

**Village of Lovington
Regular Board Meeting
Immediately Following Appropriation Meeting
6:04PM
April 13, 2026**

Call to order: President Brittany Bates called the meeting to order at 6:04 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: Michael Wright, Denise Williamee from News Progress, Jeff Trower, James Bates, Alma Fair, and Jayme Fleming chose not to speak. David Bowers from drainage district chose not to speak at this time. Wishing to speak were Carolyn Trower regarding the inconsistency in receiving the monthly water bill, would like a convenient way for debiting water bills from customers checking/savings accounts, she also wanted to thank our Police department for trying to keep roads safe, also appreciating the open burn pile. Dena Norris spoke regarding parade, has forms for the Village lawyer to look at, Keith will get them to attorney tomorrow. Bob Parrish had questions regarding the pavilion repairs and the number of non-operable vehicles around the village and the number of non-registered Golf Cart/ATVs driving all over town. Also spoke regarding messages sent to his wife along with concerns of conflict of interest regarding liquor license. Jayme Fleming decided to speak regarding the Ordinance for Liquor Commissioners.

Minutes and action of Village Clerk

1. Discussion and Action on March 2026 Invoices

A Motion was made by Wardrip and seconded by Hume to accept the March 2026 invoices as presented.
YEA: Stanberry, Giorgi, Hume, Wardrip, Hale, White
No: None
Absent: None
MOTION CARRIED

2. Discussion and Action on March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

A Motion was made by Giorgi and seconded by White, to accept the March 9, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.
YEA: All in Favor
No: None
Absent: None
MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report

1. Discussion and Action March 2026 Treasurer's Report

A Motion was made by White and seconded by Hale to accept the March 2026 Treasurer's Report.
YEA: Giorgi, Hume, Wardrip, Hale, White, Stanberry
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, still collecting information.

New Business

1. Discussion and Action on Ordinance 2026-05 Amending Ordinance 2026-05

A Motion was made by Giorgi and seconded by Wardrip to approve Ordinance 2026-05 Ordinance to amend Chapter 21- Liquor of the Code of Ordinance 21-2-4 Prohibited Licensees. No license of any kind pursuant to state law in 235 ILCS 5/7-1 shall be issued by the Mayor.

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

No: White

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

2. Discussion and Action on Cahoy Pump Service for Well # 9 Cleaning

A Motion was made by Stanberry and seconded by Giorgi to approve the bid amount of \$ 19,630.00 from Cahoy Pump Services for Well #9 cleaning per EPA recommendations.

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

No: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

3. Discussion and Action Ordinance 2026-06 Ordinance to Amend Chapter 40, Article IX- Administration and Enforcement of the Code of Ordinances.

A Motion was made by Giorgi and seconded by Wardrip to approve Ordinance 2026-06, amending Chapter 40, Article IX- Administration and Enforcement of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended such that Section 40-9-14 is amended to include a new subparagraph © which shall include a fee schedule for building permits.

Yea: All in Favor

No: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4. Discussion and Action on Ordinance 2026-07 Ordinance to Amend Chapter 40, Article IV, Division II-Single Family districts of the Code of Ordinances.

A Motion was made by Giorgi and seconded by Stanberry to approve Ordinance 2026-07 to Amend Chapter 40, Article IV, Division II-Single Family districts of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended such that Section 40-4-11 is amended to include a new special use within the SR-1 District for "Storage Buildings."

YEA: All in Favor

No: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

5. Discussion and Action on Ordinance 2026-08 Ordinance to Amend Chapter 40, Article X, Division III- Variances of the Code of Ordinances

A Motion was made by White and seconded by Hale to approve Ordinance 2026-08 Ordinance to Amend Chapter 40, Article X, Division III- Variances of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended such that Section 40-10-20 is stricken in its entirety and replaced with Public Hearing, Notice. The Board of Appeals shall hold a public hearing on each variance request as soon as practical in accordance with the requirements of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, if any.

YEA: All in Favor

No: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

6. Discussion and Action on Zoning Board Compensation for Zoning Meetings

A Motion was made by Wardrip and seconded by Hume to approve compensation of \$40 per Zoning Board Meeting.

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

No: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Department Reports

Presidents Report – Brittany stated Nex-Gen is waiting on material for the pavilion to be delivered. Brittany reached out to Roger from Farnsworth to get updates regarding Sewer Plant, Bike Trail Grant, Al

Best Dr Drainage and Water Plant. Roger stated the sewer plant loan is complete and ready to be submitted to IEPA, grant application is ready as well, IDOT is reviewing the survey for the bike trail, Roger stated that Al Best Dr has been surveyed for drainage, the Village may self-perform construction on the drainage. Will touch base with Roger concerning the TARP grant. **David Bowers** did speak stating the storm water is through the draining district, the drainage district and the village worked together about 10 years ago along with an engineer; in the past year we have had a collapsed manhole north of Casey's and another manhole has dropped but has not collapsed yet. David reminded the board as of 1916 there were no roads, the storm sewer and water lines are now under the paved roads. Since the designs are done and if the Village is interested in helping the Drainage District, then they will look into funding for these issues.

Water & Sewer Report – Todd reported Well #9 is still down, Chris has been working with the EPA on trying to get it up and running, EPA suggested cleaning the Well. The foot on the softener is cracked at the plant, Roger from Farnsworth is working with Chris to get it fixed, as well as the fence post at the water plant that needs to be repaired.

Park and Special Projects – **Chrissy** reported Easter Egg Hunt had a good turnout. Next occasion will be Park Recreation.

Police – **Keith** reported there is a lawsuit against the Village for demolition on Church St. Our attorney Ross Munsterman is handling this matter. Keith also reported that the company "Mr. Rooter" was served with a bill from the Village for Sidewalk replacement that they removed illegally, and an ordinance violation and lawyer fees, they had 10 days to comply, Mr. Rooter did not respond in those 10 days, Attorney Munsterman will file the matter with the courts.

Streets and Alleys – **Harold** reported clean-up on rock and debris from boulevards, Dennis powered washed the Village Hall, Dennis also rocked high traffic alleys and road edges. Received a bid for stripping of the streets, will hold off on stripping bids for now.

Buildings and Grounds – **Benny** reported walk-in door at the Street Garage is finished, starting to get bids for Phase 2- Building Improvements, Windows & Insulation

Insurance – **Andrea** reported she resubmitted insurance claim on the park pavilion

Miscellaneous Report – Nothing to Report

Adjournment

A Motion was made by Stanberry to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.

YEA: All agreed

No: None

MOTION CARRIED



Donyell Morgan Clerk

May 11, 2026

Date Approved