

**EXHIBIT 'A'**

**CHAPTER 1**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**ARTICLE I - GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS**

**DIVISION I - TITLE**

**1-1-1**        **TITLE.** Upon the adoption by the Village Board of Trustees, this Village Code is hereby declared to be and shall hereafter constitute the official "**Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village**". The Revised Code of Ordinances shall be known and cited as the "**Village Code**", and it is hereby published by authority of the Village Board and shall be kept up-to-date as provided in **Section 1-1-3** under the direction of the Village Attorney, acting for said Village Board. Any reference to the number of any section contained herein shall be understood to refer to the position of the same number, its appropriate chapter and article heading and to the general penalty clause relating thereto as well as to the section itself when reference is made to this Village Code by title in any legal document. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-2-3)**

**1-1-2**        **ACCEPTANCE.** The Village Code as hereby presented in printed form shall hereafter be received without further proof in all courts and in all administrative tribunals of this State as the ordinances of the Village of general and permanent effect, except the excluded ordinances enumerated in **Section 1-1-8.** **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-2-6)**

**1-1-3**        **AMENDMENTS.** Any ordinance amending this Village Code shall set forth the article, chapter, and section number of the section or sections to be amended, and this shall constitute a sufficient compliance with any statutory requirement pertaining to the amendment or revision by ordinance of any part of this Village Code. All such amendments or revisions by ordinance shall be forwarded to the codifiers on an annual basis and the ordinance material shall be prepared for insertion in its proper place in each copy of this Village Code. Each such replacement page shall be properly identified and shall be inserted in each individual copy of the Village Code on an annual basis. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-2-3)**

**1-1-4**        **CODE ALTERATION.** It shall be deemed unlawful for any person to alter, change, replace or deface in any way, any section or any page of this Code in such a manner that the meaning of any phrase or order may be changed or omitted.

Replacement pages may be inserted according to the official instructions when so authorized by the Village Board. The Clerk shall see that the replacement pages are properly inserted in the official copies maintained in the office of the Clerk.

Any person having in his custody an official copy of this Code shall make every effort to maintain said Code in an up-to-date and efficient manner. He shall see to the immediate insertion of new or replacement pages when such are delivered to him or made available to him through the office of the Village Clerk. Said Code books, while in actual possession of officials and other interested persons shall be and remain the property of the Village and shall be returned to the office of the Clerk upon termination of office or separation of duties.

**1-1-5**      **JURISDICTION.** Unless otherwise provided herein, this Code applies to acts performed within the corporate limits of the Village. Provisions of this Code also apply to acts performed outside the corporate limits and up to the limits prescribed by law, where the law confers power on the Village to regulate such particular acts outside the corporate limits.

**1-1-6 - 1-1-7**      **RESERVED.**

**DIVISION II - SAVING CLAUSE**

**1-1-8**      **REPEAL OF GENERAL ORDINANCES.** All general ordinances of the Village passed prior to the adoption of this Code are hereby repealed, except such as are referred to herein as being still in force or are, by necessary implication, herein reserved from repeal [**subject to the saving clauses contained in the following sections**], from which are excluded the following ordinances, which are not hereby repealed:

Tax Levy Ordinances; Appropriation Ordinances; Ordinances Relating to Boundaries and Annexations; Franchise Ordinances and other Ordinances Granting Special Rights to Persons or Corporations; Contract Ordinances and Ordinances Authorizing the Execution of a Contract or the Issuance of Warrants; Ordinances Establishing, Naming, or Vacating Streets, Alleys, or Other Public Places; Improvement Ordinances; Bond Ordinances; Ordinances Relating to Elections; Ordinances Relating to the Transfer or Acceptance of Real Estate by or from the Village; and all Special Ordinances.

**1-1-9 PUBLIC UTILITY ORDINANCES.** No ordinance relating to railroads or railroad crossings with streets and other public ways or relating to the conduct, duties, service or rates of public utilities shall be repealed by virtue of the adoption of this Code or by virtue of the preceding section, excepting as this Code shall be considered as amending such ordinance or ordinances in respect to such provisions only.

**1-1-10 COURT PROCEEDINGS.** No new ordinance shall be construed or held to repeal a former ordinance, whether such former ordinance is expressly repealed or not, as to any offense committed against such former ordinance or as to any act done, any penalty, forfeiture or punishment so incurred, or any right accrued or claim arising under the former ordinance, or in any way whatever to affect any claim arising under the former ordinance or in any way whatever to affect any such offense or act so committed or so done, or any penalty, forfeiture or punishment so incurred or any right accrued or claim arising before the new ordinance takes effect, save only that the proceedings thereafter shall conform to the ordinance in force at the time of such proceeding, so far as practicable. If any penalty, forfeiture or punishment be mitigated by any provision of a new ordinance, such provision may be, by the consent of the party affected, applied to any judgment announced after the new ordinance takes effect.

This Section shall extend to all repeals, either by express words or implication, whether the repeal is in the ordinance making any new provisions upon the same subject or in any other ordinance.

Nothing contained in this Chapter shall be construed as abating any action now pending under or by virtue of any general ordinance of the Village herein repealed and the provisions of all general ordinances contained in this Code shall be deemed to be continuing provisions and not a new enactment of the same provision; nor shall this Chapter be deemed as discontinuing, abating, modifying or altering any penalty accrued or to accrue, or as affecting the liability of any person, firm or corporation, or as waiving any right of the Village under any ordinance or provision thereof in force at the time of the adoption of this Code.

**1-1-11 SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS.** Each section, paragraph, sentence, clause and provision of this Code is severable, and if any provision is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this Code, nor any part thereof, other than that part affected by such decision.

**1-1-12**     **VILLAGE CLERK’S CERTIFICATE.** The Village Clerk's Certificate shall be substantially in the following form:

**VILLAGE CLERK'S CERTIFICATE**

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**                    )  
**COUNTY OF MOULTRIE**            ) **ss.**                                   **VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE**  
**VILLAGE OF LOVINGTON**         )

I, Donyell Morgan, Village Clerk of the **Village of Lovington, Illinois**, do hereby certify that the following **Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of Lovington, Illinois of 2008**, published by authority of the Village Board of Trustees were duly passed by the Village Board of Trustees of the **Village of Lovington, Illinois**, approved by the Mayor and published in book form according to law on this date, and that these ordinances are true and perfect copies of the ordinances, as passed, approved and now of record and on file in my office as provided by law.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the **Village of Lovington, Illinois**, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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**DONYELL MORGAN**  
**VILLAGE CLERK**  
**VILLAGE OF LOVINGTON**

**(SEAL)**

**1-1-13 - 1-1-14**     **RESERVED.**

**DIVISION III - DEFINITIONS**

**1-1-15 CONSTRUCTION OF WORDS.** Whenever any word in any section of this Code, importing the plural number is used in describing or referring to any matters, parties or persons, any single matter, party or person shall be deemed to be included, although distributive words may not have been used.

When any subject matter, party or person is referred to in this Code by words importing the singular number only, or the masculine gender, several matters, parties or persons and females as well as males and bodies corporate shall be deemed to be included; provided that these rules of construction shall not be applied to any section of this Code which contains any express provision excluding such construction or where the subject matter or content may be repugnant thereto.

**1-1-16 DEFINITIONS.** Whenever the following words or terms are used in this Code, they shall have the meanings herein ascribed to them unless the context makes such meaning repugnant thereto:

**"AGENT"**, as used in this Code shall mean a person acting on behalf of another.

**"BOARD OF TRUSTEES"**, unless otherwise indicated shall mean the Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lovington.

**"CODE" OR "THIS CODE"**, shall mean the **"Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of Lovington"**.

**"CORPORATE AUTHORITIES"** shall mean the Mayor and the Village Board of Trustees. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-1-2(2))

**"COUNTY"** shall mean the **County of Moultrie**.

**"EMPLOYEES"** shall mean the following: Whenever reference is made in this Code to a Village employee by title only, this shall be construed as though followed by the words **"of the Village"**.

**"FEE" OR "FEES"** as used in this Code shall mean a sum of money charged by the Village for carrying on of a business, profession or occupation.

**"FISCAL YEAR"** The "fiscal year" for the Village shall begin on **May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and end on April 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.** (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-1-2[5])

**"KNOWINGLY"** imports only a knowledge that the facts exist which bring the act or omission within the provisions of this Code. It does not require any knowledge of the unlawfulness of such act or omission.

**"LEGAL HOLIDAY"** shall mean the holidays as authorized and recognized by the Village Board in the employee agreement.

**"LICENSE"** as used in this Code shall mean the permission granted for the carrying on of a business, profession or occupation.

**"MAY"** as used in this Code means permissible.

**"MAYOR"** as used in this Code shall mean the Village President or President of the Village Board of Trustees. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-1-2.1)**

**"MISDEMEANOR"** as used in this Code shall mean any offense deemed a violation of the provisions of this Code which is a lesser offense than a felony as defined by state law.

**"NEGLECT", "NEGLIGENCE", "NEGLIGENT" AND "NEGLIGENTLY"** import a want of such attention to the nature of probable consequences of the act of omission as a prudent man ordinarily bestows in acting in his own concern.

**"NUISANCE"** shall mean anything offensive or obnoxious to the health and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village or any act or thing repugnant to or creating a hazard to or having a detrimental effect on the property of another person or to the community.

**"OCCUPANT"** as applied to a building or land shall include any person who occupies the whole or any part of such building or land whether alone or with others.

**"OFFENSE"** shall mean any act forbidden by any provision of this Code or the omission of any act required by the provisions of this Code.

**"OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES"**. Whenever reference is made in this Code to a Village Officer or employee by title only, this shall be construed as though followed by the words **"of the Village"** and shall be taken to mean the officer or employee of this Village having the title mentioned or performing the duties indicated.

No provision of this Code designating the duties of any officer or employee shall be so construed as to make such officer or employee liable for any fine or penalty provided in this Code for a failure to perform such duty, unless the intention of the Village Board to impose such a fine or penalty on such officer or employee is specifically and clearly expressed in the section creating the duty.

**"OFFICIAL TIME"**. Central Standard Time shall be the official time for the transaction of Village business, except during applicable Daylight Savings Time set by National or State standards when the official time shall be advanced **one (1) hour**. All clocks and other timepieces in or upon public buildings or other premises maintained by or at the expense of the Village shall be set and run at the official time prescribed by this paragraph.

**"OPERATOR"** as used in this Code shall mean the person who is in charge of any operation, business or profession.

**"OWNER"** as applied to a building or land shall include any part-owner, joint-owner, tenant-in-common, joint-tenant or lessee of the whole or of a part of such building or land.

**"PERSON"** shall mean any natural individual, firm, trust, partnership, association, or corporation in his or its own capacity as administrator, conservator, executor, trustee, receiver or other representative appointed by the Court. Whenever the word "person" is used in any section of this Code prescribing a penalty or fine as applied to partnerships or any such word as applied to corporations, it shall include the officers, agents, or employees thereof who are responsible for any violation of said section.

**"RETAILER"** as used in this Code, unless otherwise specifically defined, shall be understood to relate to the sale of goods, merchandise, articles or things in small quantities direct to the consumer.

**"SHALL"** as used in this Code means mandatory.

**"STATE" OR "THIS STATE"** unless otherwise indicated shall mean the **"State of Illinois"**.

**"STREET"** shall include alleys, lanes, courts, boulevards, public squares, public places and sidewalks.

**"TENANT"** as applied to a building or land shall include any person who occupies the whole or any part of such building or land, whether alone or with others.

**"WILLFULLY"** when applied to the intent with which an act is done or omitted implies simply a purpose or willingness to commit the act or make the omission referred to. It does not require any intent to violate law, or to injure another, or to acquire an advantage.

**"WRITTEN" AND "IN WRITING"** may include printing and any other mode of representing words and letters, but when the written signature of any person is

required by law to any official or public writing or bond required by law, it shall be in the proper handwriting of such person, or in case he is unable to write, by his proper mark.

**(In Part 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-1-2)**

**1-1-17**     **CATCHLINES.** The catchlines of the several sections of this Code are intended as mere catchwords to indicate the content of the section and shall not be deemed or taken to be titles of such sections, nor as any part of the section, nor, unless expressly so provided, shall they be so deemed when any of such sections, including the catchlines, are amended or reenacted.

**1-1-18 - 1-1-19**   **RESERVED.**



**DIVISION IV - GENERAL PENALTY**

**1-1-20 PENALTY.**

(A) Any person convicted of a violation of any section of this Code shall be fined not less than **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** nor more than **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** for any **one (1) offense**.

(B) Any minor or person designated a juvenile by this State convicted of a violation of any section of this Code shall be fined not less than **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** nor more than **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** for any **one (1) offense**, but may not be confined except by provisions of the **Juvenile Court Act of the State of Illinois**.

(C) Whoever commits an offense against the Village or aids, abets, counsels, commands, induces or procures its commission is punishable as a principal.

(D) Whoever willfully causes an act to be done which, if directly performed by him or another would be an offense against the Village, is punishable as a principal.

(E) **Guilty Plea – No Court Appearance.** All municipal ordinance offenses may be satisfied without a court appearance by written plea of guilty and payment of the minimum fine, plus court costs, unless a court appearance is required by the ordinance violated. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-2-7 and 5/1-2-8)**

(F) Whenever in this Code or any ordinance of the Village any act is prohibited or made declared to be unlawful or misdemeanor or violations of such Code or whenever in such Code the doing of any act is declared unlawful or a misdemeanor or a violation of such Code, in addition to the specific penalty provided therefore, all court costs, which shall include all costs incurred by the Village in prosecuting any said cause including the fees of the prosecuting attorney of the Village, shall be recovered from anyone convicted of a violation under this Code.

**1-1-21 MINOR VIOLATIONS PENALTY.**

(A) Any person accused of a violation of any section of this Code **except Chapter 34** may settle and compromise the claim by paying to the Village the sum of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) within ten (10) days** from the time such alleged offense was committed or by paying to the Village Clerk the sum of **One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00)** subsequent to said **ten (10) day period** and prior to such person being issued a complaint or notice to appear.

