

**Village of Lovington
Regular Board Meeting
September 9, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

- ❖ **Call to order**
- ❖ **Pledge of Allegiance**
- ❖ **Guests**
- ❖ **Minutes and action of Village Clerk**
 1. Discussion and action on August 2019 invoices
 2. Discussion and action on August 12, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes
- ❖ **Treasurer's Report**
 1. Discussion and action on August 2019 treasurer's report
- ❖ **Old Business**
 1. Discussion and action on signing the IEPA water system improvements paperwork - Farnsworth Group representative
- ❖ **New Business**
 1. Discussion and action on contracting with Court Money to process online payments of water bills
 2. Discussion and action on handicapped parking in the downtown area - Julie Kinert and Tracy Bettinger
- ❖ **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 (c) (5) The sale or purchase of real property
- ❖ **Return to Open Session**
 1. Action on Closed Session items
- ❖ **Department Reports**
 - Presidents Report**
 1. Report and action if needed
 - Water and Sewer Report**
 1. Report and action if needed
 - Parks and Special Projects**
 1. Report and action if needed
 - Police**
 1. Report and action if needed
 - Streets and Alleys**
 1. Report and action if needed
 - Buildings and Grounds**
 1. Report and action if needed
 - Insurance**
 1. Report and action on any insurance needs

Adjournment

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Call to order: President Roger Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Walker led the pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees present were: Gary Clem, Brenda Wood, Pam Anklam, Dennis Garmon, Al Rennert and April Daily. President Roger Walker and Clerk Alma Fair were also present.

Guests: Tamara McRill Chambers & Paul Chambers – Tamara asked to speak – She asked could the Lovington Revitalization Coalition would be able to use the park again this year on October 13th from 4-7 and use the fire pit.

A Motion was made by Anklam and seconded by Garmon to allow the Lovington Revitalization Coalition to use the park on October 13th from 4-7 and use the fire pit.

YEA: Clem, Wood, Anklam, Garmon, Rennert, Daily

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Julie Kinert and Tracy Bettinger both were on the agenda for later but Walker allowed them to speak now. Kinert stated that both of their businesses needed more handicap parking spaces in front of their businesses. Kinert also stated there was a need for the sidewalk to slant onto State Street; it currently slants onto Broadway. Bettinger stated she has a customer with an electric wheelchair and the handicap parking spot is at the other end of the block. Much discussion about the requirements of handicap parking spots followed. The consensus of the board is to look into the situation and will let them know of the solution to the problem.

Minutes and action of Village Clerk

1. Discussion and action on August 2019 invoices

A Motion was made by Anklam and seconded by Wood to accept the August 2019 invoices as presented.

YEA: Wood, Anklam, Garmon, Rennert, Daily, Clem

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

2. Discussion and action on August 12, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes

A Motion was made by Anklam and seconded by Garmon to accept the August 12, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

YEA: Garmon, Rennert, Daily, Clem, Wood, Anklam

Nay: None

Abstain:

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report

1. Discussion and action on August 2019 treasurer's report.

A Motion was made by Daily and seconded by Wood to accept the August 2019 treasurer's report.

YEA: Rennert, Daily, Clem, Wood, Anklam, Garmon

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business:

1. Discussion and action on signing the IEPA water system improvements paperwork – Farnsworth Group representative.

Andy Hanfland and Roger Nuxoll from the Farnsworth Group presented the IEPA water system improvements paperwork. Roger Nuxoll went over the application and left the application with the clerk and the Mayor for signatures. They will need the original send back to them so they can send it to the IEPA.

Rennert and Garmon asked how the new meters communicate with the billing program. It uses a cell network. There is a cloud cost with Badger (the meter company). There is meter number and a radio number that is communicated with the cloud.

New Business:

1. Discussion and action on contracting with Court Money to process online payments of water bills.

Walker turned the discussion over to the Clerk who attended the meeting with the Court Money representative. Fair reported that Sue Gordon, the billing clerk, and she met with the rep and there would be no cost to the Village for the ability for the Village customers to pay their bills with a credit card.

A Motion was made by Anklam and seconded by Daily to proceed with Court Money with the Village Clerk and the Billing Clerk contacting Go-Daddy to add the link to our website.

YEA: Rennert, Daily, Clem, Wood, Anklam, Garmon

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

2. Discussion and action on handicapped parking in the downtown area – Julie Kinert and Tracy Bettinger
Taken care of under guests.

Closed Session:

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1. 5ILCS 120/2 Sec.2 (c) (5) The sale or purchase of real property

A Motion was made by Anklam and seconded by Garmon to go into closed session at 7:41 pm for the purpose of discussing the sale or purchase of real property.

YEA: Daily, Clem, Wood, Anklam, Garmon, Rennert

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Return to Open Session:

1. Action on Closed Session items.

A Motion was made by Anklam and seconded by Daily to return to open session at 7:48 pm.

YEA: Clem, Wood, Anklam, Garmon, Rennert, Daily

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

A Motion was made by Garmon and seconded by Daily to have the property spoken of in closed session surveyed and appraised.

YEA: Wood, Anklam, Garmon, Rennert, Daily, Clem

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Department Reports

Presidents Report – Roger Walker

The General Work Duties are presented to the board for review. Walker plans to post it at the maintenance building.

Water and Sewer Report – Al Rennert

New pumps were being installed at the sewer plant. The new meters will be arriving in 2 weeks and will be installed at the board members’ homes first so that we can test them and make sure they are working correctly before proceeding to install in the rest of the Village.

Park and Special Projects – Brenda Wood

Wood presented a note that will be in the next Community Newsletter regarding limbs or small twigs being picked up by village works as well as letting telling about a location at the sewer plant that they can take limbs to. Rennert noted that the new benches are very nice and a new addition to downtown.

Police – Pam Anklam

Anklam turned her report over to Chief Swisher. Swisher presented a quote from QNS for 2 refurbished laptops for the police department at the cost of \$2,808.72. These are Toughbook laptops for the police cars. Their current Toughbook has windows 7 and for security purposes need to be updated.

A Motion was made by Daily and seconded by Wood to accept the quote from QNS in the amount of \$2,808.72 and not to exceed \$3,500.00.

YEA: Anklam, Garmon, Rennert, Daily, Clem, Wood

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Anklam also reported that she had received a complaint about cats on West South street. She will let the person complaining that we no longer have an animal control person and they would need to call Moultrie County animal control to pick up stray cats in their neighborhood.

Streets and Alleys – Gary Clem

Clem has requested from four people but needs to rebid now that we are looking at doing the sidewalks on the north side of Church street instead of the south side. Also, there is a hole in the alley behind Railroad street that needs road pack. Clem will let the works know about it.

Buildings and Grounds – Dennis Garmon

Garmon has been approached by several people as well as Walker about what is going to be done with the house on E State that had been destroyed by fire at least 60 days ago? Walker reported that we are still looking into what we can do about it.

Insurance – April Daily

The benches and flower pots have been put uptown. The health insurance should be available for discussion by next month.

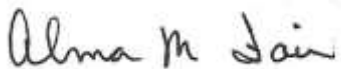
Adjournment

A Motion was made by Anklam and seconded by Garmon to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

YEA: Clem, Daily, Rennert, Garmon, Anklam, Wood

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED



Alma M. Fair, Village Clerk

October 14, 2019

Date Approved