

**Village of Lovington
Regular Board Meeting
6:00 PM
Jan 12, 2026**

Call to order: President Brittany Bates called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Bates led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call found the following trustees to be present: Chrissy Giorgi, Bennie Hume, Andrea Wardrip, Harold White. President Brittany Bates and Clerk Donyell Morgan were also present. Keith Stanberry and Todd Hale were absent.

Guests: Shelley Martina, Chris Allen, Dena Norris and Roger Nuxoll from Farnsworth. Shelly spoke on behalf of the Lovington Fireworks Committee asking if the Village could pay for the Fireworks, struggling every year with donations, if the Village pays for the Fireworks, the Firework Committee will pay for the entertainment. Chris Allen was here from the Housing Committee from the Mapping Group; he brought some pamphlets for the Village to provide to the residents concerning USDA Single family housing direct home loans and accessing IHDA resources and programs. Chris was also checking to see if we thought anymore about investing in Illinois Land Bank. Roger Nuxoll was here to go over the plans for the bike trail and go over the need for the 2 new ordinances regarding sewer rate increase and loan arraignment for the sewer plant upgrade.

Minutes and action of Village Clerk

1. Discussion and action on December 2025 Invoices

A Motion was made by Giorgi and seconded by White to accept the December 2025 invoices as presented.

YEA: Giorgi, Hume, Wardrip, White

No: None

Absent: Hale, Stanberry

MOTION CARRIED

2. Discussion and action December 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

A Motion was made by White and seconded by Giorgi, to accept the December 2025 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

YEA: All in Favor

No: None

Absent: Hale, Stanberry

MOTION CARRIED

3. A reminder to the trustees to have employee evaluations done before the February meeting to determine raises.

4. Ask that any changes to the Appropriation/Budget for 2025-2026 should be given to Clerk Morgan before February meeting.

Treasurer's Report

1. Discussion and action December 2025 Treasurer's Report

A Motion was made by White and seconded by Wardrip to accept the December 2025 Treasurer's Report.

YEA: Hume, Wardrip, White, Giorgi

No: None

Absent: Hale, Stanberry

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business

1. Discussion and Action on a Horsing Hitch for Uptown

Andrea Spoke with Mrs. Miller regarding a horse hitch placement near the car wash, Mrs. Miller would have no problems with it as long as 1) wants it placed on North side of lot. 2) will not be responsible for cleanup. 3) no concrete to be poured on property. Andrea would like to table until next meeting to speak with Gillis and Coslow regarding cleanup and if they would be able to install the horse hitch themselves.

YEA: Wardrip, White, Giorgi, Hume

No: None

Absent: Hale, Stanberry

MOTIONN CARRIED

New Business

1. Discussion and Action on Employee Dental/Vision & Life Insurance

No Discussion and Action were needed.

2. Discussion and Action on Guardian Bill

A Motion was made by Giorgi and seconded by Wardrip to reimburse Dennis Coslow the refunded amount of \$ 158.08 from Guardian.

YEA: All in Favor

No: None

Absent: Hale, Stanberry

MOTION CARRIED

3. Discussion and Action on Ordinance 2026-01 Amending Ordinance 38-4-79 regarding rates and charges.

A Motion was made by Giorgi and seconded by Hume to accept Ordinance 2026-01 rates and charges.

YEA: White, Giorgi, Hume, Wardrip

NO: None

Absent: Hale, Stanberry

MOTION CARRIED

4. Discussion and Action on Ordinance 2026-02 Authorizing the Village of Lovington to Borrow funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program.

A Motion was made by White and seconded by Wardrip to accept Ordinance 2026-02 to borrow funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements-Project Plan.

YEA: Giorgi, Hume, Wardrip, White

No: None

Absent: Hale, Stanberry

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5. Discussion and Action on Resolution 2026-01 to Establish Compensation of the Village Clerk

A Motion was made by Giorgi to Table until next month after employee evaluations have been done.

6. Discussion and Action on 3 Flock License Plate Reader Cameras

A Motion was made by Morgan per Keith Stanberry to Table until next meeting when he can be here.

Department Reports

Presidents Report – Brittany went over Accomplishments for 2025- Paid off Water Tower, Water Tower was powered washed, Sponsored the Farmer’s Market in the Park, New Traffic Barriers in front of Zancha’s. A new fence was put up at the Sewer Plant. 1.1 million grant was awarded for the walking trail. Sold properties 360 E State St and Railroad Property along 1100 E to 1200 E.

Water & Sewer Report – Brittany went over Chris Gillis report, Sample tap for Well 9 froze, December samples were not passing, Well 9 is offline at this time, working on getting samples to pass. Chris tool state test on Dec. 9, still waiting on results. Water plant generator was fixed with new exercise time. Lead and Copper results ae back for 6-25 through 12-25.

Park and Special Projects – Chrissy reported Breakfast with Santa had a good turnout. Easter will be the next Park Board activity in April.

Police –. Brittany went over Chief Swisher’s report, had more police hour coverage in December and less incidents reported.

Streets and Alleys – Harold reported from Dennis Coslow list that cleanup of rock and debris on Boulevards from snow removal. Brush & Tree clean on the lots where the houses were demolished. Sign

replacements and new signs have been put up. Clean up of concrete & asphalt from the old sidewalks and from the water leaks. Shawnee is going to help Dennis take down Christmas decorations uptown this week.

Buildings and Grounds – Bennie was able to meet with Dennis Coslow to go over what buildings we own, he will get with Dennis before next meeting to get more familiar with the grounds and buildings. Will get bids for lighting upgrades at the Street Garage.

Insurance – Andrea reported that our insurance company is dragging their feet on whether insurance will help for repairs for the Park Pavillion due to weather damage. She will call again this week to see if they have made any decisions.

Miscellaneous Report –

Adjournment

A Motion was made by Giorgi to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

YEA: All agreed

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

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

Donyell Morgan Clerk

February 9, 2026

Date Approved