(B) The tickets issued under this Section shall be as a courtesy in lieu of arrest. If the person accused of this violation does not settle the claim, a complaint or notice to appear will be issued for that violation and the person shall be subject to the penalties set forth in **Section 1-1-24** of this Code.

**1-1-22      APPLICATION.**

(A)            The penalty provided in this Chapter shall be applicable to every section of this Village Code, the same as though it were a part of each and every separate section. Any person convicted of a violation of any section of this Village Code, where any duty is prescribed or obligation imposed, or where any act which is of a continuing nature or declared to be unlawful, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. A separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day such duty or obligation remains unperformed or such act continues, unless otherwise specifically provided in this Village Code.

(B)            In all cases where the same offense is made punishable or is created by different clauses or sections of this Village Code, the prosecuting officer may elect under which to proceed; but not more than one (1) recovery shall be had against the same person for the same offense; provided that the revocation of a license or permit shall not be considered a recovery or penalty so as to bar any other penalty being enforced.

(C)            Whenever the doing of any act or the omission to do any act constitutes a breach of any section or provision of this Village Code, and there shall be no fine or penalty specifically declared for such breach, the provisions of this Chapter shall apply and a separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day during or on which a breach or violation occurs or continues.

**1-1-23      LIABILITY OF OFFICERS.** The failure of any officer or employee to perform any official duty imposed by this Code shall not subject such officer or employee to the penalty imposed for violation of this Code, unless a penalty is specifically provided for.

**1-1-24      CAFETERIA COURT FOR MINOR VIOLATIONS.** Any person accused of a violation of any of the designated articles and sections of the Municipal Code may settle and compromise the claim against him or her for such violation by paying to the Village at the Village Hall, 108 W. State, Lovington, Illinois, the minimum fine designated therein within **twenty (20) days** of the time the ticket was issued by a police officer for such alleged offense. A receipt shall be issued for all money received, and all such money shall be thereafter promptly turned over to the Village Treasurer to be used in the manner provided for the disposition of fines for such violations. The members of the Police Department are hereby authorized to issue ordinance violation tickets notifying the offender of such violation, and are hereby authorized to refrain from instituting a prosecution for the alleged offense involved. In addition to the members of the Police Department, the Animal Control Warden is authorized to issue ordinance violation tickets notifying the offender of a violation of **Chapter 3** of this Code. Such officer may sign a complaint for the issuance of a warrant if the offender does not appear and pay such penalty to the Village within the designated period of time such fines may be paid. Unless a lesser minimum fine is established for any violation of the articles and sections of the Municipal Code governed by these provisions, a fine of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** shall be assessed for a first offense if paid under the terms and conditions of this Section. A fine of **Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)** shall be assessed for a second offense. A fine of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** shall be assessed for a third offense. A fourth subsequent offense committed within **one (1) year** of the initial offense shall not be permitted to be disposed of under the terms and conditions of this Division.

**ARTICLE II - VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**DIVISION I - VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**1-2-1**        **COMPOSITION AND GENERAL POWERS.** The Village Board shall consist of **six (6) Trustees**, elected in conformity with this Code and State laws governing elections in villages and shall have such powers as are granted by **Chapter 65, Illinois Compiled Statutes**, as amended. The term of office shall be for **four (4) years** or until their successors are elected and have qualified. **(65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-5 and 5/3.1-10-50(D)) (See Section 1-3-1 for salaries.)**

**1-2-2**        **REGULAR MEETINGS.** The regular stated meetings of the Village Board shall be held in the Village Hall Building on the **second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Monday** of each month at **6:00 P.M.** When the meeting date falls upon a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the following day at the same hour and place unless otherwise designated. Adjourned and reconvened meetings may be held at such times as may be determined by the Trustees. **(65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-25 and 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.) (Ord. No. 20-04; 11-09-20)**

**1-2-3**        **SPECIAL MEETINGS.** Special meetings of the Village Board may be called by the Mayor or any **three (3) Trustees** by giving at least **forty-eight (48) hours** notice thereof by delivering to them personally written or printed notices of the time of such meeting at the residences of the Trustees. Such notices shall be served by mail, by the Village Clerk or a designated representative. Said notices shall specify the purpose of said special meeting and the business to be taken up at that time and place. Such notice shall be posted at the Village Hall and shall be provided to any local newspaper of general circulation or any local radio or television station that has filed an annual request for such notice. Said notice shall be provided to such news media in the same manner as said notice is given to the Mayor and members of the Village Board, provided such news media has given the Village an address within the Village at which such notice may be given. **(65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-25 and 5 ILCS 120/2.02 and 120/2.03)**

**1-2-4**        **VACANCY.** When a vacancy occurs, if more than **twenty-eight (28) months** remain in the term and the vacancy occurs not less than **one hundred thirty (130) days** before the general municipal election, next scheduled under the general election law, the office shall be filled for the remainder of the term at that general municipal election. During the period from the time that the vacancy occurs

until the next election of Trustees, the Mayor shall appoint a qualified person to the office subject to the advice and consent of the Village Board. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-50(B))**

**1-2-5 COMMITTEES.** The following standing committees of the Village Board are hereby established, to-wit:

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| (A) | (1) Park   | (5) |
|     | (2) Zoning | (6) |
|     | (3)        | (7) |
|     | (4)        | (8) |

(B) The committees shall be appointed annually by the Mayor. In addition the Mayor shall appoint the Chairman of each committee.

(C) The Mayor shall be ex-officio Chairman of each and every standing committee.

(D) So far as is practicable, reports of committees shall be in writing.

(E) As provided by law, any report of a committee of the Board shall be deferred for final action thereon to the next regular meeting of the same after the report is made, upon the request of any **two (2) Trustees** present. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-35)**

(F) Each standing committee of the Village Board shall exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the department of municipal government with which it is connected; shall ascertain the condition and needs of said department; shall, from time to time, report the same to the Mayor and Village Board so that a full understanding thereof may be had, and generally, shall do all acts necessary to promote the efficiency of the Department.

(G) All committee meetings are subject to the Open Meeting Act requirements and minutes shall be taken. **(See 5 ILCS Sec. 120/1 and 120/2.06)**

**1-2-6 SPECIAL COMMITTEES.** Special Committees may be appointed by the Mayor, subject to the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees, as may be needed from time to time.

**1-2-7 QUORUM.** At all meetings of the Village Board, a majority of the corporate authorities shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and if no such quorum attends such meeting of the Board, the Trustees may adjourn from day to day until a quorum is present; and shall have power to compel the attendance of absent members, except when such members are physically unable to attend such meetings. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-20)**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** When the Board has a Mayor and six (6) Trustees, a quorum is four (4), which may consist of the Mayor and three (3) Trustees, or four (4) Trustees.

**1-2-8** **MEMBERS: NON-ATTENDANCE AT MEETING.** Any member of the Village Board who shall neglect or refuse to attend at least **two (2)** regular and/or special Village Board meetings per month without good and sufficient reason to be passed upon by the Board shall not receive compensation for that meeting. All members shall be allowed **two (2) absences** in each fiscal year for which compensation shall be paid. **(See Section 1-3-1 for salaries.) (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-20)**

**1-2-9 - 1-2-10** **RESERVED.**

**DIVISION II - RULES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD**

**1-2-11**     **RULES OF THE BOARD.** The following rules of order and procedure shall govern the deliberations and meetings of the Village Board.

(A)           **Order of Business.** The order of business shall be as follows:

- (1) Call to order by presiding officer.
- (2) Pledge of Allegiance.
- (3) Recognition of guests.
- (4) Minutes and action of Village Clerk.
- (5) Treasurer's Report.
- (6) Old Business.
- (7) New Business.
- (8) Closed Session.
- (9) Department Reports.
  - (a) President.
  - (b) Water and Sewer.
  - (c) Parks and Special Projects.
  - (d) Police.
  - (e) Streets and Alleys.
  - (f) Buildings and Grounds.
  - (g) Insurance.
  - (h) Miscellaneous.
- (10) Adjournment.

All questions relating to the priority of business shall be decided by the presiding officer without debate, subject to appeal. **(Ord. No. 19-04; 06-10-19)**

(B)           **Duties of Presiding Officer.** The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum and may speak to points of order in preference to other Trustees, and shall decide all question of order, subject to appeal.

(C)           **Duties of Members.** While the presiding officer is putting the question, no member shall walk across or out of the Board Chamber.

Every member, prior to his speaking, making a motion or seconding the same shall not proceed with his remarks until recognized and named by the Chair. He shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoiding personalities and refraining from impugning the motives of any other Trustee's argument or vote.

(D)           **Visitors.** No person other than a member of the Board of Trustees shall address that body on the same question unless such person has been recognized by the presiding officer.

(E)           **Presentation of New Business.** When a Trustee wishes to present a communication, petition, order, resolution, ordinance or other original matter, the member shall read such matter when reached in its proper order.

(F)           **Debate.** No Trustee shall speak more than once on the same question, except by consent of the presiding officer or unless **three-fourths (3/4)** of the corporate authorities agree that one's right to debate should be limited to speak only once and then not until every other Trustee desiring to speak shall have had an

opportunity to do so; provided, however, that the proponent of the matter under consideration, as the case may be, shall have the right to open and close debate.

The Village Board, by motion, may limit debate. The presiding officer shall have the right to participate in debate.

While a member is speaking, no Trustee shall hold any private discussion, nor pass between the speaker and the Chair.

(G) **Call of Trustees to Order.** A Trustee, when called to order by the Chair, shall thereupon discontinue speaking and take his seat and the order or ruling of the Chair shall be binding and conclusive, subject only to the right to appeal.

(H) **Appeals from Decision of the Chair.** Any Trustee may appeal to the Board from a ruling of the Chair, and if the appeal is seconded, the Trustee making the appeal may briefly state his reason for the same, and the Chair may briefly explain his ruling; but there shall be no debate on the appeal and no other person shall participate in the discussion. The presiding officer shall have the right to participate in debate.

The Chair shall then put the question, **"Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?"**. If a majority of the Trustees present vote **"No"**, the decision of the Chair shall be overruled; otherwise, it shall be sustained.

(I) **Question of Personal Privilege.** The right of a member to address the Board on a question of personal privilege shall be limited to cases in which his integrity, character, or motives are assailed, questioned or impugned.

(J) **Voting.** Every other member who shall be present when a question is stated from the Chair shall vote thereon, unless he is personally interested in the question, in which case, he shall take whatever steps are necessary to insure that his vote is not taken.

(K) **Special Order of Business.** Any matter before the Village Board may be set down as a special order of business at a time certain if **two-thirds (2/3)** of the Trustees present vote in the affirmative, but not otherwise.

(L) **Seconding of Motions Required; Written Motions.** No motion shall be put or debated in the meeting or in committee unless it be seconded. When a motion is seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer before debate, and every motion in the Board, except motions of procedure, shall be reduced to writing if required by a member, and the proposer of the motion shall be entitled to the floor.

(M) **Division of Questions.** If any question under consideration contains several distinct propositions, the Trustees, by a majority vote of the Trustees present may divide such question.

(N) **Record of Motions.** In all cases where a resolution or motion is entered in the journal, the name of the Trustee moving the same shall be entered also.

(O) **Announcement and Changes of Vote.** The result of all votes by yeas and nays shall not be announced by the Clerk, but shall be handed by him to the Chairman for announcement, and no vote shall be changed after the tally list has passed from the hands of the Clerk.

(P) **Precedence of Motions.** When a question is under debate, the following motions shall be in order and shall have precedence over each other in order, as listed:

- (1) To adjourn to a day certain.
- (2) To adjourn.
- (3) To take a recess.
- (4) To lay on the table.
- (5) The previous question.
- (6) To refer.
- (7) To amend.
- (8) To defer or postpone to a time certain.
- (9) To defer or postpone (without reference to time.)
- (10) To defer or postpone indefinitely.

Numbers (2), (4), and (5) to be decided without debate.

(Q) **Motions to Adjourn.** A motion to adjourn the Village Board shall always be in order, except:

- (1) When a Trustee is in possession of the floor.
- (2) While the yeas and nays are being called.
- (3) When the members are voting.
- (4) When adjournment was the last preceding motion.
- (5) When it has been decided that the previous question shall be taken.

A motion simply to adjourn shall not be subject to amendment or debate, but a motion to adjourn to a time certain shall be.

The Village Board may, at any time, adjourn over **one (1)** or more regular meetings on a vote of a majority of all the Trustees authorized by law to be elected.

(R) **Previous Question.** When the previous question is moved on the main question and seconded, it shall be put on this form: **"Shall the main question now be put?"**. If such motion be carried, all further amendments and all further motions and debate shall be excluded, and the question put without delay upon the pending amendment in proper order and then upon the main question.

(S) **Motions to Lay on the Table and to Take From the Table.** A motion simply to lay the question on the table shall not be debatable, but a motion to lay on the table and publish, or with any other condition shall be subject to amendment and debate.

A motion to take any motion or other proposition from the table may be proposed at the same meeting at which such motion or proposition was laid upon the table, provided **two-thirds (2/3)** of the Trustees vote therefor.

A motion to lay any particular motion or proposition on the table shall apply to that motion or proposition only. An amendment to the main question or other pending question may be laid on the table and neither the main question nor such other pending question shall be affected thereby.



(T) **Indefinite Postponement; Motion to Defer or Postpone Without Any Reference to Time.** When consideration of a motion or other proposition is postponed indefinitely, it shall not be again taken up at the same meeting.

A motion to postpone indefinitely shall not open the main question to debate.

A motion to defer or postpone without any reference to time shall not be construed as a motion to postpone indefinitely, but shall be considered to be of the same general nature and to possess the same general attributes so far as applicable under these rules, as a motion to postpone indefinitely or to a time certain.

(U) **Motion to Refer.** A motion to refer to a standing committee shall take precedence over a similar motion to refer to a special committee.

(V) **Motion to Amend.** A motion to amend an amendment shall be in order, but one to amend an amendment to an amendment shall not be entertained.

An amendment modifying the intention of a motion shall be in order; but an amendment relating to a different subject shall not be in order.

On an amendment to **"Strike Out and Insert"**, the paragraph to be amended shall first be read as it stands, then the words proposed to be stricken out, then those to be inserted, and finally, the paragraph as it will stand if so amended shall be read.

