

**Village of Lovington
Regular Board Meeting
October 5, 2015**

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 and April Daily, Doug Smith. President Jim Minor and Clerk Alma Fair were also present.

Absent: Roger Walker, Pam Anklam

Guests present were: Patty Bailey, Jake Kamm, Hunter Kamm, Sam Tonner, Linda Alumbaugh, Meta Creek, Victoria Goacher, Paul Chambers and wife, Chris Myers and John Gordon.

Those wishing to speak were: Patty Bailey, Meta Creek, Paul Chambers, Hunter Kamm and Sam Tonner.

1. Patty Bailey: Presented a petition from all of her neighbor's which states that they have no objection to the "Sip 'N Style" sign in her yard. She stated that her sign has been up for 1½ years before she was asked to remove it. She is asking for the board to change the ordinance. She feels it would benefit us to have the ordinance changed.

Garmon has no problem with changing the ordinance and McMahan is afraid it will open a can of worms. Smith - perhaps in the other towns that she has seen signs up, that they have special permit. Daily - we might need to see what other towns are allowing signs. Daily will call around to other towns to see what they are doing and Garmon states we should have an answer for her by next month.

2. Meta Creek – Lovington Homecoming – October 17th – making sure everything she requested in August are going to be done. Have the port-a-pots been ordered? Walker is to order them. Clerk Fair will get the name of who we got them from last year for Walker.
3. Paul Chambers – Lovington Revitalization Coalition Community. The community garden was good this year. They would like to have raised beds for next year, a shed to store some tools in and have it placed around the water spigot and all so a bench. They would help raise money for the shed and bench.
The summer program met 3 days a week last summer. On average they feed 31 children per day. \$907 was raised from their last garage sale; another garage sale is planned for October 9th and 10th. They also plan to have a wiener roast on October 18th at the Tom Conn Park.
Garmon suggested he provide us with the size of the shed they need and any other items at next month's meeting.
4. Kamm and Tonner are listed under New Business.

New Business

1. Discussion and action on Park Board's request for funding of Halloween Costume contest

Garmon reported that Sonja Tedrick emailed him with the following: The business Safe Trick or Treat night will be Friday, October 30th from 4:30-6:30 and residential Trick or Treat will be from 5:30-8:30.

The costume contest will be held Saturday, October 31st at 4:00 pm at the Church of God Community Building. The board was okay with the above dates and times.

A Motion was made by Garmon and seconded by McMahan to approve the funding of \$350.00 for the costume contest; the committee will be providing receipts for the expenses.

YEA: Smith, Garmon, McMahan, Daily

Absent: Walker, Anklam

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

2. Discussion and action on fireworks for 2016 (presentation by Hunter Kamm and Sam Tonner)

Sam Tonner - Hunter has described to him what our Fireworks were like in the past. They are presenting fireworks that would be more like Arthur's fireworks, but on a smaller scale. Tonner passed a copy of three different proposals. \$5000 would be for 10 minutes, \$8000 would be for 15 minutes, \$10,000 would be for 20 minutes. They would take care of setting them off and all they would need from us is a signed contract and a check. Hunter Kamm said that Shelly Martina would help him with a fund raiser. They would do whatever we want and they have contacted the school and would be able to shoot them from there. The date would also need to be determined. If on July 3rd or 4th the choice would have to be at least the \$8000 plan.

3. Discussion and action on modifying the Village of Lovington Animal Ordinance to allow the raising of a limited number of chickens and or rabbits

Discussion – McMahan – It appears that when Barry Morgan was the mayor he was asked permission to raise rabbits for a 4-H project and was allowed.

Chris Myers was here to ask that the board allow chickens to be raised in town. His chickens are his pets, he would not be butchering any of his chickens. It was asked how many families in town are raising chickens and rabbits now?

Smith likes the ordinance as it is now.

Minor tabled to next meeting.

4. Discussion and action on purchasing 2 flashing caution lights for the school zone crossing in the area of Hwy 32 (S County St) and W Church St

Minor - We need to check with the state if they would allow it to be on the State Route. Garmon thinks that the employer of the crossing guard would need to come talk to us if they want them.

A Motion was made by McMahan and seconded by Garmon we DO NOT purchase the flashing lights for the school crossing.

