

**Village of Lovington  
Regular Board Meeting  
TUESDAY, November 12, 2019  
7:00 p.m.**

❖ **Call to order**

❖ **Pledge of Allegiance**

❖ **Guests**

❖ **Minutes and action of Village Clerk**

1. Discussion and action on October 2019 invoices
2. Discussion and action on October 14, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes

❖ **Treasurer's Report**

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

❖ **Old Business**

❖ **New Business**

1. Discussion and action on employee health insurance for 2020
2. Discussion and action on Student Council's proposal for parks
3. Discussion on changes to cannabis laws

❖ **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
2. 5 ILCS 120/2 Sec.2 (c) (1) Personnel

❖ **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
2. Discussion on

**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**

**Village of Lovington  
Regular Board Meeting  
November 12, 2019**

**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:** Maranatha Church minister – the Lovington church is here to support the Village in anyway they can. He also presented Pam Anklam with the Sparrows, with 72 minions for the Christmas families.

**Minutes and action of Village Clerk**

1. Discussion and action on October 2019 invoices

**A Motion** was made by Anklam and seconded by Daily to accept the October 2019 invoices as presented.

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

**Nay:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. Discussion and action on October 14, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes

**A Motion** was made by Garmon and seconded by Anklam to accept the October 14, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

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

**Abstain:** Wood

**Nay:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Clerk Fair reported on the Tax Levy that is due the end of December. She asked the trustees to please take the copy home and look over. They are to let her know if there is to be any changes. The Tax Levy as presented did not increase more than 105 % so no hearing will be needed.

**Treasurer's Report**

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

**A Motion** was made by Anklam and seconded by Wood to accept the October 2019 treasurer's report.

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

**Nay:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

1. Discussion and action on employee health insurance for 2020

Daily reported on the employee health insurance for 2020 – If we stay with the same plan it will increase around 10% - she recommends that we stay with the same plan as we currently have. Daily is also looking around for vision insurance that the employees would be able to pay on their own. The Village wouldn't be able to pay for it.

**A Motion** was made by Daily and seconded by Wood to renew our plan with Blue Cross Blue P503PPO plan that we currently have.

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

**Nay:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. Discussion and action on Student Council's proposal for parks

Anklam presented – the teacher in charge of the Lovington Grade School student council has started the student council again and has 10 students. They would like to put 10 Christmas trees in the park and each of the students (10) would be decorating them with recycling items and then have the community vote on them. They asked if we could provide lights for the trees. Anklam plans to see if she can find trees to be donated. After discussion in order to light the trees they would need to have long cords. It was determined that there wasn't enough time this year to get the power put throughout the park. Anklam will let her know and possibly do this next year after we have time to get power throughout the park for the trees.

3. Discussion on changes to cannabis laws

Walker reported that he has been approached by residence in town about what we are planning to do about the law. There are no dispensaries in our town now and no one has requested to put a dispensary in town. Daily – we are always looking for businesses in town to make money and she is not totally against it. Rennert – he is against it and doesn't see it being a money maker and it isn't good for our kids or our adults. Anklam – she is not 100% for it and there are too many things that haven't been worked out with it. Wood is 100% against it, our police officers are going to be working more and it is not good for our kids. Clem agrees with Rennert and Wood it is a bad influence for the kids. Garmon can't say he is for or against it, there are pros and cons and it can bring in rough people to our town. Daily – we need to see what the law is going to be.

**Closed Session:**

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

**A Motion** was made by Anklam and seconded by Wood to go into closed session at 7:54 pm for the purpose of discussing the sale or purchase of real property and personnel.

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

**Nay:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Return to Open Session:**

1. Action on Closed Session items.

**A Motion** was made by Daily and seconded by Anklam to return to open session at 8:41 pm.

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

**Nay:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**No action was taken on Closed session discussions.**

**Department Reports**

**Presidents Report – Roger Walker**

Nothing to report

**Water and Sewer Report – Al Rennert**

East of the sewer plant there is a tree that needs to be cut down so that the roots don't go into the tile. The whole easement needs to be cleared off. Rennert will be checking to see what the cost would be.

The water plant needs a new laptop instead of a new PC. Garmon will pursue the laptop for the water department.

**Park and Special Projects – Brenda Wood**

Christmas tree has been ordered and will be here the weekend of Thanksgiving. On December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm she plans to have something downtown around the tree. The Park Recreation committee will have breakfast with Santa on December 21<sup>st</sup> from 9-11 at the Christian church. They are requesting \$500 for the breakfast.

**A Motion** was made by Anklam and seconded by Daily to provide \$500 for breakfast with Santa with the receipts and any remaining money returned to the Village.

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

**Nay:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Wood also reported that she has had people ask why we didn't pick up leaves anymore. The response was that the workers use to do it so that the drains didn't get clogged up. The discussion was to not pick up leaves. There will be no newsletter in January.

**Police – Pam Anklam**

Nothing

**Streets and Alleys – Gary Clem**

The sidewalk is done down church street and there are several other areas that will be worked on.

**Buildings and Grounds – Dennis Garmon**

Nothing to report but he will look into the laptop for the Water Dept.

**Insurance – April Daily**

There is a gas tank behind Lester's building that we need to get rid of.

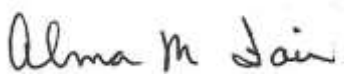
**Adjournment**

**A Motion** was made by Anklam and seconded by Wood to adjourn at 9:02 p.m.

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

**Nay:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**



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Alma M. Fair, Village Clerk

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December 09, 2019

Date Approved