An amendment to the main question or other pending questions may be referred to a committee and neither the main question nor such other pending question shall be affected thereby.

(W) **Filling of Blanks.** When a blank is to be filled and different sums or times proposed, the question shall be taken first on the least sum or the longest time.

(X) **Motion to Substitute.** A substitute for any original proposition under debate or for any pending amendment or such proposition may be entertained notwithstanding that at such time, further amendment is admissible; and if accepted by the Trustees by a vote shall entirely supersede such original proposition or amendment, as the case may be, and cut off all amendments appertaining thereto.

(Y) **Reconsideration.** A vote or question may be reconsidered at any time during the same meeting, or at the first regular meeting held thereafter. A motion for reconsideration having been once made and decided in the negative shall not be renewed, nor shall a motion to reconsider be reconsidered.

A motion to reconsider must be made and seconded by Trustees who voted on the prevailing side of the question to be reconsidered, unless otherwise provided by law; provided, however, that where a motion has received a majority vote in the affirmative, but is declared lost solely on the ground that a greater number of affirmative votes is required by statute for the passage or adoption of such motion, then in such case, a motion to reconsider may be made and seconded only by those who voted in the affirmative on such question to be reconsidered.

(Z) **Adoption of Robert's "Rules of Order Revised".** The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in the latest published edition of **Robert's "Rules of Order Revised"** shall govern the Board in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the special rules of the Board.

(AA) **Temporary Suspension of Rules - Amendment of Rules.**

These rules may be temporarily suspended by a vote of **two-thirds (2/3)** of the corporate authorities entitled by law to be elected and shall not be repealed, altered or amended, unless by concurrence of **two-thirds (2/3)** of all the corporate authorities entitled by law to be elected.

(BB) **Censure of Trustees - Expulsion of Trustees.**

Any Trustee acting or appearing in a lewd or disgraceful manner, or who uses opprobrious, obscene and insulting language to or about any member of the Board, or who does not obey the order of the Chair, shall be, on motion, censured by a majority vote of the members present, or expelled by a **two-thirds (2/3) vote** of all Trustees elected. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-15)**

**1-2-12 AGENDA.** An itemized agenda, along with all necessary supporting documentation shall be furnished to each member of the Village Board no later than **forty-eight (48) hours** prior to the regular Village Board meeting. In the case of matters of emergency which could not have been reasonably foreseen in sufficient time to comply with this section, a revised agenda shall be furnished to each member of the Village Board prior to the opening of the Board meeting. **(See 5 ILCS Sec. 120/2.02)**

**1-2-13 RESERVED.**

**DIVISION III - ORDINANCES**

**1-2-14      ORDINANCES.**

(A)            **Attorney.** It shall be the duty of the Village Attorney to prepare such ordinances as may be required by the Village Board.

(B)            **Introduced.** When a proposed ordinance is introduced, it shall be read one time by title only and referred to the proper committee unless the Board of Trustees shall otherwise specifically direct.

(C)            **Vote required-Yeas and Nays Record.** The passage of all ordinances for whatever purpose, and of any resolution or motion (1) to create any liability against a Village or (2) for the expenditure or appropriation of its money, shall require the concurrence of a majority of all members then holding office on the Village Board, including the Mayor, unless otherwise expressly provided by the Code or any other act governing the passage of any ordinance, resolution, or motion; provided that, where the Board consists of an odd number of Trustees, the vote of the majority of the trustees shall be sufficient to pass an ordinance. The yeas and nays shall be taken upon the question of the passage of the designated ordinances, resolutions, or motions and recorded in the journal of the Village Board. In addition, the corporate authorities at any meeting may by unanimous consent to take a single vote by yeas or nays on the several questions of the passage on any **two (2)** or more of the designated ordinances, orders, resolutions or motions placed together for voting purposes in a single group. The single vote shall be entered separately in the journal under the designation "omnibus vote", and in such event the Clerk may enter the words "omnibus vote" or "consent agenda" in the journal in each case in lieu of entering names of the members of Village Board voting "yea" and of those voting "nay" on the passage of each of the designated ordinances, orders, resolutions and motions included in such omnibus group or consent agenda. The taking of such single or omnibus vote and such entries of the words "omnibus vote" or "consent agenda" in the journal shall be a sufficient compliance with the requirements of this Section to all intents and purposes and with like effect as if the vote in each case had been separately by yeas and nays on the question of the passage of each ordinance, order, resolution and motion included in such omnibus group, and separately recorded in the journal. Likewise, the yeas and nays shall be taken upon the question of the passage of any other resolution or motion at the request of any trustee and shall be recorded in the journal. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-40)**

(D)            **Ordinances - Approval-Veto.** All resolutions and motions (1) which create any liability against the Village, or (2) that provide for the expenditure or appropriation of its money, or (3) to sell any Village property, and all ordinances, passed by the Village Board shall be deposited with the Village Clerk. If the Mayor approves an ordinance or resolution, the Mayor shall sign it. Those ordinances, resolutions and motions which the Mayor disapproves shall be returned to the Village

Board, with the Mayor's written objections, at the next regular meeting of the Village Board occurring not less than **five (5) days** after their passage. The Mayor may disapprove of any **one (1)** or more sums appropriated in any ordinance, resolution, or motion making an appropriation, and, if so, the remainder shall be effective. However, the Mayor may disapprove entirely of an ordinance, resolution, or motion making an appropriation. If the Mayor fails to return any ordinance or any specified resolution or motion with his written objections, within the designated time, it shall become effective despite the absence of the Mayor's signature. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-45)**

**1-2-15      RECONSIDERATION--PASSING OVER VETO.** Every resolution and motion, specified in **Section 1-2-14** and every ordinance, that is returned to the Village Board by the Mayor shall be reconsidered by the Village Board at the next regular meeting following the regular meeting at which the Village Board receives the Mayor's written objection. If, after reconsideration, **two-thirds (2/3)** of all the Trustees then holding office on the Village Board agree at that regular meeting to pass an ordinance, resolution, or motion, notwithstanding the Mayor's refusal to approve it, then it shall be effective. The vote on the question of passage over the Mayor's veto shall be by yeas and nays, and shall be recorded in the journal. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-50)**

**1-2-16      NO VOTE TO BE RECONSIDERED AT SPECIAL MEETING.** No vote of the Village Board shall be reconsidered or rescinded at a special meeting unless there are present at the special meeting at least as many Village Trustees as were present when the vote was taken. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-40-55)**

**1-2-17      RESERVED.**

**DIVISION IV - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1-2-18      CORPORATE SEAL.**

(A)            The Corporate Seal of the Village shall be the same as that heretofore provided and used by the Village. It shall be circular in form with the words, **"Village of Lovington, incorporated May 20, 1873"** in the exterior circle, and the letters **"J.F."** in the center of the circle. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/2-2-12)**

(B)            The Corporate Seal shall be used as such seal in all cases provided for by law or by the ordinances of the Village and in all other cases in which, by law and custom, it is usual and necessary for the corporation to use a seal. The seal shall be and remain with the Village Clerk who shall be the legal custodian. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-90)**

**1-2-19      ELECTIONS.**

(A)            **Election Procedure.** The provisions of the **Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 10** concerning municipal elections shall govern the conduct of the Village elections. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-10)**

(B)            **Inauguration.** The inauguration of newly elected Village officials shall occur at the first regular or special meeting of the Village Board in the month of May following the general municipal election in April. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-15)**

**1-2-20      APPOINTMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS.** No Trustee of this Village, during the term of office for which he is elected, may accept or be appointed to or hold any office appointed by the Mayor except if such Trustee is granted a leave of absence from such office. However, such Trustee may serve as a volunteer fireman and receive compensation for such service. Any appointment in violation of this Section is void. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-15-15)**

**NOTE: One (1) member may serve on the Library Board, if one exists. (See 75 ILCS Sec. 5/4-1 and 50 ILCS Sec. 105/2)**

**1-2-21      MUNICIPAL OFFICERS - REGULATIONS.**

(A)            **Effect.** The provisions of this Division shall apply alike to all officers and employees of the Village regardless of the time of creation of the office or position or the time of the appointment of the officer or employee.

(B) **Qualifications; Appointive Office.**

- (1) No person shall be eligible for any appointive municipal office unless that person is a qualified elector of the municipality or otherwise provided by law.
- (2) The residency requirements do not apply, however, to municipal engineers, health officers, attorneys, or other officers who require technical training or knowledge, to appointed village treasurers, or to appointed village collectors (unless the Village has designated by ordinance that the Village Clerk shall also hold the office of collector).  
**(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-6)**

(C) **Bond.** Every officer and employee shall, if required by the Village Board upon entering upon the duties of his office, give a bond in such amount and with such sureties as may be determined by the Board, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of his office or position. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-30)**

(D) **Books Delivered to Successor.** Every officer shall, upon going out of office, deliver to his successor, all books, papers, furniture, and other things appertaining to such office, and which are the property of the Village. Within **five (5) days** after notification and request, any person who has been an officer of a municipality is required to deliver to his successor in office, all property, books and effects in his possession belonging to the municipality, or pertaining to the office he has held. Upon his refusal to do so, he shall be liable for all damages caused thereby, and shall, upon conviction, be penalized according to the provisions of **Section 1-1-20** of this Code. He shall not receive his final check until his Village Code Book and keys are turned over to the Village Clerk. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-35)**

(E) **Books Open to Inspection.** Every officer shall, at all times when required, submit the books and papers of his office to the inspection of the Mayor or any committee or member of the Board of Trustees.

(F) **Fees; Report of Fees.** No officer of the municipality shall be entitled to charge or receive any fees as against the Village. All officers of the Village entitled to receive fees shall keep a correct account thereof, and make a report thereof under oath to the Village Board prior to the regular meeting of each month. In the report, they shall specify from whom such fees were received, for what service, and when received. All fees received shall be paid over into the Village Treasury.

(G) **Other Rules and Regulations.** Every officer of the Village shall perform such other duties and be subject to such other rules and regulations as the Village Board may provide by law. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-40)**

(H) **Conservators of Peace.**

- (1) After receiving a certificate attesting to the successful completion of a training course administered by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board, the Mayor, Trustees and policemen in municipalities shall be conservators of the peace. Those persons and others authorized by ordinance shall have power:

- (a) to arrest or cause to be arrested, with or without process, all persons who break the peace or are found violating any municipal ordinance or any criminal law of the State,
  - (b) to commit arrested persons for examination,
  - (c) if necessary, to detain arrested persons in custody over night or Sunday in any safe place or until they can be brought before the proper court, and
  - (d) to exercise all other powers as conservators of the peace prescribed by the corporate authorities.
- (2) All warrants for the violation of municipal ordinances or the State criminal law, directed to any person, may be served and executed within the limits of a municipality by any policeman of the municipality. For that purpose, policemen have all the common law and statutory powers of sheriffs. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-15-25)**

(I) **Oath.** Before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, all municipal officers, whether elected or appointed shall take and subscribe to the following oath:

**"I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of \_\_\_\_\_, according to the best of my ability."**

The Mayor and the Clerk shall have the power to administer this oath or affirmation upon all lawful occasions.

**(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-15-20)**

**(See "Administration of Oaths", Section 1-2-63)**

**1-2-22 RESIGNATION OF APPOINTED OFFICIALS.** Any officer of the Village may resign from office. If such officer resigns he shall continue in office until his successor has been chosen and has qualified. If there is a failure to appoint a Village officer, or the person appointed fails to qualify, the person filling the office shall continue in office until his successor has been chosen and has qualified. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-50)**

**1-2-23      QUALIFICATIONS; ELECTIVE OFFICE.**

(A)            A person is not eligible for an elective municipal office unless that person is a qualified elector of the municipality and has resided in the municipality at least **one (1) year** next preceding the election.

(B)            A person is not eligible for an elective municipal office if that person is in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to the municipality or has been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony until completion of his or her sentence.

(C)            A person is not eligible for the office of trustee unless that person has resided in the municipality, at least **one (1) year** next preceding the election or appointment, except as provided in **65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-25-75(b)**. (**See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-5 and 730 ILCS 5/5-5-5(b)**)

**1-2-24      BONDS OF VILLAGE OFFICERS.**

(A)            **Amount.** Bonds of Village officers required under **Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 65, Section 5/3.1-10-30** shall be executed in the following penal sums:

(1)	Mayor	\$ 50,000.00
(2)	Village Treasurer	50,000.00
(3)	Village Clerk/Collector	50,000.00

(B)            **Premium Payment by Village.** The surety bonds required by law shall be paid by the Village. (**See 5 ILCS Sec. 270/1**)

(C)            **Surety.** The Village Board shall not receive or approve any bond or security whereon the name of the Village Board, any one of the Board of Trustees or any elected or appointed officer of the Village appear as bondsman or security. If, by mistake, a bond containing the name of any such officer is approved by the Village Board or if any bondsman, after becoming such is elected or appointed to any Village office, this Section shall not act as a release of any such obligation incurred.

**1-2-25      LIABILITY INSURANCE.**

(A)            **Purchase Of.** The Village Board shall have the power to purchase liability insurance covering and insuring all municipal officers, employees and elected officials; said insurance to cover incidents occurring while in the performance of their duties, which insurance may insure, cover and protect any liability which the municipal corporation, officer, employee or elected official may incur. When the insurance has been purchased, the Village shall be responsible for all premiums and deductible charges called for by any valid liability insurance policy covering the municipal corporation, officer, employee or elected official.

