

Village of Lovington
Regular Board Meeting
Feb 12, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests:

- **Minutes and action of Village Clerk.**
 - Talking to Frank H from the Codification Company regarding changes to the ordinance book
 - Discussion and Action on Jan 2024 Invoices
 - Discussion and Action on Jan 8, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes
 - Approval of Jan 8, 2024, Closed Session Minutes
 - Discussion and Action on changes to appropriations
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Discussion and Action Jan 2024 treasurer's report
- **Old Business**
 - Review of Ordinance Book Changes after Clerk discussed with Frank H from the Codification Company.
 - Discussion and Action on Gas and Electric Ordinances as presented last December.
- **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) (2) deliberations on wages
- **Return from Closed Session**
 - Discussion and Action on Closed Session
- **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: Keith Stanberry, Mike Young, April Daily, Brittany Bates, Andrea Wardrip and Todd Hale. Also, present was President Dennis Garmon and Clerk Alma Fair.

Guests: Nicole Ashenfelter – looking for property for a business to store dumpsters, possibly the area on E State Street.

Minutes and action of Village Clerk

1. Talk with Frank H from the Codification Company regarding changes to the ordinance book.

President Garmon phoned Frank, had it on speaker so all could hear.

Frank stated that all other changes have been corrected. He spoke on the Chapter 36 ordinance for gas & electricity tax. Clerk Fair sent him her electric bill and it would only increase it \$2.49.

He has redone the zoning ordinance for the zoning board to review.

2. Discussion and action on the January 2024 invoices

A Motion was made by Daily and seconded by Hale to accept the January 2024 invoices as presented.

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

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

3. Discussion and action January 8, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes

A Motion was made by Daily and seconded by Young to approve the January 8, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes as corrected.

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

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

4. Approval of January 8, 2024, Closed Session Minutes

A Motion was made by Daily and seconded by Stanberry to approve the January 8, 2024, closed session minutes as presented.

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

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

5. Discussion and Action on changes to Appropriation 2024-2025

Fair went over and explained what the appropriation ordinance was and how she arrived at the changes.

A Motion was made by Daily and seconded by Bates to approve the annual appropriation ordinance for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be on file for 30 days with corrections.

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

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report

1. Discussion and action January 2024 treasurer's report

A Motion was made by Young and seconded by Hale to accept January 2024 treasurer's report.

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

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

Daily will contact the bank tomorrow regarding the terms of the CD's and any special rates they might have.

Old Business:

1. Review of Ordinance Book Changes after Clerk discussed with Frank H from the Codification Company.

As stated in the above conversation with Frank. He has corrected all the changes that we found to be incorrect in the new book.

2. Discussion and Action on Gas and Electric Ordinances as presented last month.

Daily – after hearing from Frank she thinks we need to do it.

A Motion was made by Daily and seconded by Hale to move forward with the Gas & Electric as well as the telecommunication tax ordinance as presented.

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

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

New Business: None

Closed Session:

5 ILCS 120/2 Sec.2 (c) (2) deliberations on wages

A Motion was made by Young and seconded by Hale to go into closed session at 7:32 PM for the purpose of deliberations on wages.

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

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

Return to Open Session

A Motion was made by Hale and seconded by Young to return to open session at 8:12 pm.

All voted yea.

MOTION CARRIED

A Motion was made by Daily and seconded by Bates to approve the raises as discussed in closed session effective 5/1/24.

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

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

Department Reports

Water & Sewer Report – Todd Hale

1. Report and action if needed

All is going well with water & sewer. Hale walked around the sewer plant today and a couple of the motors might need to be replaced. There are grants that can be looked into for it.

Park and Special Projects – Brittany Bates

1. Report and action if needed

March 30th the fireworks contract for \$11,500 needs to be signed. Town cleanup will be June 1st with the time to be determined after talking to Chris Gillis.

Power Wheel Derby 2024 will be June 8th, 2024 with Shawnee Communications sponsoring it at Junefest.

A quote from 25/8 Xtreme for \$3065 was received for Junefest.

A Motion was made by Daily and seconded by Wardrip to accept the quote from 25/8 Xtreme for \$3065 and offer the activities free to the community.

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

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

Park committee will be meeting on 2/26 to plan the Easter Egg hunt.

Police – Keith Stanberry

1. Report and action if needed

Read a letter of thanks from the Moultrie County Sheriff's on help give from our police department.

Streets and Alleys – Mike Young

1. Report and action if needed

Motor Fuel meeting to be the middle of March.

Buildings and Grounds – April Daily

1. Report and action if needed

Chris will be checking on the sidewalks soon. Several trees will be coming down also because they are hollow.

Update on houses that need to be torn down. She will talk to our attorney.

Updated us on 40 hours PTO law in Illinois. Fair will be setting in on a webinar with the state regarding this on 2/22/24.

Insurance – Andrea Wardrip

1. Report and action if needed

Nothing to report.

Presidents Report – Dennis Garmon

1. Report and action if needed
 - a. The Hydraulic Vac needs to have an updated quote.
 - b. The USDA loan can be paid off. Clerk Fair and Mayor Garmon will determine which funds to use to pay it off and report back next month.
 - c. The property that tonight's guests inquired about. It was determined it wasn't a good idea since it is zoned residential. President Garmon will contact them.

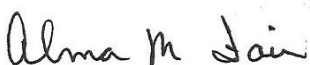
Adjournment

A Motion was made Young to adjourn at 9:14 p.m.

YEA: all agreed

No: None

MOTION CARRIED



Alma Fair Clerk

March 11, 2024

Date Approved