YEA: McMahan, Daily, Garmon, Smith

Absent: Walker, Anklam

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business

1. Discussion and action on the Zoning Board of Appeal recommendation regarding zoning changes at 502 W Emery St.

Meta Creek reported that the Zoning Board voted to not allow the zoning changes at 502 W Emery St.

2. Discussion and action on hiring a full time police officer

Minor - Mr. Richard Levine from Camargo, IL he was interviewed by Anklam, Swisher and Minor. He is currently working near Peoria. He has all of his training and has been a police officer for 19 years. There will be a 6 month probationary period. He is asking for 2 weeks' vacation because he is getting 3 weeks now. He can also write grants for new equipment.

A Motion was made by Garmon and seconded by Daily to hire Richard Levine as a full time police officer at \$15.00 per hour; allow 2 weeks' vacation in the first year; a 6 month probationary period then raised to \$16.00 per hour.

YEA: McMahan, Daily, Garmon Smith,

Absent: Walker, Anklam

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Minutes and action of Village Clerk – by Alma Fair

1. Discussion and action on September 2015 invoices

A Motion was made by McMahan and seconded by Garmon to approve the September 2015 invoices as presented.

YEA: McMahan, Daily, Garmon Smith,

Absent: Walker, Anklam

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

2. Discussion and action on September 08, 2015 Regular Board Meeting minutes

A Motion was made by McMahan and seconded by Garmon to approve the September 08, 2015 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

YEA: McMahan, Daily, Garmon Smith,

Absent: Walker, Anklam

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

3. Discussion and action on September 08, 2015 Closed Session Board Meeting minutes

A **Motion** was made by Garmon and seconded by Daily to approve the September 08, 2015 Closed Session Board Meeting minutes as presented.

YEA: McMahan, Daily, Garmon Smith,

Absent: Walker, Anklam

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Katie Stanley

1. Discussion and action on June 2015 and July 2015 treasurer's report

There was much discussion on the program we are currently using.

Minor appointed Garmon to get with Billing Clerk Sue Gordon, Clerk Alma Fair and Treasurer Katie Stanley.

A **Motion** was made by Garmon and seconded by McMahan to accept the treasurers report as presented.

YEA: McMahan, Daily, Garmon Smith,

Absent: Walker, Anklam

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Department Reports

Presidents Report – Jim Minor

Nothing to report

Water and Sewer Report – Jim McMahan

Repair of some of the well houses.

Parks and Special Projects – Dennis Garmon

Already presented the Halloween items.

Garmon presented maps of the village. He got them from the county and Cindy Kidwell will be sending a bill for \$30.00. This map can be used to mark where we have put the sidewalks as suggested last month. Mike Keown gave Garmon a PDF file of the map. Daily suggested we get the big one laminated and then mark on it.

Police –by Minor in Pam Anklam absents

1. Police report for September - Reports taken – 24, Calls dispatched – 37, Calls officer initiated – 7, Vehicle Accidents – 0, Ordinance Citations Issued – 0, Warning Citations issued – 0, State Citations Issued – 2, Juvenile Cases - 8, Misdemeanor Cases – 13, Felony Cases – 0, Agency Assists – 8, Total hours – 247
2. \$3633 was spent on repairs of the police car. The transmission was bad and needed repaired.

Garmon asked if the amount shouldn't have been brought before the board before fixing. Minor made the decision to have it repaired, because we needed the car.

Streets and Alleys – Doug Smith

Nothing to report

Buildings and Grounds – by Minor in Roger Walker's absents

1. Discussion and action on larger gutters and ice barriers on the Village garage (corner of S County and W State St)

Minor – reported that the quote for Crown Roofing would install and it wasn't – he will contact them tomorrow.

Insurance – April Daily

Daily spoke with health insurance today we might be able to go with our current plan for another year. As soon as he gets something he will send to Daily.

Daily will call the insurance regarding a new employee and the need for a packet for him. Daily stated a need to have a rotation for equipment purchased so that we get new equipment each year.

Smith will meet Daily at the Village garage and show her the equipment that we have that needs replaced.

John Gordon asked if anything is was said regarding the property the village owns before he arrived at the meeting.

Minor needs to talk to our attorney and ask if the fair value can be used when we sell the property or if we need it to be appraised.

Adjournment:

A **Motion** was made by McMahan and seconded by Garmon to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.



Alma M. Fair, Village Clerk

November 2, 2015

Date Approved