

**Village of Lovington
Regular Board Meeting
February 10, 2014**

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 Anklaam, Jim McMahan and Barry Morgan. President Jim Minor and Clerk Alma Fair were also present. Absent: Dennis Garmon and Treasurer Katie Stanley.

Guests present were: Shirley Smith, Linda Patrick, Ballard G. Luttrell and Florence Hallford from the News-Progress

Those noted as requesting to speak were: Ballard G. Luttrell

1. Mr. Luttrell received a ticket on his dogs being loose in his neighbor's yard. His understanding of the ordinance was dogs must be on a leash but can be loose if on the owner's property. He just got out of hospital with double pneumonia and a blood clot and can't walk the dogs like he used to. He did have two older dogs on a leash but the two younger dogs were loose when he was outside with them. The neighbor complained about the dogs being loose and scared her. He just wants to be treated as others but because of being ill would like to have a little leniency. That is all he is asking. He asked - just what does the ordinance say? Anklaam stated that the dogs were in the neighbor's yard, and police officer Hayse stepped out of the police office to read what the ticket said. It was reported that on Tuesday at 11:30 they were in the neighbor's yard. He then asked Mr. Luttrell how many times he had a warning before, at least 6 or 7. Minor then read from the Ordinance 3-2-7 – it reads as follows:

3-2-7 RESTRAINT OF DOGS. The owner or keeper of a dog shall keep the dog under restraint at all times and shall not permit such dog to be at large, off the premises of the property of the owner or keeper, unless the dog is under complete control as defined in Section 3-1-2. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/11-20-9)

New Business

1. Discussion and action on May 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015 Appropriations Ordinance
Minor suggested adding C. 12. Purchase of Equipment to Water & Sewer Department for purchasing a new truck for the water department and using the old water truck for the street department. Anklaam would like to increase the police officer Swisher's wages and would like to see it go to \$16.00/hour. The discussion was then turned to the salaries of the remainder of the employees. It was decided to increase them as follows: Jeremy Doggett - \$22.00/hour and Sue Gordon - \$12.80/hour. The remainder employees are new hires and their increase has already been set. Clerk Fair will refigure the increases and present to the board again next month for approval. It will then be on review for a month.

2. Discussion and action on Moultrie County All Hazards Mitigation Plan

Morgan volunteered to serve on the committee.

A Motion was made by Anklaam and seconded by McMahan to accept Morgan as serving on the Moultrie County All Hazards Mitigation Planning committee.

YEA: Smith, Walker, Anklaam, McMahan, Morgan

Absent: Garmon

MOTION CARRIED.

Old Business

1. Discussion and action on Sensus software support and program update contract

McMahan reported he had spoken with Jeremy Doggett regarding the Sensus contract and Doggett told him that any meters installed now must be lead free. Since he is attending the IRWA meeting this month and will be looking at new meters he would recommend only paying the 1 year contract. **A Motion** was made by McMahan and seconded by Anklam to pay the Sensus invoice for 1 year at \$1732.50.

YEA: Walker, Anklam, McMahan, Morgan, Smith

Absent: Garmon

MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes and action of Village Clerk

1. Discussion and action on January invoices

A Motion was made by Morgan and seconded by Walker to accept the January invoices as presented.

YEA: Anklam, McMahan, Morgan, Smith, Walker

Absent: Garmon

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Discussion and action on January 13, 2014 Regular Board meeting minutes.

A Motion was made by Morgan and seconded by McMahan to approve January 13, 2014 Regular Board meeting as presented.

YEA: McMahan, Morgan, Smith, Walker

Absent: Garmon

Abstain: Anklam (because she was absent)

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Discussion and action on Special Committee Meeting minutes from January 17, 2014 consisting of Walker, Smith, McMahan and Minor

A Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Smith to approve January 17, 2014 Special Board meeting as presented.

YEA: McMahan, Smith, Walker

Absent: Garmon

Abstain: Anklam, Morgan (because there were not on Committee)

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Discussion and action on Special Board Meeting minutes from January 27, 2014

A Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Smith to approve January 27, 2014 Special Board meeting as presented.

YEA: McMahan, Smith, Walker, Anklam, Morgan

Absent: Garmon

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Discussion and Action on Closed Session minutes from January 13, 2014

A Motion was made by Morgan and seconded by McMahan to approve January 13, 2014 Closed Session minutes as presented and to keep them closed.

YEA: Smith, Walker, McMahan, Morgan

Abstain: Anklam (because she was absent)

Absent: Garmon

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Discussion and Action on Closed Session Committee minutes from January 17, 2014 consisting of Walker, Smith, McMahan and Minor

A **Motion** was made by McMahan and seconded by Walker to approve January 17, 2014 Closed Session minutes as presented and to keep them closed.

