

**Village of Lovington  
Regular Board Meeting  
6:00 PM  
Feb 9, 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:** Keith Stanberry, Chrissy Giorgi, Bennie Hume, Andrea Wardrip, Todd Hale, Harold White. President Brittany Bates and Clerk Donyell Morgan were also present.

**Guests:** Dena Norris- didn't wish to speak

**Minutes and action of Village Clerk**

**1. Discussion and action on January 2026 Invoices**

A Motion was made by Stanberry and seconded by White to accept the January 2026 invoices as presented.

YEA: Stanberry, Giorgi, Hume, Wardrip, Hale, White

No: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

**2. Discussion and action January 12, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**

A Motion was made by Giorgi and seconded by Stanberry, to accept the January 12, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

YEA: All in Favor

No: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Clerk Morgan presented the proposed Appropriations/Budget for 2026-2027 to be voted on at the April meeting so that it can display for 30 days and be voted on at the April meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**

**1. Discussion and action January 2026 Treasurer's Report**

A Motion was made by Stanberry and seconded by Giorgi to accept the January 2026 Treasurer's Report.

YEA: Giorgi, Hume, Wardrip, Hale, White, Stanberry

No: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

**Closed Session**

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

5 ILCS 120/2 © (2) Deliberations of Wages

A Motion was made by White to go into Closed Session at 6:06 pm for the purpose of 5 ILCS 120/2 © (2) Deliberation of Wages

**Discussion:** Went over employee evaluations and wages

Yea: Hume, Wardrip, Hale, White, Stanberry, Giorgi

No: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

**Return to Open Session**

A Motion was made by Giorgi and seconded by Hale to return to Open Session at 6:24 pm

**1. Discussion and Action if needed from Closed Session**

A motion was made by Giorgi and seconded by Hale to approve a 3% cost of living raise for all employees  
YEA: Hume, Wardrip, Hale, White, Stanberry, Giorgi  
No: None  
Absent: None  
MOTION CARRIED

**Old Business**

**1. Discussion and Action on a Horsing Hitch for Uptown**

A Motion was made by Wardrip to table until next month

**2. Discussion and Action on Bids for the Park Pavilion**

A Motion was made by Giorgi to table bids until next board meeting after advertising for Bids.

**New Business**

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

A Motion was made by Stanberry and seconded by Giorgi to approve a 3% compensation of the Village Clerk for 2026 cost-of-living raise, effective May 1, 2026.

YEA: Wardrip, Hale, White, Stanberry, Giorgi, Hume

No: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

**2. Discussion and Action Acquisition of 3 flock license plate cameras**

A Motion was made by Giorgi and seconded by Stanberry to decline the purchase of the cameras.

YEA: All in Favor

No: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

**3. Discussion and Action on Park Board request of \$500 for Easter 2026**

A Motion was made by Hale and seconded by Wardrip to approve \$500 spending for Easter 2026.

YEA: Hale, White, Stanberry, Giorgi, Hume, Wardrip

NO: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

**4. Discussion and Action on 2026 Fireworks**

A Motion was made by Giorgi and seconded by Hume to approve \$12,000 spending for the 2026 Fireworks.

YEA: White, Stanberry, Giorgi, Hume, Wardrip, Hale

No: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

**5. Discussion and Action on Street Garage Repairs**

After discussing the 3 phases of the Improvement Planning Street Garage Overview, it was decided to go ahead and repair the Exterior Walk-in door and install a 220V outlet as outlined in Phase 1, no voting needed. Phases 2 and 3 will have a Discussion and Action after pricing and options have been gathered.

**6. Discussion and Action on Residential 1 Properties**

A Motion was made by Giorgi and seconded by Wardrip to amend the ordinance to allow Residential 1 to use a special use permit once Zoning has approved the plans for a tiny home to be placed.

YEA: All in Favor

No: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

**Department Reports**

**Presidents Report** – Nothing to report

**Water & Sewer Report** – Todd reported Well 9 is still down, EPA working with Chris to get back online. Chris Gillis passed his Class B Water Exam. Will be looking into taking the Sewer exam in the Summer.

**Park and Special Projects** – Nothing to Report

**Police** –. Nothing to Report

**Streets and Alleys** – Harold reported that Dennis has all snow removed. Dennis also has been painting the lab in the Sewer Plant.

**Buildings and Grounds** – Nothing to Report

**Insurance** – Nothing to Report

**Miscellaneous Report** – Nothing to Report

**Adjournment**

A Motion was made by Stanberry to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

YEA: All agreed

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donyell Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Donyell Morgan Clerk

March 9, 2026

**Date Approved**