(B)            **Indemnification.** If the Village Board elects not to purchase liability insurance covering and insuring municipal officers, elected officials and employees as provided in this Section, then the Village shall indemnify and cause to



defend municipal officers, elected officials and employees from any claim filed by an individual, partnership or corporation when the claim is founded on any act or omission of the municipal officers, elected officials or employees while in the performance of their official duties, except the Village shall not indemnify, but shall defend any municipal officer, elected official or employee from any claim made by an individual, partnership or corporation wherein the claim alleges that the municipal officer, elected official or employee acted intentionally, maliciously or wantonly and further, shall not indemnify or cause to defend the officials or employees where the claim is directly or indirectly related to the negligent care or use of a vehicle as defined by the **Illinois Compiled Statutes**, and the Village shall not indemnify any municipal officer, elected official or employee from any claim made by a municipal officer, elected official or employee.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Code, the Village shall not indemnify or cause to defend any municipal officers, elected officials or employees if the municipal officers, elected officials or employees have liability insurance insuring the municipal officers, elected officials or employees from the alleged claim; however, the Village shall indemnify the municipal officer, elected official or employee the personal deductible limits of his personal policy. **(See 745 ILCS Sec. 10/2-201 et seq.)**

**1-2-26      BIDDING AND CONTRACT PROCEDURES.**

(A)      **Competitive Bidding Required.** Any work or other public improvement which is not to be paid for in whole or in part by special assessment or special taxation, and all purchases of and contracts for supplies, materials, and services shall, except as specifically provided herein, be based whenever possible on competitive bids.

(B)      **Formal Contract Procedure.** All work or other public improvement which is not to be paid for in whole or in part by special assessment or special taxation, and all purchases, orders or contracts for supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services except as otherwise provided herein, when the estimated cost thereof shall exceed **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00)**, shall be purchased from the lowest responsible bidder, after due notice inviting bids, unless competitive bidding is waived by a vote of **two-thirds (2/3)** of the Trustees then holding office.

(C)      **Notice Inviting Bids.** Notice inviting bids shall be published at least once in a newspaper with general circulation within the Village. The Village shall also advertise all pending work or purchases by posting a notice on the public bulletin board in the Village Hall.

(D)      **Scope of Notice.** The newspaper notice required herein shall include a general description of the work to be performed or the articles to be purchased, shall state where specifications may be secured, and the time and place for opening bids.

(E)      **Bid Deposits.** When deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees, bid deposits shall be prescribed in the public notices inviting bids. Unsuccessful bidders shall be entitled to the return of their bid deposits upon the award of the contract by

the Board of Trustees. A successful bidder shall forfeit any bid deposit required by the Board of Trustees upon failure on his part to enter into a contract within **ten (10) days** after the award.

(F) **Bid Opening Procedure.**

- (1) **Sealed.** Bids shall be submitted sealed to the Village and shall be identified as bids on the envelope.
- (2) **Opening.** Bids shall be opened in public at the time and place stated in the public notice.
- (3) **Tabulation.** A tabulation of all bids received shall be made by the Board of Trustees or by a Village employee, in which event, a tabulation of the bids shall be furnished to the Board of Trustees at its next regular meeting.

(G) **Rejection of Bids.** The Village shall have the authority to reject all bids or parts of all bids when the public interest will be served thereby.

(H) **Bidders in Default to Village.** The Village shall not accept the bid of a contractor who is in default on the payment of taxes, licenses or other monies due the Village.

(I) **Award of Contract.**

- (1) **Authority in Village.** The Board of Trustees shall have the authority to award contracts within the purview of this Section.
- (2) **Lowest Responsible Bidder.** Contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder on the basis of the bid that is in the best interest of the Village to accept. In awarding the contract, in addition to price, the Board of Trustees shall consider:
  - (a) The ability, capacity and skill of the bidder to perform the contract to provide the service required;
  - (b) Whether the bidder can perform the contract or provide the service promptly, or within the time specified, without delay or interference;
  - (c) The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the bidder;
  - (d) The quality of the performance of previous contracts or services;
  - (e) The previous and existing compliance by the bidder with laws and ordinances relating to the contract or service;
  - (f) The sufficiency of the financial resources and ability of the bidder to perform the contract or provide the service;
  - (g) The quality, availability and adaptability of the supplies or contractual services to the particular use required;

- (h) The ability of the bidder to provide future maintenance and service for the use of the subject of the contract;
  - (i) The number and scope of conditions attached to the bid.
  - (j) Whether the bidder has furnished a Certificate of Insurance indicating Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability coverage and the policy limits for such coverage.
- (3) **Performance Bonds.** The Board of Trustees shall have the authority to require a performance bond, before entering into a contract, in such amounts as it shall find reasonably necessary to protect the best interests of the Village.
- (J) **Open Market Procedure.** All work and purchases of supplies, materials and services of less than the estimated value of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00)** shall be made in the open market, without newspaper advertisement and without observing the procedure prescribed by this Section for the award of formal contracts.
- (K) **Professional Services Exempt From Bidding Requirements.** All contracts for professional services, including, but not limited to, attorneys, engineers, real estate appraisers and architects and any other profession whose ethical code involved prohibits or discourages involvement in normal bidding procedures, may be entered into by the Village without observing the bidding procedures prescribed by this Section for the award of formal contracts.
- (L) **Emergency Purchases.** In case of an apparent emergency which requires immediate work or purchase of supplies, materials or services, the Board of Trustees shall be empowered to secure by open market procedure as herein set forth, at the lowest obtainable price, any work, supplies, materials or services regardless of the amount of the expenditure.
- (M) **Cooperative Purchasing.** The Village shall have the authority to join with other units of government in cooperative purchasing plans when the best interests of the Village would be served thereby. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/8-9-1 and 8-9-2)**

#### **1-2-27 SALARIES REGULATION.**

- (A) **Elected.** No salary or compensation of any elected municipal officer who is elected for a definite term of office shall be increased or diminished during such term.
- (B) **Appointed.** No salary or compensation of any appointed official who is appointed for a definite term of office shall be decreased during such term, but may be increased. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-50-5 and 5/3.1-50-10)**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The salary of appointed officials and employees may be established in the appropriation ordinance or annual budget. The salary of elected officials must be established in an ordinance other than the appropriation ordinance at least **one hundred eighty (180) days** before the beginning of the terms of the officers whose compensation is to be filed.

#### **1-2-28 CLAIMS.**

- (A) **Presentation.** All claims against the Village for goods purchased, damaged, or originating in any other way, except for claims for salaries and other allowances that are fixed by ordinance shall be presented on or before the Monday preceding the monthly meeting of each month to the Village Clerk. All such claims must be in writing and items shall be specified.
- (B) **Exception.** This does not prohibit the Village Board from passing on any claims not previously presented to the Village Clerk if, in the opinion of the Board, justice to the claimant requires it.

**1-2-29 MUNICIPAL YEAR.** The municipal year shall commence on **May 1<sup>st</sup>** and shall end on the following **April 30<sup>th</sup>**. No appointments shall be made during the last month of the municipal year in the year of a mayoral election.

**1-2-30 EXPENSES - REIMBURSEMENT.** Each member of the corporate authorities may receive reimbursement from the municipality for expenses incurred by the member in attending committee meetings of the corporate authorities or for other expenses incurred by the member in the course of performing official duties. **(65 ILCS 5/3.1-50-15(B))**

(A) **Reimbursement of all Travel, Meal, and Lodging Expenses of Officers and Employees.**

(1) **Definitions.** The following words, terms and phrases, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

(a) **Entertainment** includes, but is not limited to, shows, amusements, theaters, circuses, sporting events, or any other place of public or private entertainment or amusement, unless ancillary to the purpose of the program or event.

(b) **Travel:** Any expenditure directly incident to official travel by employees and officers of the Village or by wards or charges of the Village involving reimbursement to travelers or direct payment to private agencies providing transportation or related services.

(2) **Official Business for Which Expenses May be Reimbursed.**

(a) An official of the Village shall be entitled to reimbursement for travel, including meals or lodging, related to the following types of official business:

(i) Education conferences related to the duties of the officer of the Village;

(ii) Site visits to current or potential vendors of the Village.

(b) An employee shall be entitled to reimbursement for travel, including meals or lodging, related to the following types of official business:

(i) Education conferences related to the duties of the employee of the Village;

(ii) Site visits to current or potential vendors of the Village.

(3) **Maximum Allowable Reimbursement for Expenses.** Unless otherwise excepted herein, the maximum allowable reimbursement for an employee or officer of the Village shall be those rates set by the Reimbursement Schedule of the Governor's Travel Control Board in effect at the time the expense was incurred.

(4) **Approval of Expenses.** The Board of Trustees must approve the following reimbursement for travel, including meals or lodging, by a roll call vote at an open meeting of the Board of Trustees.

(a) Any expense of any officer or employee that exceeds the maximum permitted in Section III; or

(b) Any expense of any member of the Board of Trustees of the Village.

- (5) **Documentation of Expenses.** Before any reimbursement for travel, including meals or lodging, may be approved pursuant to Section IV, a standardized form for submission of travel, meal, and lodging expenses supported by the following minimum documentation shall first be submitted to the Board of Trustees:
- (a) An estimate of the cost of travel, meals, or lodging if expenses have not been incurred or a receipt of the cost of the travel, meals, or lodging if the expenses have already been incurred;
  - (b) The name of the individual who received or is requesting the travel, meal, or lodging expense;
  - (c) The job title or office of the individual who received or is requesting the travel, meal, or lodging expense; and
  - (d) The date or dates and nature of the official business in which the travel, meal, or lodging expense was or will be expended.
- All documents and information submitted under this Section are public records subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, **5 ILCS 140/1**.
- (6) **Entertainment Expenses.** No employee or officer of the Village shall be reimbursed by the Village for any entertainment expense.

**(Ord. No. 16-121216; 12-12-16)**

**1-2-31 OFFICIAL RECORDS.** All official records, including the Corporate Seal, shall be kept in the Village Hall.

**1-2-32 FEDERAL OLD AGE AND SURVIVOR'S INSURANCE SYSTEM.**

(A) **Eligible employees** shall mean all employees of the Village, eligible under the Federal Act, except persons elected to office by popular election and also the Village Treasurer and Village Attorney.

(B) **Withholdings** from salaries or wages of employees for the purpose provided in sections hereof are hereby authorized to be made in the amounts and at such times as may be required by applicable State or Federal laws or regulations, and shall be paid quarterly.

**1-2-33 ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND.**

(A) The Village does hereby elect to participate in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

(B) **Special Tax.** The Village includes in its levy and appropriation ordinance provision for the levying of a special tax to pay the Village's cost of participating in the Retirement Fund and appropriate therefrom funds to pay the cost of participation.

(C) **Coverage.** To be eligible to be included in the IMRF a person shall have to work a minimum of **one thousand (1,000) hours** per year. **(Ord. No. 419; 1977)**

**1-2-34 CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE.** All contractors and sub-contractors doing work for the Village shall first provide a Certificate of Insurance indicating Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability coverage and the policy limits for such coverage.

**1-2-35 - 1-2-39 RESERVED.**

**DIVISION V - MAYOR**

**1-2-40**     **ELECTION.** The Mayor shall be elected for a **four (4) year** term and shall serve until a successor is elected and has qualified. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-15-5 and 5/3.1-25-15)**

**1-2-41**     **MAYOR PRO-TEM; TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN.**

(A)           If the Mayor is temporarily absent because of an incapacity to perform official duties, but the incapacity does not create a vacancy in the office, the corporate authorities shall elect one of their members to act as Mayor pro tem. The Mayor pro tem, during this absence or disability, shall perform the duties and possess all the rights and powers of the Mayor but shall not be entitled to vote both as Mayor pro tem and as a trustee.

(B)           In the absence of the Mayor, or Mayor pro tem, the corporate authorities may elect one of their members to act as a temporary Chairman. The temporary Chairman shall have only the powers of a presiding officer and a right to vote only in the capacity as trustee on any ordinance, resolution, or motion. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-35)**

**1-2-42**     **VACANCY.** If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Mayor and there remains an unexpired portion of the term of at least **twenty-eight (28) months** and the vacancy occurs at least **one hundred thirty (130) days** before the general municipal election next scheduled under the general election law, the vacancy shall be filled at that general municipal election. The Village Board shall elect one of its members as "**Acting Mayor**" who shall perform the duties and shall possess all the rights and powers of the Mayor until a successor to fill the vacancy has been elected and has qualified. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-50)**

**1-2-43**     **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.** The Mayor shall be the chief executive officer of the Village and shall see to the enforcement of all laws and ordinances. The Mayor shall preside over the meetings of the Board of Trustees and perform such duties as may be required of him by statute or law. The Mayor shall have supervision over all of the executive officers and Village employees; provided, however, his or her control is subject to the power of the Village Board to prescribe the duties of various officers and employees. The Mayor shall have the power and authority at any reasonable time to inspect all books, papers and records pertaining to Village affairs and kept by any officer of the Village. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-15-10 and 3.1-35-20)**

**1-2-44**     **MAYOR'S SIGNATURE.** The Mayor shall sign all Village warrants, commissions, permits and licenses granted by authority of the Village Board, except as otherwise provided, and such other acts and deeds as law or ordinance may require his or her official signature.

The Mayor may designate another to affix his or her signature to any written instrument that requires the Mayor's signature. The Mayor must send written notice of this designation to the Village Board stating: (1) the name of the person whom he or she has selected, and (2) what instrument the person will have authority to sign.

A written signature of the Mayor executed by the person so designated with the signature underneath the signature of the person so designated shall be attached to the notice. The notice with the signature attached shall be recorded in the journal of the Village Board and then filed with the Village Clerk. When the signature of the Mayor is placed on a written instrument at the direction of the Mayor in the specified manner, the instrument, in all respects, shall be as binding on the Village as if signed by the Mayor in person. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-30)**

**1-2-45**     **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.**

(A)     **Appointed.** At the first annual meeting in May, the Mayor shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Village Board, all officers of the Village whose election or appointment is not otherwise provided for, and said officers shall hold their offices for the ensuing month or year, and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified. Any vacancy occurring in an appointive office shall be filled in the same manner. The Mayor shall issue a commission or certificate of appointment to all persons appointed to office in the municipality. **(See 65 ILCS Secs. 5/3.1-30-5)**

(B)     **Filling Vacancies.** The Mayor shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Village Board, all officers of the Village whose appointment will not otherwise be provided for by law; and whenever a vacancy shall occur in any office, which by law or ordinance the Mayor is empowered and required to fill, the Mayor shall, at the next regular meeting of the Village Board, communicate to it the name of the appointee to such office and pending the concurrence of the Village Board in such appointment, the Mayor may designate some suitable person to discharge the functions of such office. **(See 50 ILCS Sec. 105/2)**

**1-2-46**     **SUPERVISE CONDUCT OF OFFICERS; REMOVAL OF OFFICERS.** The Mayor shall supervise the conduct of all officers of the Village and see that they faithfully and efficiently discharge the duties of their respective offices. Except where otherwise provided by statute, the Mayor may remove any officer appointed by the Mayor under this Code, on any written charge, whenever the Mayor is of the opinion that the interests of the municipality demand removal. The Mayor shall report the reasons for the removal to the corporate authorities at a meeting to be held not less than **five (5) days** nor more than **ten (10) days** after the removal. If the

Mayor fails or refuses to report to the corporate authorities the reasons for the removal, or if the corporate authorities by a **two-thirds (2/3) vote** of all members authorized by law to be elected disapprove of the removal, the officer thereupon shall be restored to the office from which the officer was removed. The vote shall be by yeas and nays, which shall be entered upon the journal of the corporate authorities. Upon restoration, the officer shall give a new bond and take a new oath of office. No officer shall be removed a second time for the same offense. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-10)**

**1-2-47      DESIGNATION OF OFFICERS' DUTIES.** Whenever there is a dispute as to the respective duties or powers of any appointed officer of the Village, this dispute shall be settled by the Mayor, after consultation with the Village Attorney; and the Mayor shall have the power to delegate to any appointive officer, any duty which is to be performed when no specific officer has been directed to perform that duty.

