

**Village of Lovington
Special Board Meeting
August 28, 2017
6:30 p.m.**

Call to order: President Roger Walker called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call found the following trustees to be present: Dennis Garmon, April Daily, Doug Smith, and Brenda Wood. President Roger Walker and Clerk Alma Fair were also present.

Absent: Pam Anklam

Guests present were: None

President Walker thought our last meeting went well and would like to have a planning meeting at least quarterly.

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 (1) Personnel
2. 5 ILCS 120/2 Sec.2 (3) Public Office vacancy

A Motion was made by Garmon and seconded by Smith to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel and public office vacancy at 6:35 pm

YEA: Smith, Wood, Garmon, Daily

Nay: None

Absent: Anklam

MOTION CARRIED

Return to Open Session:

Returned to open session at 7:40 pm.

New Business:

1. Discussion and action on request from Shooters to extend open hours during Homecoming.

A Motion was made by Garmon and seconded by Daily to go allow Shooters to stay opened 1 hour later on Homecoming September 23, 2017.

YEA: Wood, Garmon, Daily, Smith

Nay: None

Absent: Anklam

MOTION CARRIED

2. Discussion and action on a Resolution relating to elected officials participating in IMRF

A Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Garmon to approve a Resolution Relating to Participation by Elected Officials in IMRF # R-2017-2.

YEA: Garmon, Daily, Smith, Wood

Nay: None

Absent: Anklam

MOTION CARRIED

3. Discussion and action on Illinois Local Debt Recovery Program

Walker would like for everyone to read the information provided in the packet to see if we would like to do it.

A Motion was made by Wood and seconded by Daily to table until the next special meeting.

YEA: Daily, Smith, Wood, Garmon

Nay: None

Absent: Anklam

MOTION CARRIED

There was a question - how many unpaid bills or ordinance violations are there? Not sure of the bills but there were 17 ordinance violations that the Chief of Police took to the county last week.

4. Discussion and action on Family Medical Leave Act

Daily the government says because we are a municipality we do have to offer FMLA. She will find a time to meet with the employees and go over the FMLA with them. FMLA will also be in the handbook.

Daily also presented the contract with our insurance company IMLRMA

A Motion was made by Daily and seconded by Garmon to accept the contract with IMLRMA with the resolution # R-2017-3

YEA: Daily, Smith, Wood, Garmon

Nay: None

Absent: Anklam

MOTION CARRIED

5. Discussion and action on trees on railroad property

Walker reported that Byron Boddy talked to him regarding the trees on the railroad property. Boddy burns wood and he is willing to cut some of the trees on the railroad property. Daily thinks we will be liable if a tree falls on him.

We will also discuss at another meeting the railroad property. Walker will go to the abstract company to see what they have found so far regarding the true title owner of the property. There was some concern of flooding if the railroad property if removed. – will be discussed at another meeting.

6. Discussion and action on condemning houses

Neighbors are complaining about the house that was owned by Rose Wilson. Walker explained the process of having a house condemned. In the past Walker has used Yoder's to tear houses down.

7. Discussion and action on a Village newsletter

Discussion on a newsletter and how to go about it. Walker would like to have some ideas. Who is going to write it is something to think about. Also, monthly might be too often, maybe a quarterly newsletter. Walker doesn't expect any action just wants everyone to think about it. Wood suggested we write an article for the Moultrie Happening that the News-Progress puts out.

Before moving on to Old Business Wood asked if she and her neighbors would be able to close the road in front of their house on Virginia drive on September 30th for a neighborhood wiener roast. The road from Wood's driveway to Wyatt Murphy's house would need to be closed to put tables in the road. The request will be put on the September agenda.

Old Business:

1. Discussion and action employee evaluations and forms

Wood suggested that the evaluations be done the end of January and the end of August each year.

A Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Daily to approve the evaluation form as presented and to have the evaluations done the end of January and August of each year.

YEA: Smith, Wood, Garmon, Daily

Nay: None

Absent: Anklam

MOTION CARRIED

2. Discussion and action on Accident Waiver and Release of Liability form for community service workers

Walker reported that Jeremy Richey, Moultrie County State's Attorney informed us that local governments have immunity from suit when probationers are performing community service work.

When asked if any other business Garmon reported that Amanda Kreher on the park board is stepping down from the park board because of some family matters. Walker and Garmon will be looking for someone to replace her.

Walker also reported on well #5; since it has been failing Jeremy Doggett brought in Farmsworth engineering firm and they think they have it figured out. This engineering firm also writes grants.

Adjournment

A **Motion** was made by Smith to adjourn at 9:07 p.m.



Alma M. Fair, Village Clerk

September 11, 2017

Date Approved