

**Village of Lovington
Regular Board Meeting
May 04, 2015**

Call to order: President Jim Minor called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Since the pledge was led in the Appropriations Meeting it wasn't recited again.

Roll Call found the following trustees to be present: Roger Walker, Pam Anklam, Dennis Garmon, and Jim McMahan. President Jim Minor and Clerk Alma Fair were also present.

Absent: Doug Smith and Barry Morgan

Newly elected Trustees Oath of Office

Clerk Alma Fair led the Oath of Office for newly elected Trustees: April Daily, Roger Walker and Jim McMahan.

Guests present were Patty Bailey, Susan Gordon, Victoria Goacher, Tom Schuering, Grant Luttrell and Florence Hallford, News-Progress reporter.

Those requesting to speak were: Susan Gordon, Patty Bailey, Grant Luttrell and Victoria Goacher.

1. Sue Gordon was here on behalf of Shirley Smith, there is a bee hive in the yard behind her. The bees have started a new group with a new queen and that is what has happened with this hive. Over the weekend Shirley was mowing when she saw the bees. Shirley is allergic to bees. Mrs. Gordon would like to have the board take a month to think about what can be done.
Anklam – Noted that bees are not under our animal control so it is not something for Mrs. Gordon to handle. Mrs. Gordon did speak to the owners of the hive; the owner is a license bee keeper; he thought the bees would be gone in an hour or two. Mrs. Gordon also spoke to Chief Swisher. Anklam thinks it is a civil matter.
Anklam will look into and will get back to Mrs. Gordon on the matter.
2. Patty Bailey – was here not to complain but to state that a few years ago she made a request for a variance and was denied. She doesn't object to the building variance – she is all for more businesses in Lovington. She then stated that she did put up a sign in her yard. She was recently contacted regarding her sign and was told she had 30 days to get it down. Since it is in concrete she put a sack over it. She asked if she could get a petition from her neighbor's to have the sign in her yard.
Mayor Minor read from the ordinance Zoning Code 40-10-55 Article II – Definitions, 40-2-1 Selected Definitions regarding the size of a sign. It reads as follows:
Home Occupation: Any occupation or profession carried on by a member of the immediate family residing on the premises, in connection with which there is used no sign other than a nameplate not more than **one (1) square foot** in area, and not to exceed **eighteen (18) inches** in length, or no display that will indicate from the exterior that the building is being utilized in whole or in part for any purpose other than that of a dwelling; and
(A) No person is employed there other than a member of the immediate family residing on the premises; and
(B) The area used shall not exceed three hundred (300) square feet.
Mrs. Bailey then repeated her request
Mayor Minor will contact her regarding what can be done with the ordinance.
3. Grant Luttrell – First wanted to thank the police department for all they have been doing. He has been having trouble with his neighbor S. Evans. When the Village had the property surveyed his shed was on the Village property and was told he could leave for now but he would need to get it moved. He has his shed moved and was moving his fence; when he went to move the fence his neighbor told him that it was on his neighbor's property. There was one corner post that was on the Village property but his neighbor said he couldn't move it. He would like some direction from the board 1. Tell him he can move it or 2. Don't move it and give it back to the Evans's.

Anklam spoke with Chief Swisher and it was a civil matter and they need to go to court to decide whose fence it is. Chief Swisher stepped in the room and said that is what they were told.

Mr. Luttrell misunderstood Swisher. Anklam told him he can go to the courthouse to file a civil suit.

4. Victoria Goacher reported that they lost the funding from the State; she had cards that need to be send to Michael Madigan by June and asked if the board would take some of the cards. She was told to leave some on the counter at the front office and to ask the businesses in Lovington they would take cards for customers to pick up. The next meeting will be May 7th 6-8 at the Library.

New Business

1. Discussion and action to acceptance of the 2015 winning Motor Fuel road oiling bid.

Clerk Fair reported on the opening of the Motor Fuel road oiling bid this morning at 10:00 am, the winning bid was Earl Walker's at \$23,237.50

A **Motion** was made by Walker and seconded by McMahan to approve of Earl Walker bid of \$\$23,237.50 for road oiling.