**1-2-48      FORMAL OCCASIONS.** The Mayor shall act for and on behalf of the Village on formal occasions and receptions, but in the absence or inability to attend any such function, the Mayor may select any other Village officer to so act.

**1-2-49      GENERAL DUTIES.** The Mayor shall perform all the duties which are prescribed by law and shall take care that the laws and ordinances are faithfully executed.

The Mayor from time to time, may and annually shall give the Village Board information relative to the affairs of the Village, and may recommend for their consideration such measures as he or she believes expedient. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-5)**

**1-2-50      BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSIONER.** The Mayor is hereby designated as License Commissioner to issue and revoke any and all business licenses as prescribed by law, with the advice and consent of the Village Board.

**1-2-51      LOCAL LIQUOR COMMISSIONER.** The Mayor is hereby designated as Local Liquor Commissioner with all the powers to license and/or revoke any Village liquor license according to State and Village laws. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/4-2)**



**1-2-52**     **HEALTH COMMISSIONER.** The Mayor is hereby declared to be Health Commissioner with all powers to abate and remove all nuisances or health hazards within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Village authority as prescribed by law.

**1-2-53**     **DECIDING VOTE - MAYOR.** The Mayor shall preside at all meetings of the Village Board. The Mayor shall not vote on any ordinance, resolution or motion, except:

- (A)           Where the vote of the Trustees has resulted in a tie; or
- (B)           Where **one-half (1/2)** of the Trustees elected have voted in favor of an ordinance, resolution or motion, even though there is no tie; or
- (C)           Where a vote greater than a majority of the corporate authorities is required by the **Illinois Compiled Statutes** to adopt an ordinance, resolution or motion.

In each instance specified, the Mayor shall vote. Nothing in this Section shall deprive an Acting Mayor or Mayor Pro-tem from voting in his or her capacity as Trustee, but he or she shall not be entitled to another vote in his or her capacity as Acting Mayor or Mayor Pro-tem. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-45-5)**

**1-2-54 - 1-2-55 RESERVED.**

**DIVISION VI - VILLAGE CLERK**

**1-2-56**     **APPOINTED.** The Village Clerk shall be appointed by the Mayor with concurrence of the Village Board for a **four (4) year term** and shall serve until a successor has been appointed and has qualified. **(See 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-90) (Ord. No. 21-01; 02-08-21)**

**1-2-57**     **VACANCY.** Whenever a vacancy in the office of Village Clerk appointed by the Mayor with concurrence of the Village Board during the term, the vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term by the appointment of a clerk by the Mayor with concurrence of the Village Board. **(See 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-90) (Ord. No. 21-01; 02-08-21)**

**1-2-58**     **PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES; BOARD MINUTES; RECORDS.**

(A)     **Ordinances.** The Village Clerk shall cause all ordinances passed by the Village Board and approved by the Mayor, imposing any fine, penalty, imprisonment or forfeiture, or making any appropriation to be published or printed in book or pamphlet form, published by authority of the corporate authorities, or be published at least once within **thirty (30) days** after passage, in **one (1)** or more newspapers published in the Village. **(See 65 ILCS 5/1-2-5)**

(B)     **Minutes; Records.**

(1)     **Open Meetings.** The Village Clerk shall attend all meetings of the Village Board and shall keep in a suitable book to be styled "**The Journal of the Village Board**", a full and faithful record of its proceedings. The Village Clerk shall record and properly index in a book kept for that purpose, all ordinances passed by the Village Board, and at the foot of the record of each ordinance so recorded, the Clerk shall make a memorandum of the date of the passage, when published, and a memorandum of the publication of such ordinance. **(See 65 ILCS 5/3.1-35-90)**

(2)     **Closed Meetings.** The Clerk shall prepare and preserve the minutes of closed meetings according to the provisions of the Closed Meetings Act. At least twice a year, corporate authorities shall meet to review minutes of all closed sessions and make a public statement as to whether there is still a need to maintain such matters in confidence or whether minutes or portions of minutes from closed meetings no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection. **(See 5 ILCS 120/2.06(c))**

(C) **Bonds.** The Clerk shall also record in proper books for the purpose, all official bonds and note upon each bond so recorded when the same was entered of record and the book and pages where recorded. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-110)**

(D) **Issue Notices.** The Clerk shall issue and cause to be served upon all Trustees, notices of all special meetings of the Village Board; also notices to the members of the different committees of that body and all persons whose attendance may be required before any such committee, when so directed by the Chairman thereof. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-2-4, 5/1-2-5 and 5/3.1-35-90)**

**1-2-59 DELIVERY OF PAPERS TO OFFICERS.** The Clerk shall deliver to the several committees of the Village Board and to the officers of this Village, all petitions, communications, reports and resolutions, orders, claims and other papers referred to those committees or officers by the Board on demand therefor. The Clerk shall also, without delay, deliver to the Mayor, all ordinances or resolutions, orders and claims in his or her charge which may require to be approved or otherwise acted upon by the Mayor. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-90)**

**1-2-60 PREPARATION OF DOCUMENTS, COMMISSIONS AND LICENSES.** The Clerk shall prepare all commissions, licenses, permits and other official documents required to be issued by him or her under this Code and shall attest the same with the corporate seal, and the Clerk shall, in like manner, attest all deeds for the sale of real estate owned and conveyed by this Village.

**1-2-61 REPORT OF LICENSES.** The Clerk shall report to the Village Board at its regular meeting each month and more often if the Board so requires the data contained in the license register with respect to licenses issued during the previous month.

**1-2-62 DELIVERY OF LICENSES.** In all cases where the Village requires a license to be obtained for the purpose of engaging in or carrying on any business or occupation, and the licensee is required to obtain plates, tags or stickers from the Clerk, it shall be the duty of the Clerk to deliver such plates, tags, or stickers to the person paying the license fee.

**1-2-63 ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS.** The Clerk shall have the power to administer oaths or affirmations for all lawful purposes. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-15-20)**

**1-2-64**      **OUTSTANDING BONDS.** The Clerk shall keep in his office in a book or books kept expressly for that purpose a correct list of all the outstanding bonds of the Village, showing the number and amount of each, for and to whom the bonds are issued; and when the Village bonds are issued, or purchased, or paid, or cancelled, the book or books shall show that fact; [and in the annual report, the Clerk shall describe particularly the bonds sold during the year and the terms of sale with each and every item of expense thereof]. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-110)**

**1-2-65**      **REPORTS.** The Clerk shall, on or before the regular meeting in each month, make out and submit to the Village Board a statement or report in writing of all the monies received and warrants drawn during the preceding month, showing therein from or what sources and on what account monies were received, and for what purposes and on what account the warrants were drawn or paid.

**1-2-66**      **SUCCESSOR.** The Village Clerk shall carefully preserve all books, records, papers, maps and effects of every detail and description belonging to the Village or pertaining to the office, and not in actual use and possession of other Village officers; and upon the expiration of his or her official term, the Clerk shall deliver all such books, records, papers and effects to the successor in office. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 3.1-10-35)**

**1-2-67**      **PAYMENTS.** The Clerk shall prepare monthly an itemized list of all monies received and shall deliver a copy of the same to the Village Treasurer and shall also pay over to the Treasurer all monies received in the office and take a receipt therefor.

**1-2-68**      **NOTIFICATION TO PERSONS APPOINTED TO OFFICE.** Within **five (5) days** after an appointment is made, the Clerk shall notify all persons appointed to office of their appointment. The office becomes vacant unless the person appointed qualifies within **ten (10) days** after such notice.

**1-2-69**      **OTHER DUTIES.** In addition to the foregoing duties, the Clerk shall perform all such other duties pertaining to the office as are or may be imposed upon the office by law or resolution or ordinance of the Village Board. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-40)**

**1-2-70**     **DEPUTY CLERK.**   The Village Clerk, when authorized by the Village Board, may appoint the Deputy Clerk who shall have the power and duty to execute all documents required by any law to be executed by the Clerk and affix the seal of the Village thereto whenever required. In signing any documents, the Deputy Clerk shall sign the name of the Village Clerk followed with the word, "**By**" and the Deputy Clerk's name and the words, "**Deputy Clerk**".

The powers and duties herein described shall be executed by such Deputy Clerk only in the absence of the Village Clerk from the Village Clerk's office in the Village Hall, and only when either written direction has been given by the Village Clerk to such Deputy Clerk to exercise such power or the Village Board has determined by resolution that the Village Clerk is temporarily or permanently incapacitated to perform such functions. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-30-10 and 5/3.1-10-45 and 5/3.1-35-95)**

**1-2-71 - 1-2-72 RESERVED.**

**DIVISION VII - VILLAGE TREASURER**

**1-2-73**     **TREASURER APPOINTED; VACANCY.** The Treasurer shall be appointed for a **two (2) year term** by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Village Board and shall serve until a successor is appointed and has qualified. All vacancies shall be filled in the manner prescribed for the Village Clerk in **Section 1-2-57** of this Chapter. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-30-5)**

**1-2-74**     **MONEY; WARRANTS; ACCOUNTS; PAYMENTS.** The Village Treasurer shall receive all monies belonging to this Village and shall pay all warrants signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Village Clerk and not otherwise; and shall keep a separate account of each fund or appropriation and the debits and credits belonging thereto. The Treasurer shall give to every person paying money into the Village Treasury a receipt therefor, specifying the date of payment, and upon what account paid, and shall file copies of such receipts with the Clerk with the monthly reports. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-40)**

**1-2-75**     **WARRANT REGISTER.** The Treasurer shall keep a register of all warrants redeemed and paid, showing the number, date, and amount of each, the fund from which paid, and the name of the person to whom and when paid; and the Treasurer shall cancel all warrants as soon as they are redeemed. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-40 and 5/3.1-35-45)**

**1-2-76**     **PERSONAL USE OF FUNDS.** The Village Treasurer shall keep all money belonging to the Municipality and in the Treasurer's custody separate and distinct from the Treasurer's own money and shall not use, either directly or indirectly, the Municipality's monies or warrants for the personal use and benefit of the Treasurer or of any other person. Any violation of this provision shall subject the Treasurer to immediate removal from office by the corporate authorities, who may declare the Treasurer's office vacant. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-55)**

**1-2-77**     **BOND.** The Treasurer shall give bond conditioned upon the faithful performance of his duties and to indemnify the Village for any loss due to neglect of duty or wrongful act on his part; and the amount of such bond shall not be less than **ten percent (10%)** of the highest amount of taxes and special assessments received by the Treasurer during any fiscal year in the preceding **five (5) fiscal years**, nor less than one and one-half times the largest amount which the Board estimates will be in his custody at any one time, nor less than **three (3) times** the number of residents of the Village, as determined by the last Federal Census. Such bond shall be filed with the Clerk as required by statute. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-10-45)**

**1-2-78**      **SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.**    The Treasurer shall collect all payments on special assessments and shall see to it that the same are properly recorded and credited to the particular account entitled thereto. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-85)**

**1-2-79**      **BOOKKEEPING.**    The Treasurer shall keep the books and accounts in such a manner as to show with accuracy, all monies received and disbursed for the Village, stating from whom and on what account received, and to whom and on what account paid out, and in such a way that the books and accounts may be readily investigated and understood, and the books and accounts and all files and papers of the office shall be, at all times, open to examination by the Mayor or the Finance Committee of the Board. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-40)**

**1-2-80**      **STATEMENTS.**    The Treasurer shall report to the corporate authorities at the regular monthly meeting, a full and detailed account of all receipts and expenditures of the municipality as shown by his books up to the time of the report. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-45)**

**1-2-81**      **REPORT DELINQUENT OFFICERS.**    It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to report to the Village Clerk any officer of the Village authorized to receive money for the use of the Village who may fail to make a return of the monies received by the Treasurer at the time required by law or by ordinances of the Village.

**1-2-82**      **YEAR-END REPORT.**    Within **six (6) months** after the end of each fiscal year, the Treasurer shall prepare and file annually with the Village Clerk an account of monies received and expenditures incurred during the preceding fiscal year as specified in this Section. The Treasurer shall show the following in such account:

(A)            All monies received by the Village, indicating the total amounts in the aggregate received in each account of the Village, with a general statement concerning the source of such receipts; provided, however, for the purposes of this paragraph, the term "**account**" shall not be construed to mean each individual taxpayer, householder, licensee, utility user, or such other persons whose payments to the Village are credited to the general account; and

(B)            Except as provided in paragraph (C) of this Section all monies paid out by the Village where the total amount paid during the fiscal year exceeds **Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00)**, giving the name of each person to whom paid, on what account paid, and the total amount in the aggregate paid to each person from each account; and

(C)            All monies paid out by the Village as compensation for personal services, giving the name of each person to whom paid, on what account paid, and the total amount in the aggregate paid to each person from each account; and

(D) A summary statement of operations for all funds and account groups of the Village as excerpted from the annual financial report, as filed with the appropriate state agency of the State of Illinois.