YEA: Walker, McMahan, Smith

Abstain: Anklam, Morgan (because they were not on the Committee)

Absent: Garmon

MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report

1. Discussion and action on January 2014 Treasurer's reports.

A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by McMahan to accept the January 2014 treasurer's report as presented.

YEA: Smith, Walker, Anklam, McMahan, Morgan

Absent: Garmon

MOTION CARRIED.

Department Reports

Presidents Report – by Jim Minor

Report and action if needed

1. Minor reported that Doty's invoice now has the date that the work was done and that he now understands that he is to talk to someone on the board before doing any more work.

A **Motion** was made by Smith and seconded by Morgan to pay the Doty bill.

YEA: Walker, Anklam, McMahan, Morgan, Smith

Absent: Garmon

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Minor asked Officer Hayse to explain the price Quote from Verizon Wireless for new cell phones and billing. This is a government contract. Currently the cell bill for the police phone runs around \$71.10.

The price quotation is as follows:

2 - 400 minutes share w/unlimited text/data Mo. Access \$56.25 with a sub-total of \$112.50

3 - State of Illinois \$0 Flat rate/\$.06/min with the 500 minutes estimated usage Mo. Access \$30.00 sub-total \$30.00. Total Monthly Access \$142.50.

This is for 2 Smartphone Device/ models vary \$.00 2 Samsung Gusto II flip phone \$0.00. Total equipment cost \$0.00.

Smith stated he doesn't want to get into the phone business; these are work phones and are to be used for work only. No employee is to use the phone for personal use.

A **Motion** was made by Anklam and seconded by Smith to accept the Price quotation from Verizon Wireless as presented for work use only.

YEA: Anklam, McMahan, Morgan, Smith, Walker

Absent: Garmon

MOTION CARRIED.

Officer Swisher will take care of getting this ordered.

3. Follow up on legal correspondence – Minor reported that he has heard from our Attorney regarding demolition of the State street building. The attorney has prepared a petition to sign which would get the proceeding started. Minor will sign and get back to attorney.
4. Jerry's East End requested to have Center Street on the east side closed for a party on June 28th for a 20th Anniversary for Sparrow's Unlimited; and to allow alcohol to be taken outside. Minor stated we can't do this for a private party; our insurance would not cover it.

Water and Sewer Report – by Jim McMahan

1. Small water leak on Al Best drive and will be repaired on February 12th.
2. Not too much going on other than regular stuff except for a lot of snow plowing. Anklam stated that they are to be commended for all their work on plowing.

Parks and Special Projects –Dennis Garmon absent

1. Park Board reported none

Police – by Pam Anklam

1. Police report for January - Reports taken – 10, Calls dispatched – 19, Calls officer initiated – 5, Warning Citations issued – 4, State Citations Issued – 0, Juvenile Cases - 6, Misdemeanor Cases – 6, Felony Cases – 0, Agency Assists – 5, Total hours - 323
2. Animal Control report – none reported
3. Anklam handed out three sheets of paper. They are as follows: Liability Release Form, Chief of Police Benefits and a copy of the Ordinance page 30-2-28. Noting 30-2-2 Office of Chief Created. A **Motion** was made by Anklam and seconded by Walker to appoint Office Christian Swisher as the Chief of Police.

YEA: McMahan, Morgan, Smith, Walker, Anklam

Absent: Garmon

MOTION CARRIED.

Minor stated we couldn't have any other person that is as qualified for the job.

Walker suggested that Anklam take the Liability Release Form to the attorney to make sure it is legal.

Streets and Alleys – by Doug Smith

1. Only that Roland has been hired and is doing a fine job and that they have been doing lots of plowing. Minor stated the some of the corners need to be rounded of snow.

Buildings and Grounds – by Roger Walker

1. Walker wants to contact the survey crew to survey the rest of the properties of the Railroad right of way then we can get some signs up. He will ask him for a ball park estimate and bring back to the board next month. Morgan stated he might have the Ordinance from when we purchased the land from the Railroad years ago.
2. Need to put a lien on the property on Maple Street which we had torn down.
3. Plans to contact Roger Ray to get a contract to repair the back and side of the community building.

Insurance – by Barry Morgan

None

Adjournment

A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by McMahan to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.

YEA: Morgan, Smith, Walker, Anklam, McMahan

Absent: Garmon

MOTION CARRIED.



Alma M. Fair, Village Clerk

March 10, 2014

Date Approved