

**Village of Lovington**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**August 14, 2023**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Call to order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Guests:**

**Minutes and action of Village Clerk.**

Discussion and Action on July 2023 Invoices

Discussion and Action on July 10,2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

**Treasurer's Report**

Discussion and Action July 2023 treasurer's report

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Closed session**

Meeting of "The Mayor & Commissioners of a municipality organized under article 4 of the Municipal Code held to discuss matters, which relate solely to exercise their executive or administrative responsibilities."

5 ILCS 120/2 Sec.2 (c) (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of Specific employees

**Return to Open Session**

Action on Closed Session

**Department Reports**

**Water and Sewer Report**

1. Report and action if needed

**Parks and Special Projects**

1. Report and action if needed

**Police**

1. Report and action if needed

**Streets and Alleys**

1. Report and action if needed

**Buildings and Grounds**

1. Report and action if needed

**Insurance**

1. Report and action on any insurance needs

**Presidents Report**

1. Report and action if needed

**Adjournment**

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**Call to order:** President Roger Walker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Walker led the pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call found the following trustees to be present: Mike Young, Brittany Bates, April Daily, Keith Stanberry, Todd Hale and Dennis Garmon. Also present was President Roger Walker and Clerk Alma Fair.

**Guests:** Howard Yoder stated that with the Amish community coming closer to Lovington he thinks we need more hitch racks. He thinks one would be enough for the downtown area and maybe a better one at Casey's. Daily commented that she and Chris can go around town to see where they can be located.

**Minutes and action of Village Clerk**

**1. Discussion and action on the July 2023 invoices**

**A Motion** was made by Daily and seconded by Bates to accept the July 2023 invoices as presented.

**YEA:** Young, Bates, Daily, Stanberry, Hale, Garmon

**No:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2. Discussion and action on July 10, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes**

**A Motion** was made by Young seconded by Hale to approve the July 10, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

**YEA:** Bates, Daily, Stanberry, Hale, Garmon, Young

**No:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Treasurer's Report**

**1. Discussion and action July 2023 treasurer's report**

**A Motion** was made by Young seconded by Hale to accept July 2023 treasurer's report.

**YEA:** Hale, Bates, Stanberry, Daily, Garmon, Young

**No:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Old Business:** The garbage service was discussed again. Clerk Fair will contact the attorney regarding an ordinance for the service. Clerk Fair also stated that the Codification service sent the revised code of ordinances for us to look at. We will need a special meeting to go over the new ordinance book.

**New Business:** None

**Closed Session:** Meeting of "The Mayor & Commissioners of a municipality organized under article 4 of the Municipal Code held to discuss matters, which relate solely to exercise their executive or administrative responsibilities."

5 ILCS 120/2 Sec. 2 (c) (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of Specific employees

**A Motion** was made by Daily and seconded by Hale to go into closed session at 6:31pm for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of Specific employees.

**YEA:** Bates, Stanberry, Daily, Garmon, Young, Hale

**No:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Return to Open Session:** Action on Closed Session

**A Motion** was made by Young seconded by Daily to return to open session at 7:18 pm.

**YEA:** Hale, Bates, Stanberry, Daily, Garmon, Young

**No:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**A Motion** was made by Daily seconded by Bates to purchase 4 GPS units for the Village vehicles.

**YEA:** Bates, Stanberry, Daily, Garmon, Young, Hale

**No:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**A Motion** was made by Daily seconded by Hale to purchase a computer & printer for the street garage as presented by Stanberry.

**YEA:** Stanberry, Daily, Garmon, Young, Hale, Bates

**No:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**A Motion** was made by Garmon seconded by Young to relocate the unused Internet connection from the water plant to the street garage.

**YEA:** Daily, Garmon, Young, Hale, Bates, Stanberry

**No:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **Department Reports**

### **Water & Sewer Report – Todd Hale**

Doggett has been inspecting manholes as they have time. The Sewer was plugged behind the East End again, they jetted and cleaned it out. They borrowed John Renfro's camera to see a lot of the roots. Hale will look into purchasing a camera for us to use. Brought up about purchasing a trailer to keep tools in again. Also, looking for a toolbox for the truck. Had to replace the blower at the sewer plant and had the other one rebuilt.

### **Park and Special Projects – Brittany Bates**

Had movie night last Friday evening. The Timm Trust meeting will be August 24<sup>th</sup> and she is asking for new picnic tables as well as a gazebo for the park for entertainment at the Junefest.

### **Police – Dennis Garmon**

We have the stats for the month from Chief Swisher. Also, Jay Clark will not be able to help out as a police officer for health reasons.

### **Streets and Alleys – Mike Young**

The truck has been repaired and they are starting on sidewalks.

### **Buildings and Grounds – April Daily**

She suggested we leave the property that was discussed last month as it is. Gillis will be dragging the alley's. She spoke to Steve Wood regarding what we are thinking of doing with the garbage service.

### **Insurance – Keith Stanberry**

Nothing new to report

### **Presidents Report – Roger Walker**

He checked on the abandoned houses. Sawyer's house will be sold for county taxes. Regarding the rest of the houses, the attorney is waiting for the judge to get it on the docket.

Walker is planning to sell his house and move to Sullivan, so he is planning to resign and recommending that Dennis Garmon take his place.

**A Motion** was made by Daily seconded by Bates to accept Walker's resignation as mayor and accept his recommendation of Dennis Garmon to replace him.

**YEA:** Daily, Young, Hale, Bates, Stanberry

**No:** None

**Abstain:** Garmon

**MOTION CARRIED**

Walker will still be mayor until the clerk receives his written letter of resignation. A meeting has been scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm so the clerk can accept his written letter of resignation and swear in the new mayor.

One more item was a letter from ROSC which stands for Recovery Oriented Systems of Care, they are asking to Paint the town purple by putting purple ribbons on the main road in Lovington. This was okay with the board.

**Adjournment**

**A Motion** was made by Garmon and seconded Young to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

**YEA:** all agreed

**No:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**



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Alma M. Fair, Village Clerk

September 11, 2023

Date Approved