Upon receipt of such account from the Village Treasurer, the Village Clerk shall publish the account at least once in one or more newspapers published in the Village. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-65)**

**[NOTE: The Treasurer shall file a copy of the report with the County Treasurer as provided in Sec. 5/3.1-35-70 of Chapter 65 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.]**

**1-2-83      SUBMIT APPROPRIATION TO VILLAGE BOARD.** The Treasurer shall on or before the **fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of May in each year**, and before the annual appropriations to be made by the Village Board, submit to the Village Board a report of the estimates as nearly as may be of monies necessary to defray the expenses of the corporation during the current fiscal year. The Treasurer shall, in said report, classify the different objects and branches of expenditures, giving as nearly as may be the amount required for each; and for the purpose of making such a report, the Treasurer is hereby authorized to require of all officers their statement of the condition and expenses of their respective offices or departments with any proposed improvements, and the probable expense thereof, all contracts made and unfinished and the amount of any and all unexpended appropriations of the preceding year.

The Treasurer shall, in such report, show the aggregate income of the preceding fiscal year, from all sources, the amount of liabilities outstanding upon which interest is to be paid, the bonds and debts payable during the year, when due and when payable; and in such report, shall give such other information to the Village Board as he or she may deem necessary to the end that the Village Board may fully understand the money exigencies and demands upon the corporation for the current year. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-115)**

**1-2-84      DEPOSIT OF FUNDS.**

(A) **Designation by Board.** The Treasurer is hereby required to keep all funds and monies in his or her custody belonging to the Village in such places of deposit as have been designated by **Section 1-2-84(F)**. When requested by the Treasurer, the corporate authorities shall designate a bank or banks in which may be kept the funds and monies of the Village in the custody of the Treasurer. When a bank or savings and loan association has been designated as a depository, it shall continue as such depository until **ten (10) days** have elapsed after a new depository is designated and has qualified by furnishing the statements of resources and liabilities as required by this Section. When a new depository is designated, the corporate authorities shall notify the sureties of the Village Treasurer of that fact in writing at least **five (5) days** before the transfer of funds. The Treasurer shall be discharged from responsibility for all funds or money that the Treasurer deposits in a designated bank or savings and loan association while the funds and money are so deposited.



(B) The Village Treasurer may require any bank or savings and loan association to deposit with the Treasurer securities or mortgages that have a market value at least equal to the amount of the funds or monies of the municipality deposited with the bank or savings and loan association that exceeds the insurance limitation provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

(C) The Village Treasurer may enter into agreements of any definite or indefinite term regarding the deposit, redeposit, investment, reinvestment, or withdrawal of municipal funds.

(D) Each Village Treasurer may:

- (1) combine monies from more than one fund of a single municipality for the purpose of investing those funds and;
- (2) join with other municipal treasurers or municipalities for the purpose of investing the municipal funds of which the Treasurer has custody.

Joint investments shall be made only in investments authorized by law for the investment of municipal funds. When monies of more than one fund of a single municipality or monies of more than one municipality are combined for investment purposes, the monies combined for that purpose shall be accounted for separately in all respects and the earnings from investments shall be separately and individually computed, recorded, and credited to the fund or municipality, as the case may be, for which the investment was acquired.

(E) No bank or savings and loan association shall receive public funds as permitted by this Section unless it has complied with the requirements established by Section 6 of the Public Funds Investment Act. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-35-50 and 30 ILCS Sec. 235/6)**

(F) The following bank(s) are herewith designated as places of deposit where the Treasurer of the Village is required to keep all funds and monies in his custody belonging to this municipality:

- (1) Hardware State Bank
- (2)
- (3)

**1-2-85 - 1-2-87 RESERVED.**

**DIVISION VIII - JUDICIARY**

**1-2-88**     **APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY.** The Attorney shall be appointed by the Mayor, by and with the advise and consent of the Village Board for the term of the Mayor, or for such period not exceeding the term of the Mayor, unless sooner removed for cause, and until a successor shall have been appointed and qualified. The Attorney shall have full charge of the law affairs of the Village and shall be known as the Village Attorney, and shall receive reasonable fees for services rendered when, in his or her judgment, or in the judgment of the Mayor or Village Board, the same are necessary or are for the best interests of the Village. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-30-5)**

**1-2-89**     **DUTIES.**

(A)     **Prosecute for Village.** The Village Attorney shall prosecute or defend on behalf of the Village in all cases in which the interests of the corporation or any officer thereof are involved; and the Village Clerk shall furnish him or her with certified copies of any ordinance, bond or paper in keeping necessary to be filed or used in any suit or proceedings.

(B)     **Preparation of Ordinances.** The Attorney shall, when required, advise the Village Board or any officer in all matters of law in which the interests of the corporation are involved, and shall draw such ordinances, bonds, forms and contracts, or examine and pass upon the same, as may be required by the Mayor, the Village Board, or any committee thereof.

(C)     **Judgments.** The Attorney shall direct executions to be issued upon all judgments recovered in favor of the Village, and shall direct their prompt service. The Attorney shall examine all the bills of the officers of courts, and of other officers of the law, and shall certify to their correctness and the liability of the Village therefore.

(D)     **Violations of Ordinances.** The Attorney shall institute and prosecute an action in every case of violation of a Village ordinance when instructed to do so by the Mayor or the Village Board.

(E)     **Prosecution of Suits.** The Attorney shall not be required to prosecute any suit or action arising under the ordinances of the Village when, upon investigation of the same, the Attorney shall become satisfied that the complaint was instituted maliciously, vexatiously, or without just cause; and shall dismiss or discontinue any such suit or proceeding upon such terms as he or she may deem just or equitable.

(F)     **Collection of Taxes.** The Attorney is hereby authorized and instructed to enforce the collection of any and all taxes and special assessments in the collection of which the Village is interested and to attend all sales of real or personal property made to enforce the collection of such taxes or special assessments and to bid thereat on behalf of the Village.

(G) **Commissions.** The Village Attorney shall act as the legal advisory for the Utilities Systems, for the Plan Commission, for the Zoning Board of Appeals and for all other boards and commissions hereafter established by the Village Board. The Attorney shall perform all legal services as may be required for those boards and commissions.

**1-2-90 - 1-2-93 RESERVED.**

**DIVISION IX - VILLAGE COLLECTOR**

**1-2-94**      **CREATION OF OFFICE.** There is created the office of the Village Collector, an administrative office of the Village, pursuant to the terms and conditions of **Chapter 65 ILCS 5/3.1-35-135** of the Illinois Municipal Code. This office with its functions, duties and responsibilities shall be held by the Village Treasurer.

**1-2-95**      **TENURE OF OFFICE.** The term of office of the Village Collector shall be co-extensive with and shall not exceed that of the Village Treasurer.

**1-2-96**      **DUTIES.**

(A)            The Village Collector shall preserve all warrants returned to the Collector and shall keep books and accounts in the manner prescribed by the Village authorities. All of the Collector's warrants, books and vouchers and all papers pertaining to the office may be examined at any time by the Mayor or any member or committee of the Village authorities. Weekly, and oftener if required by the Village authorities, the Collector shall pay over to the Treasurer all money collected by the Collector from any source, and take the Treasurer's receipt. In addition thereto, the Collector shall collect all deposits, tapping fees, monthly water bills, penalty payments or any other payments made to the Village for water and sewer services furnished to the residents of the Village, either directly from said residents when paid or, by records of deposit, from any depository therefor designated by the Village, and upon receipt therefrom, shall make payment thereof to the Treasurer as stated above.

(B)            In addition thereto, the Collector shall have the authority and sole responsibility to make the appropriate adjustment of water bills pursuant to the provisions of this Code, and shall adjudicate and arbitrate any and all such discrepancies or claims with regard to water leaks in the Village water distribution system.

**1-2-97**      **RETENTION OF FUNDS.** The Collector is prohibited from keeping the money of the Village in his or her possession or in the possession of any person for his or her use beyond the time prescribed for its payment to the Treasurer.

**1-2-98**      **COMPENSATION.** The Village Collector shall receive compensation in such amount and manner as the Mayor and Board of Trustees shall fix from time to time by ordinance.

**1-2-99**      **RESERVED.**

**DIVISION X - VILLAGE ENGINEER**

**1-2-100**    **APPOINTMENT.** With the advice and consent of the Village Board, the Mayor may appoint an engineer for the Village, who shall serve for the term of the Mayor or for such period not exceeding the term of the Mayor, as may be designated by the Mayor and Village Board.

**1-2-101**    **DUTIES - SALARY.** The Village Engineer shall make and submit plans, estimates and specifications for any public work which may be proposed or ordered by the Village Board. The Engineer shall also examine all public works under his or her charge and see that the plans, estimates and specifications for the same are properly executed. The Engineer shall receive reasonable compensation for his services and the same will be provided for in the annual appropriation ordinance on an estimated basis. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-30-5)**

**1-2-102 - 1-2-103**    **RESERVED.**

**DIVISION XI - SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER AND SEWER**

**1-2-104**    **OFFICE CREATED.** The Superintendent of Water and Sewer shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees for a term of **one (1) year.** **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-30-5)**

**1-2-105**    **UTILITY SYSTEMS.** The Superintendent shall have charge of the operation and maintenance of the municipal water and sewer distribution systems as provided in Chapter 38 of this Code.

**1-2-106**    **DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES.** All officers or employees assigned to the Department shall perform their duties subject to the orders and under the supervision of the Superintendent.

**1-2-107**    **PROPERTY CUSTODIAN.** The Superintendent shall be the custodian of all property of the Village which is not assigned to the care or custody of any other officer.

**1-2-108 - 1-2-109**    **RESERVED.**

**DIVISION XII - SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**1-2-110 OFFICE CREATED.** There is hereby created the office of Superintendent of Public Works, who shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees for a term of **one (1) year**.

**1-2-111 AUTHORITY.** The Superintendent of Public Works shall have charge of and be responsible for:

(A) The construction and care of all public streets, alleys, and driveways in the Village.

(B) The cleaning and safekeeping of all public streets, alleys and driveways.

(C) The construction, repair, and maintenance of all gutters and drains located within or upon public streets, alleys and driveways and elsewhere by easement or right-of-way insuring that the same are kept free from defects.

(D) Supervise the lighting of public streets and alleys.

(E) Such other duties and responsibilities as may be otherwise defined in other chapters of this Code.

(F) Take custody of all Village property which is not otherwise assigned to the care and custody of any other Village officer or official.

**1-2-112 DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES.** All officers or employees assigned to the Department of Public Works shall perform their duties subject to the directions and under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Works.

**1-2-113 PROPERTY CUSTODIAN.** The Superintendent of Public Works shall be the custodian of all Village property which is not assigned to the care or custody of any other Village officer.

**1-2-114 RESERVED.**

**DIVISION XIII**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER -- ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

**1-2-115**     **CREATION OF POSITION.** There is hereby created the position of Zoning Administrator. The Zoning Administrator shall be hired under the provisions of Section 1-2-46 of the Revised Code. The Zoning Administrator shall also serve as the building inspector, flood plain inspector, and as the code enforcement officer. Additional duties shall be outlined in the zoning administrator's job description and may be amended from time to time by the Village Administrator.

**1-2-116**     **DUTIES.** The Zoning Administrator or his authorized representative shall administer and enforce the Zoning Code, as amended from time to time and is in effect, in accordance with the powers and duties therein set forth, and in furtherance of such authority shall:

(A)           Issue all Building Permits and Zoning Certificates, and make and maintain records thereof.

(B)           Issue all Certificates of Occupancy, and make and maintain records thereof.

(C)           Issue Building and Zoning Occupancy Permits as authorized by the Zoning Code.

(D)           Conduct inspections of buildings, structures, and land to determine compliance with the Zoning Code and to notify in writing the person responsible for any violation found, indicating the nature of the violation and ordering the action necessary to correct it.

(E)           Order the discontinuance of illegal use of land, buildings or structures; removal of illegal buildings or structures or of illegal additions, alterations, or structural changes, discontinuance of any illegal work being done; or shall take any other action authorized by statute or by the Zoning Code to ensure compliance with or to prevent violation of the provisions.

(F)           Prepare and cause to be published on or before **March 31st of each year**, a map showing the existing zoning uses, divisions, restrictions, regulations, and classifications in effect on the preceding **December 31st**.

(G)           Maintain permanent and current records of the Zoning Code, including, but not limited to, all maps, amendments, special-use permits, planned building developments, variances, appeals, and applications therefor.

(H)           Provide and maintain a source of public information relative to all matters arising out of the Zoning Code.

(I)           Receive, file, and forward to the Plan Commission, all applications for amendments, use variances and special permits, and other matters upon which the Plan Commission is required to act under the Zoning Code.

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(J) Receive, file, and forward to the Zoning Board of Appeals all applications for variance, appeals, and other matters upon which the Zoning Board of Appeals is required to act under the Zoning Code.

(K) Keep the Mayor and Village Board advised of zoning activities by written report once each month, including statements of permits and certificates issued and orders promulgated.

(L) The Zoning Administrator may request and shall receive so far as may be necessary in the discharge of his duties, the assistance and cooperation of the Chief of Police in enforcing orders, of the Village Attorney in prosecuting violators, and of other Village officials and officers.

(M) The Zoning Administrator shall perform other duties as a Code Enforcement Officer as prescribed by Laws and the Village Code and as may be specifically assigned to him or her by the Village Board. Such Laws and Code may include, but not be limited to, the Mobile Home Code, Subdivision Code, and the Building Code, as adopted and amended from time to time by the Village Board.



**ARTICLE III - SALARIES**

**1-3-1**      **SALARIES OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS.** The following salaries are hereby established for elected Village Officials:

(A)      **Mayor.** The Mayor shall receive **Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00)** per year plus **Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)** for each special meeting.

(B)      **Trustees.** The Village Trustees shall receive **Nine Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$960.00)** per year plus **Forty Dollars (\$40.00)** per each special meeting.

(C)      **Village Clerk.** The Village Clerk shall be paid a salary of **Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Forth Dollars (\$7,740.00)** per year. **(Ord. No. 21-05; 04-12-21)**

(D)      **Village Treasurer.** The Village Treasurer shall be paid the sum of **Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00)** per year.