YEA: Garmon, McMahan, Daily, Walker, Anklam

Absent: Smith

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Discussion with Tony Schuering of Municipal Consulting Group regarding establishing a TIF district in Lovington

- a. Mr. Schuering passed out a pamphlet explaining how Tax Increment Financing (TIF) works.

Anklam - what is the startup cost – answer around \$30,000, but then you get paid back from the TIF fund.

Walker - did I understand it can be used for infrastructure? Yes but in needs to be in our district.

Walker recommends that we do discuss it further. Mr. Schuering will be happy to come back at any time to discuss it with the board.

Minor - We will be in contact with him after discussing it at the next meeting.

Old Business

None:

Minutes and action of Village Clerk – by Alma Fair

1. Discussion and action on April 2015 invoices

A **Motion** was made by McMahan and seconded by Anklam to accept the April 2015 invoices as presented.

YEA: McMahan, Daily, Walker, Anklam, Garmon

Absent: Smith

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Discussion and action on April 6, 2015 Regular Board meeting minutes.

A **Motion** was made by Anklam and seconded by McMahan to approve the April 6, 2015 Regular Board meeting as presented.

YEA: Daily, Walker, Anklam, Garmon, McMahan

Absent: Smith

3. Discussion and action on April 6, 2015 Closed Session Board meeting minutes.

A **Motion** was made by Anklam and seconded by McMahan to approve the April 6, 2015 Closed Session Board meeting as presented.

YEA: Walker, Anklam, Garmon, McMahan

Absent: Smith

Abstain: Daily

MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report

1. Discussion and action on April 2015 Treasurer's reports.

A **Motion** was made by Garmon and seconded by McMahan to accept the April 2015 treasurer's report as presented.

YEA: Anklam, Garmon, McMahan, Daily, Walker

Absent: Smith

MOTION CARRIED.

Department Reports

Presidents Report – by Jim Minor

1. Presented an update on The Amish Country Tractor Cruise with a list of the route the cruise will take on June 13, 2015

Water and Sewer Report – by Jim McMahan

1. The workers will be flushing the hydrants this week or next.
2. The NPDES permit was submitted to I.E.P.A.
3. The Annual CCR report was in the News-Progress last month.

Parks and Special Projects –by Dennis Garmon

1. Final Park Recreation Board member is Amanda Kreher.
2. The sidewalk at the park is finished and looks very nice; while Brad Eaton was there Mr. Garmon had him pour a slab for the bench by the horseshoe pit and they still came in under the cost that was voted on last month.
3. Update on electric aggregation – We did good by going with Good Energy for the Village's electric instead of Ameren since Ameren's pricing is going up on June 1st.

Police – by Pam Anklam

Nothing to report

Streets and Alleys – by Doug Smith

Nothing since Smith was absent

Buildings and Grounds – by Roger Walker

1. Discussion on vacant buildings
If you mow a vacant building's lawn you can put a lien on them to get your money back for mowing. There are a couple of houses in town that we have been mowing. Those properties have been purchased several times and they now have been returned to County – once they go to county all liens are removed. Anklam - is it now the county's responsibility to have these homes torn down?
Walker – good question can we go to the county to have them tear them down?
2. Discussion on inoperable vehicles
Would have to have an ordinance to get them removed. The Village took several to court a few years ago and the Judge asked if anyone from the Village was certified to deem the vehicle inoperable. Garmon found Ordinance 24-7-1 regarding Abandoned vehicles.
3. There are several sidewalks needing to be replaced with Motor Fuel money; Walker will get with Smith and bring a list for the board to approve.
4. Walker would like to put a new bench uptown somewhere, just not sure where to put it.

Insurance – by April Daily

Nothing to report

Garmon reported that he is meeting with an insurance agent tomorrow regarding putting borders around the play area and parking lot. It was suggested to put a sidewalk in front of the parking lot to be a border. Daily will meet with them also and ask about the garage roof for hail damage and also about metal roofs.

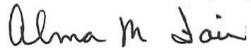
Adjournment

A **Motion** was made by Anklam and seconded by McMahan to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

YEA: Garmon, McMahan, Daily, Walker, Anklam

Absent: Smith

MOTION CARRIED



Alma M. Fair, Village Clerk

June 1, 2015

Date Approved