

Village of Lovington
Regular Board Meeting
March 2, 2015
7:00 p.m.

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, Dennis Garmon, Jim McMahan and Barry Morgan. President Jim Minor and Clerk Alma Fair were also present. Absent: Pam Anklam

Guests present were: Victoria Goacher, David Bowers, Kelly Lockhart and Kevin McReynolds from Coles county Regional Planning and Florence Hallford – News Progress reporter.

Those requesting to speak were Victoria Goacher, David Bowers, Kelly Lockhart and Kevin McReynolds

1. Ms. Goacher – There was a meeting with Mike Crews from the Illinois Coalition for Community Services (ICCS) on Tuesday February 25th to discuss plans for establishing a vision for community organization and revitalization plans for Lovington. Ms. Goacher handed out the minutes to that meeting. As well as a list of Food Sites in other communities. They discussed the possibly of doing a summer lunch program through the USDA with an hour of activities following lunch. This program would start as soon as school is out and continue until school begins again in August. They also discussed anything that involved the youth of this community. The next meeting will be held the Library on either March 19th or March 26th.
2. Garmon thinks it is a good idea and asked if Ms. Goacher would be willing to be the leader of a committee for the community. She would be willing to try to get something started.
3. Walker attended the meeting and thinks it is a good program. The fellow that spoke to the group spoke of programs that were in the big communities. There was money available to pay the cook and with the cuts that have been made at state level it has hurt this program some but the cook will be paid.
4. Mr. Bowers asked if they considered contacting the school to use their kitchen as well as possibly having a teacher be in charge for the summer. Also might talk to the food panty for supplies as well as Diane Parish who is a cook at a restaurant.
5. McMahan – what is it that she is asking of the board? Answer – support.
6. Smith – asked if she would send all trustees an email when the next meeting date has been set.

Old Business –

1. Discussion and action regarding funding of Phase II of the storm water drainage project with Coles County Regional Planning and Lovington Drainage District for Sections 22, 23, 26, 27 and 34

Kelly Lockhart & Kevin McReynolds from the CCRP as well as David Bowers of the Lovington Drainage District spoke to the board.

1. Mr. Lockhart – they are here to help write a drainage plan for a grant. A CDAP grant of \$450,000.
2. Mr. McReynolds – Our portion of the plan would be \$150,000 to get the \$450,000 grant. Things that would need to be done would be - 1. A survey for the community to see if we would qualify. The cost of the survey would be \$1,500. The survey is good for two years. 75% of the people have to respond in order to go forward with writing the grant. The question was asked - what is the average bill per household. Minor ask Sue to get that answer for us. This is without all business accounts.
3. Mr. Bowers – the reason these men are here is because the drainage district can't get the grant it has to be the Village. They have until July 4th to get the survey done and write a grant.
4. Morgan – we all know that this needs to be done. But the money is a problem.
5. Walker – as a board we need to look down the road for the community. If we are ever going to get this grant we need to do the survey.

A Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Garmon to have Coles County Regional Planning & Development Commission (CCRP) do an income survey in the phase II drainage area not to exceed \$1,500.

YEA: Morgan, McMahan, Garmon, Walker, Smith

Absent: Anklam

MOTION CARRIED.

A Motion was made by Morgan and seconded by McMahan upon receiving a qualifying income survey done by CCRP to continue with the grant application for phase II drainage project not to exceed \$2000.

YEA: McMahan, Garmon, Walker, Smith, Morgan

Absent: Anklam

MOTION CARRIED.

New Business –

1. Discussion and action Ordinance for Part-Time Police

A Motion was made by Morgan and seconded by McMahan to approve Ordinance O-03022015 for Part-Time Police.

YEA: McMahan, Morgan, Smith, Walker, Garmon

Absent: Anklam

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Discussion and action approve request for annual Easter Egg Hunt from the Park Recreation Board.

Garmon – the Easter Egg Hunt is planned for Saturday March 28th 10:00 am at the Park. They are requesting \$450 for the event.