(E)      **Payment.** The Village Clerk may pay the elected officials salaries on a quarterly or monthly basis.

**(Ord. No. 521; 1992)**

**(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/3.1-50-5; 5/3.1-50-10; 5/3.1-50-15)**

**[ED. NOTE: The salaries of elected officials who hold elective office for a definite term shall neither be increased nor diminished during that term and shall be fixed at least one hundred eighty (180) days before the beginning of the terms of the officers whose compensation is to be filed.**

**The ordinance fixing compensation for members of the corporate authorities shall specify whether those members are to be compensated (i) at an annual rate or, (ii) for each meeting of the corporate authorities actually attended if public notice of the meeting was given.]**

**ARTICLE IV - MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**

**1-4-1**        **PARTICIPATION.** The Village Board of Trustees does hereby authorize and approve membership in the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association and directs the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association for membership for a period of **one (1) year** beginning the date the Association commences providing risk coverage to its members and each year thereafter unless this ordinance is repealed.

**1-4-2**        **CONTRIBUTION.** Each member hereby agrees to contribute to the Association a sum of money to be determined by the Association at the time of application based on the needs of the Association and the loss experience of the Member, which sum shall constitute the cost of the Member's first year contribution for membership in the Association. Membership contributions for second and subsequent years shall be calculated in accordance with the loss experience of the Village, and the needs of the Association including total losses and expenditures of the Self-Insured Retention Fund of the Association.

**ARTICLE V – INVESTMENT POLICY**

**1-5-1**        **INVESTMENT POLICY.** It is the policy of the Village to invest public funds in a manner which will provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the Village and conforming to all State and local statutes governing the investment of public funds.

**1-5-2**        **SCOPE.** This policy includes all public funds governed by the Board of Trustees.

**1-5-3**        **PRUDENCE.** Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital, as well as the probable income to be derived.

The standard of prudence to be used by investment officials shall be the “prudent person” standard and shall be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio.

- 1-5-4**        **OBJECTIVE.** The primary objective, in order of priority, shall be:
- (A)        **Legality.** Conformance with federal, state and other legal requirements.
  - (B)        **Safety.** Preservation of capital and protection of investment principal.
  - (C)        **Liquidity.** Maintenance of sufficient liquidity to meet operating requirements.
  - (D)        **Yield.** Attainment of market rates of return.

The portfolio should be reviewed periodically as to its effectiveness in meeting the Village’s needs for safety, liquidity, rate of return, diversification and its general performance.

**1-5-5**        **DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.** Management and administrative responsibility for the investment program is hereby delegated to the Treasurer who may establish written procedures for the operation of the investment program.

**1-5-6**        **ETHICS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.** Officers and employees involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business

activity that could conflict with the proper execution and management of the investment program, or that could impair their ability to make impartial decisions.

**1-5-7 AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL DEALERS AND INSTITUTIONS.**

The Treasurer will maintain a list of financial institutions authorized to provide investment services. In addition, a list will also be maintained of approved security brokers/dealers selected by creditworthiness.

**1-5-8 AUTHORIZED AND SUITABLE INVESTMENTS.**

Investments may be made in any type of security allowed for in Illinois statutes regarding the investment of public funds. Investments shall be made that reflect the cash flow needs of the fund type being invested.

**1-5-9 COLLATERALIZATION.**

Collateralization may be required, at the discretion of the Village, on all funds held in banks or savings and loans above the insured limits provided by the FDIC or FSLIC. In order to anticipate market changes and provide a level of security for all funds, the collateralization level will be a minimum of **one hundred two percent (102%)** of market value of principal and accrued interest.

**1-5-10 SAFEKEEPING AND CUSTODY.**

All security transactions, including collateral for repurchase agreements, entered into by the Village, shall be conducted on a delivery-versus-payment (DVP) basis. Securities will be held by an independent third party custodian designated by the Treasurer and evidenced by safekeeping receipts and a written custodial agreement.

**1-5-11 DIVERSIFICATION.**

The Village shall diversify its investments to the best of its ability based on the type of funds invested and the cash flow needs of those funds. Diversification can be by type of investment, number of institutions invested in, and length of maturity.

**1-5-12 MAXIMUM MATURITIES.**

To the extent possible, the Village shall attempt to match its investments with anticipated cash flow requirements. Unless matched to a specific cash flow, the Village will not directly invest in securities maturing more than **two (2) years** from the date of purchase.

Reserve funds may be invested in securities exceeding **two (2) years** if the maturity of such investments are made to coincide as nearly as practicable with the expected use of the funds.

**1-5-13**     **INTERNAL CONTROL.**     The Treasurer is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to insure that the assets of the Village are protected from loss, theft or misuse. The internal control structure shall be designed to provide reasonable assurance that these objectives are met. The internal controls shall address the following points:

- (A)           Control of collusion.
- (B)           Separation of transaction authority from accounting.
- (C)           Custodial safekeeping.
- (D)           Written confirmation of telephone transactions for investments and wire transfers.

**1-5-14**     **PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.**     The investment portfolio will be managed in accordance with the parameters specified within this policy. The portfolio should obtain a comparable rate of return during a market/economic environment of stable interest rates. Portfolio performance should be compared to benchmarks with similar maturity, liquidity and credit quality as the portfolio maintained by the Illinois Public Treasurer's Investment Pool (IPTIP).

**1-5-15**     **REPORTING.**     The Treasurer shall prepare an investment report at least monthly. The report should be provided to the Village Board and available upon request. The report should be in a format suitable for review by the general public. An annual report should also be provided to the Village Board. A statement of the market value of the portfolio shall be issued to the Village Board quarterly.

**1-5-16**     **INVESTMENT POLICY ADOPTION AND MODIFICATION.**     The investment policy has been adopted by ordinance. The policy shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the Treasurer, and any modifications made thereto shall be made by ordinance.

ARTICLE VI – ETHICS CODE

**1-6-1 DEFINITIONS.** For the purposes of this Article, the following terms shall be given these definitions:

**"Campaign for Elective Office"** means any activity in furtherance of an effort to influence the selection, nomination, election or appointment of any individual to any federal, state or local public office or office in a political organization, or the selection, nomination or election of Presidential or Vice-Presidential electors, but does not include activities:

- (A) relating to the support or opposition of any executive, legislative or administrative action,
- (B) relating to collective bargaining or
- (C) that are otherwise in furtherance of the person's official duties.

**"Candidate"** means a person who has filed nominating papers or petitions for nomination or election to an elected office, or who has been appointed to fill a vacancy in nomination, and who remains eligible for placement on the ballot at a regular election, as defined in Section 1-3 of the Election Code (**10 ILCS 5/315/3**).

**"Collective Bargaining"** has the same meaning as that term is defined in Section 3 of the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act (**5 ILCS 315/3**).

**"Compensated Time"** means, with respect to an employee, any time worked by or credited to the employee that counts toward any minimum work time requirement imposed as a condition of his or her employment, but for purposes of this Chapter, does not include any designated holidays, vacation periods, personal time, compensatory time off or any period when the employee is on a leave of absence. With respect to officers or employees whose hours are not fixed, "compensated time" includes any period of time when the officer is on premises under the control of the employer and any other time when the officer or employee is executing his or her official duties, regardless of location.

**"Compensatory Time Off"** means authorized time off earned by or awarded to an employee to compensate in whole or in part for time worked in excess of the minimum work time required of that employee as a condition of his or her employment.

**"Contribution"** has the same meaning as that term is defined in Section 9-1.4 of the Election Code (**10 ILCS 5/9-1.4**).

**"Employee"** means a person employed by the Village of Lovington, whether on a full-time or part-time basis or pursuant to a contract, whose duties are subject to the direction and control of an employer with regard to the material details of how the work is to be performed, but does not include an independent contractor.

**"Employer"** means the Village of Lovington.

**"Gift"** means any gratuity, discount, entertainment, hospitality, loan forbearance or other tangible or intangible item having monetary value including, but not limited to, cash, food and drink and honoraria for speaking engagements related to or attributable to government employment or the official position of an officer or employee.

**"Leave of Absence"** means any period during which an employee does not receive:

- (A) compensation for employment,
- (B) service credit towards pension benefits and
- (C) health insurance benefits paid for by the employer.

**"Officer"** means a person who holds, by election or appointment, an office created by statute or ordinance, regardless of whether the officer is compensated for service in his or her official capacity.

**"Political Activity"** means any activity in support of or in connection with any campaign for elective office or any political organization, but does not include activities:

- (A) relating to the support or opposition of any executive, legislative or administrative action,
- (B) relating to collective bargaining or
- (C) that are otherwise in furtherance of the person's official duties.

**"Political Organization"** means a party, committee, association, fund or other organization (whether or not incorporated) that is required to file a statement of organization with the State Board of Elections or a county clerk under Section 9-3 of the Election Code (**10 ILCS 5/9-3**), but only with regard to those activities that require filing with the State Board of Elections or a county clerk.

**"Prohibited Political Activity"** means:

- (A) Preparing for, organizing or participating in any political meeting, political rally, political demonstration or other political event;
- (B) Soliciting contributions, including but not limited to the purchase of, selling, distributing or receiving payment for tickets for any political fundraiser, political meeting or other political event;
- (C) Soliciting, planning the solicitation of or preparing any document or report regarding anything of value intended as a campaign contribution;
- (D) Planning, conducting or participating in a public opinion poll in connection with a campaign for elective office or on behalf of a political organization for political purposes or for or against any referendum question;
- (E) Surveying or gathering information from potential or actual voters in an election to determine probable vote outcome in connection with a campaign for elective office or on behalf of a political organization for political purposes or for or against any referendum question;
- (F) Assisting at the polls on election day on behalf of any political organization or candidate for elective office or for or against any referendum question;
- (G) Soliciting votes on behalf of a candidate for elective office or a political organization or for or against any referendum question or helping in an effort to get voters to the polls;
- (H) Initiating for circulation, preparing, circulating, reviewing or filing any petition on behalf of a candidate for elective office or for or against any referendum question;
- (I) Making contributions on behalf of any candidate for elective office in that capacity or in connection with a campaign for elective office;

- (J) Preparing or reviewing responses to candidate questionnaires;
- (K) Distributing, preparing for distribution or mailing campaign material on behalf of any candidate for elective office or for or against any referendum question;
- (L) Campaigning for any elective office or for or against any referendum question;
- (M) Managing or working on a campaign for elective office or for or against any referendum question;
- (N) Serving as a delegate, alternate or proxy to a political party convention;
- (O) Participating in any recount or challenge to the outcome of any election.

**"Prohibited source"** means any person or entity who:

- (A) is seeking official action:
  - (1) by an officer or
  - (2) by an employee, or by the officer or another employee directing that employee;
- (B) does business or seeks to do business:
  - (1) with the officer or
  - (2) with an employee, or with the officer or another employee directing that employee;
- (C) conducts activities regulated:
  - (1) by the officer or
  - (2) by an employee, or by the officer or another employee directing that employee; or
- (D) has interests that may be substantially affected by the performance or non-performance of the official duties of the officer or employee.

**1-6-2 PROHIBITED POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.**

(A) No officer or employee shall intentionally perform any prohibited political activity during any compensated time, as defined herein. No officer or employee shall intentionally use any property or resources of the Village in connection with any prohibited political activity.

(B) At no time shall any officer or employee intentionally require any other officer or employee to perform any prohibited political activity (i) as part of that officer or employee's duties, (ii) as a condition of employment, or (iii) during any compensated time off (such as holidays, vacation or personal time off).

(C) No officer or employee shall be required at any time to participate in any prohibited political activity in consideration for that officer or employee being awarded additional compensation or any benefit, whether in the form of a salary adjustment, bonus, compensatory time off, continued employment or otherwise, nor shall any officer or employee be awarded additional compensation or any benefit in consideration for his or her participation in any prohibited political activity.



(D) Nothing in this Section prohibits activities that are permissible for an officer or employee to engage in as part of his or her official duties, or activities that are undertaken by an officer or employee on a voluntary basis which are not prohibited by this Article.

(E) No person either (i) in a position that is subject to recognized merit principles of public employment or (ii) in a position the salary for which is paid in whole or in part by federal funds and that is subject to the Federal Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration applicable to grant-in-aid programs, shall be denied or deprived of employment or tenure solely because he or she is a member or an officer of a political committee, of a political party, or of a political organization or club.

**1-6-3 GIFT BAN.** Except as permitted by this Article, no officer or employee, and no spouse of or immediate family member living with any officer or employee (collectively referred to herein as "recipients"), shall intentionally solicit or accept any gift from any prohibited source, as defined herein, or which is otherwise prohibited by law or ordinance. No prohibited source shall intentionally offer or make a gift that violates this Section.

(B) **Exceptions.** This Section is not applicable to the following:

- (1) Opportunities, benefits, and services that are available on the same conditions as for the general public;
- (2) Anything for which the officer or employee, or his or her spouse or immediate family member, pays the fair market value;
- (3) Any (i) contribution that is lawfully made under the Election Code or (ii) activities associated with a fundraising event in support of a political organization or candidate;
- (4) Educational materials and missions;
- (5) Travel expenses for a meeting to discuss business;
- (6) A gift from a relative, meaning those people related to the individual as father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, great aunt, great uncle, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, grandfather, grandmother, grandson, granddaughter, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, half sister, and including the father, mother, grandfather, or grandmother of the individual's spouse and the individual's fiance or fiancée.
- (7) Anything provided by an individual on the basis of a personal friendship unless the recipient has reason to believe that, under the circumstances, the gift was provided because of the official position or employment of the recipient or his or her spouse or immediate family member and not because of

the personal friendship. In determining whether a gift is provided on the basis of personal friendship, the recipient shall consider the circumstances under which the gift was offered, such as: (i) the history of the relationship between the individual giving the gift and the recipient of the gift, including any previous exchange of gifts between those individuals; (ii) whether to the actual knowledge of the recipient the individual who gave the gift personally paid for the gift or sought a tax deduction or business reimbursement for the gift; and (iii) whether to the actual knowledge of the recipient the individual who gave the gift also at the same time gave the same or similar gifts to other officers or employees, or their spouses or immediate family members;

- (8) Food or refreshments not exceeding **Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00)** per person in value on a single calendar day; provided that the food or refreshments are (i) consumed on the premises from which they were purchased or prepared or (ii) catered. For the purposes of this Section, "catered" means food or refreshments that are purchased ready to consume which are delivered by any means;
- (9) Food, refreshments, lodging, transportation, and other benefits resulting from outside business or employment activities (or outside activities that are not connected to the official duties of an officer or employee), if the benefits have not been offered or enhanced because of the official position or employment of the officer or employee, and there are customarily provided to others in similar circumstances.
- (10) **Intra-governmental and Inter-governmental Gifts.** For the purpose of this Act, "intragovernmental gift" means any gift given to an officer or employee from another officer or employee, and "inter-governmental gift" means any gift given to an officer or employee by an officer or employee of another governmental entity;
- (11) Bequests, inheritances, and other transfers at death;
- (12) Any item or items from any one prohibited source during any calendar year having a cumulative total value of less than **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).**

Each of the exceptions listed in this Section is mutually exclusive and independent of every other.

