

Garmon read the proposed Easter Egg Hunt that is to be held in the park on March 19th at 10:00 am; with a rain date of March 20th. They are asking for \$500.00 and are planning to purchase new baskets, plastic eggs, candy, stuffed animals, bubbles, jump ropes, and small toys. Jenny Peck is looking into Oriental Trading Post and other online stores to maybe purchase the items. They are cutting off the age group to 12 years old.

A **Motion** was made by Anklam and seconded by McMahan to approve the amount of \$500.00 for the Easter 2016 event with receipts and any cash remaining to be turned into the Village of Lovington within 30 days after the event.

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

Nay: None

Absent:

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business - None

Minutes and action of Village Clerk – by Alma Fair

1. **Discussion and action on January 2016 invoices**

A **Motion** was made by McMahan and seconded by Garmon to approve the January 2016 invoices as presented.

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

Nay: None

Absent:

MOTION CARRIED

2. **Discussion and action on January 11, 2016 Regular Board Meeting minutes**

A **Motion** was made by Anklam and seconded by McMahan to approve the January 11, 2016 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nay: None

Absent:

MOTION CARRIED

3. Discussion and action on January 11, 2016 Closed Session Board Meeting minutes

A **Motion** was made by Daily and seconded by Anklam to approve the January 11, 2016 Closed Session Board Meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nay: None

Abstain:

Absent:

MOTION CARRIED

4. Discussion and action on final 2016-2017 Appropriation Ordinance figures

The board gave Clerk Fair direction on which figures needed changes so that the Appropriation can be moved on next month.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Katie Stanley

1. Discussion and action on November, December 2015 and January 2016 treasurer's report

Clerk Fair noted that there is no January report because it was duplicating entries in the system.

A **Motion** was made by Anklam and seconded by Daily to approve the November and December 2015 treasurer's report as presented.

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

Nay: None

Abstain:

Absent:

MOTION CARRIED

Department Reports

Presidents Report – Jim Minor

Minor presented David Bowers who was representing the Drainage district.

1. The drainage district is currently in the process of checking the drainage tiles. There is also a dead tree at the end of the new tile that needs to come down. (This is located at the west end of town. Near Dennis Coslow and Betty Bolsen's property).
2. High street north of state has a nature dam that the water comes out onto State Street. They plan to take the hump of the top of the road and possibly putting a ditch on both sides of that street so that the water will go to the drainage tile that is in place now.
3. Minor has talked to Ozier and on high street it might just cost the village for some rock and asphalt. Minor said he isn't taking the hump out of the middle of the road but try the ditch on the side of the road first.
4. Phase II 2009-2010 has been done. The church street phase is ready to go. The Village can get a grant but the drainage district can't. We may be talking about another million dollars.
5. The railroads have disappeared and the field to the east of Al Best Dr. being turned around has caused the water to come into the Lovington drainage district.
6. Walker makes a recommendation that Bowers write the proposal and send to the Village clerk to be forwarded to all trustees regarding the request for money.

Minor – Provided a letter from Barry and Amber Morgan to all trustees with the subject as: Yearly request for the demolishment of property located in Lovington Parcel: 02-02-27-333-004 (Vaughn)

Walker has talked to Barry before regarding the attached letter from the Morgan's.

Water and Sewer Report – Jim McMahan

1. Jeremy Doggett will be attending a water meeting.
2. We are needing to purchase multi meter for testing. It will test everything we need at the water plant and also at the sewer plant. We should get at least 10 years of use out of it.

A Motion was made by McMahan and seconded by Anklam to approve the purchase of a multi meter at the cost of \$3,500 for testing at both the water plant and the sewer plants.

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

Nay: None

Abstain:

Absent:

MOTION CARRIED

Parks and Special Projects – Dennis Garmon

1. Sonja Tedrick has resigned from the Park Recreation board and was to provide him with a letter to that effect but he hasn't received it yet. Also the accounting of the Breakfast with Santa has been returned to us.
2. Thursday, February 11, 2016 Garmon as well as the billing clerk, village clerk and village treasurer will be meeting to review new software for the Village.
3. Good Energy meeting date and time have been determined. It will be held on Wednesday February 24, 2016 at the Decatur City Hall at noon. Those planning to attend will be Garmon, Walker, Daily and Anklam.
4. He has contacted the American Ramp company regarding the skate park which is in need of repairs.
5. Sue Gordon spoke to him regarding cleaning out the room to the east of the clerks and treasurer's office to be used as a storage room.

Police – Pam Anklam

Nothing to report

Streets and Alleys – by Doug Smith

Nothing to report

Buildings and Grounds – by Roger Walker

Nothing to report

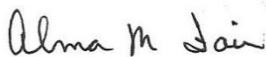
Insurance – April Daily

Nothing to report –

Walker asked about what plan the workers have for their health insurance this year. Daily responded that this will be the last year for this plan. There will be a high deductible next year.

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Anklam to adjourn at 9:27 p.m.



Alma M. Fair, Village Clerk

March 14, 2016

Date Approved