

Village of Lovington
Regular Board Meeting
December 11, 2023
6:00 p.m.

- **Call to order**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Guests:**
- **Swearing in New Trustee**

- **Minutes and action of Village Clerk.**
Discussion and Action on Nov 2023 Invoices
Discussion and Action on Nov 13, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes
Discussion and Action on 2024 Regular Board Meeting Schedule
Report on USDA audit

- **Treasurer's Report**
Discussion and Action Nov 2023 treasurer's report

- **Old Business**

- **New Business**
Discussion and Action on Ordinance 2023-05 Article V "Electric Utility Tax" to Chapter 36
Discussion and Action on Ordinance 2023-06 Article IV "Gas Tax" to Chapter 36
Discussion and Action on Placing a Repeater at the Water Tower

- **Department Reports**

- **Water and Sewer Report**
Report and action if needed

- **Parks and Special Projects**
Report and action if needed

- **Police**
Report and action if needed

- **Streets and Alleys**
Report and action if needed

- **Buildings and Grounds**
Report and action if needed

- **Insurance**
Report and action on any insurance needs

- **Presidents Report**
Report and action if needed

- **Adjournment**

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Call to order: President Dennis Garmon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Garmon led the pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call found the following trustees to be present: Mike Young, Brittany Bates, and Todd Hale. Also, present was President Dennis Garmon and Clerk Alma Fair.
Keith Stanberry and April Daily were absent. April Daily arrived at 6:15 pm

Guests: Amy Urbeck (Jeff) regarding the garbage service. She had a container that she painted, and they still haven't picked up. Are they going to pick up garbage in the 2nd trash can? Also, will there be compensation for Christmas garbage.

Swearing in New Trustee

Clerk Fair swore in newly appointed Andrea Wardrip to replace Trustee Garmon after he accepted the president position.
President Garmon Appointed Trustee Wardrip to oversee insurance.

Minutes and action of Village Clerk

1. Discussion and action on the November 2023 invoices

A Motion was made by Daily and seconded by Hale to accept the November 2023 invoices as presented.

YEA: Bates, Daily, Hale, Young, Wardrip

No: None

Absent: Stanberry

MOTION CARRIED

2. Discussion and action on November 13, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes

A Motion was made by Young seconded by Bates to approve the November 13, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

YEA: Wardrip, Daily, Hale, Young, Bates

No: None

Absent: Stanberry

MOTION CARRIED

A Motion was made by Daily seconded by Hale to approve the 2024 Meeting Dates with November's meeting to be on November 11th.

YEA: Bates, Wardrip, Daily, Hale, Young

No: None

Absent: Stanberry

MOTION CARRIED

3. Report on USDA audit

Clerk Fair reported on the USDA audit that was performed in October. There is a list of items that need to be done by 9/1/2025. She provided the list to trustee Daily.

4. Review Audit report from Auditor

Treasurer's Report

1. Discussion and action November 2023 treasurer's report

A Motion was made by Daily seconded by Bates to accept November 2023 treasurer's report.

YEA: Hale, Bates, Wardrip, Daily, Young

No: None

Absent: Stanberry

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business:

New Business:

Discussion and Action on Ordinance 2023-05 Article V “Electric Utility Tax” to Chapter 36

Table until we talk to Frank again.

Discussion and Action on Ordinance 2023-06 Article IV “Gas Tax” to Chapter 36

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A Motion was made by Daily seconded by Young to approve the placement of a repeater at the Water Tower.

YEA: Daily, Young, Hale, Bates, Wardrip

No: None

Absent: Stanberry

MOTION CARRIED

Chief Swisher will find out tomorrow when the lease will be available.

Department Reports

Water & Sewer Report – Todd Hale

1. Report and action if needed

Water main break in the alley between Al Best Dr and Noah St. Well house on well 9 needs to be replaced or repaired. Repair. Spoke with Farnsworth regarding the 5-year plan for water and sewer. Discussion regarding the machine we are renting from Vermeer – asked if we still needed the machine for the use of checking water meters for lead. They also used the machine to fix the water main break and it took 2 hours without damage and minimal backfill compared to 6 to 10 hours to fix it without the machine.

Park and Special Projects – Brittany Bates

1. Report and action if needed

Breakfast with Santa this weekend. The gazebo is being worked on.

Police – Keith Stanberry

1. Report and action if needed

Garmon reported in Stanberry’s absence.

Streets and Alleys – Mike Young

1. Report and action if needed

Vacuumed leaves on E State St

Buildings and Grounds – April Daily

1. Report and action if needed

Daily spoke with Mr. Miller regarding the hitching rack. He would like to have it large enough to take care of 6 horses. Best to put down a concrete pad for the rack. She will ask Chris to check into the size needed. She has a bid for redoing the front office from Chad Watkins for \$4500.00. Garmon suggested just removing door that goes into the meeting room on the south side. Daily will contact him again regarding increasing Morgan’s desk space.

Insurance – Keith Stanberry

1. Report and action if needed

Wardrip will be taking over.

Presidents Report – Dennis Garmon

1. Report and action if needed

Garmon reported that a couple of business owners in town have not had residence garbage service and only use their service at their business.

A Motion was made by Young seconded by Hale to allow business owners to take their home garbage to their business dumpsters.

YEA: Bates, Wardrip, Daily, Young, Hale

No: None

Absent: Stanberry

MOTION CARRIED


Adjournment

A Motion was made by Young to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

YEA: all agreed

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alma M. Fair". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Alma M. Fair, Village Clerk

January 08, 2024

Date Approved