(C) **Disposition of Gifts.** An officer or employee, his or her spouse or an immediate family member living with the officer or employee, does not violate this Article if the recipient promptly takes reasonable action to return a gift from a

prohibited source to its source or gives the gift or an amount equal to its value to an appropriate charity that is exempt from income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now or hereafter amended, renumbered, or succeeded.

**1-6-4            ETHICS COMMISSION.**

(A)            There is hereby created a commission to be known as the Ethics Commission of the Village. The Commission shall be comprised of **three (3) members** appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees. No person shall be appointed as a member of the Commission who is related, either by blood or by marriage up to the degree of first cousin, to any elected officer of the Village. No more than **two (2) members** of the Commission shall belong to the same political party at the time such appointments are made. Party affiliation shall be determined by affidavit of the person appointed.

(B)            At the first meeting of the Commission, the initial appointees shall draw lots to determine their initial terms. **Two (2)** commissioners shall serve **two (2) year** terms, and the third commissioner shall serve a **one (1) year** term. Thereafter, all commissioners shall be appointed to **two (2) year** terms. Commissioners may be reappointed to serve subsequent terms.

At the first meeting of the Commission, the commissioners shall choose a chairperson from their number. Meetings shall be held at the call of the chairperson or any **two (2)** commissioners. A quorum shall consist of **two (2)** commissioners, and official action by the Commission shall require the affirmative vote of **two (2) members**.

(C)            The Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees, may remove a commissioner in case of incompetence, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office after service on the commissioner by certified mail, return receipt requested, of a copy of the written charges against the commissioner and after providing an opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel upon not less than **ten (10) days'** notice. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

(D)            The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) To promulgate procedures and rules governing the performance of its duties and the exercise of its powers.
- (2) Upon receipt of a signed, notarized, written complaint, to investigate, conduct hearings and deliberations, issue recommendations for disciplinary actions, impose fines in accordance with **Section 1-6-5(C)** of this Article and refer violations of **Section 1-6-2** or **Section 1-6-3** of this Article to the appropriate attorney for prosecution. The Commission shall, however, act only upon the receipt of a written complaint alleging a violation of this Article and not upon its own prerogative.

- (3) To receive information from the public pertaining to its investigations and to require additional information and documents from persons who may have violated the provisions of this Article.
- (4) To compel the attendance of witnesses and to compel the production of books and papers pertinent to an investigation. It is the obligation of all officers and employees of the Village to cooperate with the Commission during the course of its investigations. Failure or refusal to cooperate with requests by the Commission shall constitute grounds for discipline or discharge.
- (5) The powers and duties of the Commission are limited to matters clearly within the purview of this Article.

(E) **Complaints.** Complaints alleging a violation of this Article shall be filed with the Ethics Commission.

(F) Within **three (3) business days** after the receipt of a complaint, the Commission shall send by certified mail, return receipt requested, a notice to the respondent that a complaint has been filed against him or her and a copy of the complaint. The Commission shall send by certified mail, return receipt requested, a confirmation of the receipt of the complaint to the complainant within **three (3) business days** after receipt by the Commission. The notices to the respondent and the complainant shall also advise them of the date, time, and place of the meeting to determine the sufficiency of the complaint and to establish whether probable cause exists to proceed.

(G) Upon not less than **forty-eight (48) hours'** public notice, the Commission shall meet to review the sufficiency of the complaint and, if the complaint is deemed sufficient to allege a violation of this Article, to determine whether there is probable cause, based on the evidence presented by the complainant, to proceed. The meeting may be closed to the public to the extent authorized by the Open Meetings Act. The Commission shall issue notice to the complainant and the respondent of the Commission's ruling on the sufficiency of the complaint and, if necessary, on probable cause to proceed within **seven (7) business days** after receiving the complaint.

If the complaint is deemed sufficient to allege a violation of **Section 1-6-3** of this Article and there is a determination of probable cause, then the Commission's notice to the parties shall include a hearing date scheduled within **four (4) weeks** after the complaint's receipt. Alternatively, the Commission may elect to notify in writing the attorney designated by the corporate authorities to prosecute such actions and request that the complaint be adjudicated judicially. If the complaint is deemed not sufficient to allege a violation or if there is no determination of probable cause, then the Commission shall send by certified mail, return receipt requested, a notice to the parties of the decision to dismiss the complaint, and that notice shall be made public.

If the complaint is deemed sufficient to allege a violation of **Section 1-6-2** of this Article, then the Commission shall notify in writing the attorney designated by the Corporate Authorities to prosecute such actions and shall transmit to the attorney the complaint and all additional documents in the custody of the Commission concerning the alleged violation.

(H) On the scheduled date and upon at least **forty-eight (48) hours'** public notice of the meeting, the Commission shall conduct a hearing on the complaint and shall allow both parties the opportunity to present testimony and evidence. The hearing may be closed to the public only if authorized by the Open Meetings Act.

(I) Within **thirty (30) days** after the date the hearing or any recessed hearing is concluded, the Commission shall either: (a) dismiss the complaint or (b) issue a recommendation for discipline to the alleged violator and to the Mayor, or impose a fine upon the violator, or both. The particular findings in the case, any recommendation for discipline and any fine imposed shall be a matter of public information.

(J) If the hearing was closed to the public, the respondent may file a written demand for a public hearing on the complaint within **seven (7) business days** after the issuance of the recommendation for discipline or imposition of a fine, or both. The filing of the demand shall stay the enforcement of the recommendation or fine. Within **fourteen (14) days** after receiving the demand, the Commission shall conduct a public hearing on the complaint upon at least **forty-eight (48) hours'** public notice of the hearing and allow both parties the opportunity to present testimony and evidence. Within **seven (7) days** thereafter, the Commission shall publicly issue a final recommendation to the alleged violator and to the Mayor or impose a fine upon the violator, or both.

(K) If a complaint is filed during the **sixty (60) days** preceding the date of any election at which the respondent is a candidate, the Commission shall render its decision as required under subsection (I) within **seven (7) days** after the complaint is filed, and during the **seven (7) days** preceding that election, the Commission shall render such decision before the date of that election, if possible.

(L) The Commission may fine any person who intentionally violates any provision of **Section 1-6-3** of this Article in an amount of not less than **One Thousand One Dollars (\$1,001.00)** and not more than **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)**. The Commission may fine any person who knowingly files a frivolous complaint alleging a violation of this Article in an amount of not less than **One Thousand One Dollars (\$1,001.00)** and not more than **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)**. The Commission may recommend any appropriate discipline up to and including discharge.

(M) A complaint alleging the violation of this Act must be filed within **one (1) year** after the alleged violation.

**1-6-5        PENALTIES.**

(A)            A person who intentionally violates any provision of **Section 1-6-2** of this Article may be punished by a term of incarceration in a penal institution other than a penitentiary for a period of not more than **three hundred sixty-four (364) days**, and may be fined in an amount not to exceed **Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00)**.

(B)            A person who intentionally violates any provision of **Section 1-6-3** of this Article is subject to a fine in an amount of not less than **One Thousand One Dollars (\$1,001.00)** and not more than **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)**.

(C)            Any person who intentionally makes a false report alleging a violation of any provision of this Article to the local enforcement authorities, the State's Attorney or any other law enforcement official may be punished by a term of incarceration in a penal institution other than a penitentiary for a period of not more than **three hundred sixty-four (364) days**, and may be fined in an amount not to exceed **Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00)**.

(D)            A violation of **Section 1-6-2** of this Article shall be prosecuted as a criminal offense by an attorney for the Village by filing in the circuit court any information, or sworn complaint, charging such offense. The prosecution shall be under and conform to the rules of criminal procedure. Conviction shall require the establishment of the guilt of the defendant beyond a reasonable doubt.

A violation of **Section 1-6-3** of this Article may be prosecuted as a quasi-criminal offense by an attorney for the Village, or, if an Ethics Commission has been created, by the Commission through the designated administrative procedure.

(E)            In addition to any other penalty that may be applicable, whether criminal or civil, an officer or employee who intentionally violates any provision of **Section 1-6-2** or **1-6-3** of this Article is subject to discipline or discharge.

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**ARTICLE VII – MEETING PROCEDURES**

**DIVISION I – RECORDING CLOSED MEETINGS**

**1-7-1 RECORDING CLOSED SESSIONS.** The Village shall keep a verbatim record of all closed or executive session meetings of the corporate authorities of the Village or any subsidiary “public body” as defined by the Illinois Open Meetings Act, **5 ILCS 120/1**. The verbatim record shall be in the form of an audio or video recording as determined by the corporate authorities. **(See 5 ILCS 120/2)**

**1-7-2 RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECORDING CLOSED SESSIONS AND MAINTAINING RECORDINGS.** The Village Clerk or his or her designee shall be responsible for arranging for the recording of such closed or executive sessions. In the absence of the Village Clerk or his or her designee, the meeting Chair will arrange for the audio or video recording of the closed or executive session of the Village Board. Each subsidiary public body of the Village shall designate an individual who will be responsible for the recording of any and all closed or executive sessions of the subsidiary body and for providing the Village Clerk with a copy of such recording. The Village Clerk, or his or her designee, shall securely maintain the verbatim recordings of all closed sessions of the corporate authorities of the Village and all subsidiary public bodies of the Village.

**1-7-3 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES.** In addition to the recordings of the closed and executive session as addressed in this Division, the Village will keep minutes of all closed meetings in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, **5 ILCS 120/2.06**.

**1-7-4 PROCEDURE FOR RECORDING.** At the beginning of each closed session, those present shall identify themselves by voice for the audio recording. If the meeting is videotaped, those present shall individually appear on camera and identify themselves by voice at the beginning of the closed session. The meeting Chair shall also announce the times the closed session commences and ends at the appropriate points on the recording.

**1-7-5 BACK-UP EQUIPMENT/PROCEDURE FOR EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION.** The Village shall maintain sufficient tapes, batteries and equipment for the Village to comply with this Division. The Village Clerk or his/her designee shall periodically check the equipment to confirm that it is functioning. In the event that anyone present at a closed session determines that the equipment is not functioning properly, the closed session will be temporarily suspended to attempt to correct any

malfunction. In the event that an equipment malfunction cannot be corrected immediately, the closed session will terminate until such time as the closed session may proceed with a functioning recording device.

**1-7-6 PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AND RECORDINGS.** At one meeting at least every **six (6) months**, the agenda shall include the item: "Review of the minutes and recordings of all closed sessions that have not yet been released for public review, and determination of which minutes, if any, may be released." Minutes shall be reviewed in closed session and shall not be released unless the corporate authorities of the Village find that it is no longer necessary to protect the public interest or the privacy of an individual by keeping them confidential. As to any minutes not released, the corporate authorities shall find that the "need for confidentiality still exists" as to those minutes. Minutes of closed sessions shall be kept indefinitely.

**1-7-7 MAINTENANCE AND PUBLIC RELEASE OF RECORDINGS AND ACCESS TO TAPES.** The audio or video tape recordings of closed sessions shall be maintained for **eighteen (18) months** after the closed session and shall not be released to the public unless such release is required by a court order or specifically authorized for release by a vote of the Village Board. Members of the corporate authorities may listen to the closed session recordings in the presence of the Village clerk or his or her designee. Copies of such tapes will not be made or provided to anyone unless specifically authorized by vote of the Village Board.

**1-7-8 PROCEDURE FOR DESTRUCTION OF RECORDINGS.** The Village Clerk or his or her designee is hereby authorized to destroy the audio and video recordings of those closed sessions for which:

(A) The corporate authorities of the Village have approved the minutes of the closed sessions as to accurate content, regardless of whether the minutes have been released for public review;

(B) More than **eighteen (18) months** have elapsed since the date of the closed session;

(C) There is no court order requiring the preservation of such recording; and

(D) The corporate authorities of the Village have not passed a motion requiring the preservation of the verbatim recording of that meeting.

**1-7-9 - 1-7-10 RESERVED.**



**DIVISION II – REMOTE MEETING PARTICIPATION**

**1-7-11**     **STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR PARTICIPATION.** Pursuant to Public Act 94-1058 which amends the Open Meetings Act in **5 ILCS 120/7**, this municipality does hereby establish a policy that permits members of the corporate body to attend meetings by means other than physical presence.

**1-7-12**     **DEFINITION OF MEETING.** The term “meeting” shall mean “any gathering, whether in person or by video or audio conference, telephone calls, electronic means (such as, without limitation, electronic mail, electronic chat and instant messaging), or other means of contemporary interactive communication, of a majority of a quorum of the members of a public body held for the purpose of discussing public business” or such other definition as shall be contained within the state statutes.

**1-7-13**     **AMENDMENT OF PREVIOUS TERMS.** The definition of “meeting” set forth in **Section 1-7-12** shall supersede and replace any other definition used in any previous or existing ordinance.

**1-7-14**     **REMOTE PARTICIPATION POLICY.** The Village hereby adopts the Remote Participation Policy, as outlined in Addendum “A”, that permits a member of the public body to attend and participate in any meeting of a public body as defined in the Open Meetings Act from a remote location via telephone, video, or internet connection provided that such attendance and participation is in compliance with the policy and any applicable laws.