A Motion was made by Garmon and seconded by Morgan to approve the Park Recreation Board's request of \$450.00 for annual Easter Egg Hunt, with any money left over will be returned with receipts.

YEA: Morgan, Smith, Walker, Garmon, McMahan

Absent: Anklam

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Discussion and action on May 1, 2015-April 30, 2016 Appropriations Ordinance

Clerk Fair stated that if raises were to be made she would need to change the Appropriation and have it ready for voting next month.

Raises for employees were then discussed.

A Motion was made by McMahan and seconded by Morgan to give the following raises on May 1, 2015 – Scott Connelly, Roland Birt and Jay Clark a \$1.00 increase, Christian Swisher, Jeremy Doggett and Sue Gordon a \$.50 increase.

YEA: Smith, Walker, Garmon, McMahan, Morgan

Absent: Anklam

MOTION CARRIED.

Closed Session

A Motion was made by Morgan and seconded by Smith to strike the closed session for it is not needed.

YEA: Walker, Garmon, McMahan, Morgan, Smith

Absent: Anklam

MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes and action of Village Clerk – by Alma Fair

1. Discussion and action on February, 2015 invoices

A Motion was made by Morgan and seconded by McMahan to approve the February, 2015 invoices as presented

YEA: Garmon, McMahan, Morgan, Smith, Walker

Absent: Anklam

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Discussion and action on February 2, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes

Discussion – Morgan asked if we had received the variance from Castelli, Fair had not seen one. She will send a letter to him regarding that.

A Motion was made by Morgan and seconded by McMahan to accept the February 2, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented.

YEA: McMahan, Morgan, Smith, Walker, Garmon

Absent: Anklam

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Illinois Codification Service update

1. Clerk 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. Continue to look at your parts of the book.
2. Garmon had gone through the park ordinance and presented his marked up copy for trustees to review the changes.
Morgan – He agrees with all that Garmon had marked but would like to have Police Chief Swisher look at the Park Code to see if he agrees with Garmon. Any changes will be voted on at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

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

A Motion was made by Morgan and seconded by McMahan to accept the February 2015 treasurer's reports.

YEA: Morgan, Smith, Walker, Garmon, McMahan

Absent: Anklam

MOTION CARRIED.

Minor brought to the attention of the board - that we had not received any Income Tax from the State of Illinois in February.

Department Reports

Presidents Report – by Jim Minor

1. Minor spoke with Mr. Fleming regarding the 6th Annual Amish Country Tractor Cruise and they will be doing a food drive and will be bring the donations to Lovington for the Christ Pantry at the Christian Church

Water and Sewer Report – by Jim McMahan

1. We lost control in the water plant and ran in manual mode for 8 days. It has been fixed.
2. Other electrical problems have been straightened out; we think the cause was battery back-up.
3. There were 2 water leaks and one main break
4. Had to get tune up on the 2008 F150
5. Possible well 5 needs to be pulled – may be a bad motor.

Parks and Special Projects –by Dennis Garmon

1. Nothing to report
2. Park Recreation Board update - Sonja Tedrick has agreed to be the head of the park recreation board and has all but one position filled. Garmon will let the board know who the members are once she has all of them.

Police – by Minor reported in Pam Anklam absents.

1. Expense of \$504.73 for February

Streets and Alleys – by Doug Smith

1. Lots of snow plowing was done
2. Lots of the equipment has been breaking down, the salt spreader has been repaired. We are fixing one thing at a time.
3. Smith would like for Minor to go with him to the garage to take a look at the equipment and make a list of what needs repaired or replaced.
4. Minor thinks we can go through the state to get some equipment.

Buildings and Grounds – by Roger Walker

Nothing to report

Insurance – by Barry Morgan

Nothing to report

Adjournment

A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by McMahan to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

YEA: Smith, Walker, Garmon, McMahan, Morgan

Absent: Anklam

MOTION CARRIED.



Alma M. Fair, Village Clerk

April 6, 2015

Date Approved