

**Village of Lovington
222 S Railroad St.
Regular Board Meeting
6:04PM
June 8, 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, Harold White. President Brittany Bates and Clerk Donyell Morgan were also present.

Guests: **Carolyn Trower** wanted to follow up on her request of the Village to accept automatic withdraw on water billing/paying payments. Carolyn spoke with First Community Bank of Moultrie County to find out what would need to be done to set up automatic withdraws and discussed the software that would need to be bought for it. Trustee Stanberry reported that he has already looked into this but will look again and get back with Mrs. Trower. **Dena Norris** addressed the June Fest parade, so far there are 35 entries for the parade. **Chuck Norris** states he has been in contact with IDOT to see about reducing speed limit around the curve by his commercial property.

Minutes and action of Village Clerk

1. Discussion and Action on May 2026 Invoices

Clerk Morgan reported no changes have been made in the council approval reports sent weekly.

A Motion was made by Wardrip and seconded by Hume to accept the May 2026 invoices as presented.

YEA: Stanberry, Giorgi, Hume, Wardrip, White

No: None

Absent: Hale

MOTION CARRIED

2. Discussion and Action on May 11, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Clerk Morgan reported no changes have been made to the meeting minutes since sent to Council for review.

A Motion was made by Stanberry and seconded by White, to accept the May 11, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

YEA: All in Favor

No: None

Absent: Hale

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report

1. Discussion and Action May 2026 Treasurer's Report

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

YEA: Giorgi, Hume, Wardrip, White, Stanberry

No: None

Absent: Hale

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business

1. Discussion and Action on a Horsing Hitch for Uptown

Trustee Wardrip reported she spoke with the owners of the car wash; they have decided not to have a horse hitching post placed in front of the car wash. Trustee Wardrip would like to table the discussion for now and will look into other options for a horse hitching post.

YEA: None

No: None

Absent: Hale

MOTION CARRIED

2. Discussion and Action on purchasing a new backhoe

A motion was made by Stanberry to table the discussion of the purchase of a new backhoe until next board meeting. More information is needed regarding interest rates and leasing. Trustee Wardrip will look into the interest rates through the bank verses the interest rates through Birkey's.

YEA: None

No: None

Absent: Hale

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

1. Discussion and Action regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement with Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond Community Unit School #305 on replacing the Welcome to Lovington Sign located on the school premises.

A motion was made by Giorgi and seconded by Stanberry to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond Community Unit School #305 on replacing the Welcome to Lovington sign located on the school premises. This agreement grants permission and authority to The Village of Lovington to locate, construct, operate and maintain a sign on the school premises.

YEA: All in Favor

No: None

Absent: Hale

MOTION CARRIED

2. Discussion and Action on Park Board Request of \$1,000 for Park Recreation activities

A motion was made by Stanberry and seconded by Wardrip to approve \$1,000 for Park Recreation activities to be held July 13-17, 2026. This will cover the cost of craft supplies, activities and lunch for the week. Trustee Giorgi stated 72 kids attended Park Rec last year and she is anticipating around the same number of kids this year.

YEA: Hume, Wardrip, White, Stanberry, Giorgi

No: None

Absent: Hale

MOTION CARRIED

3. Discussion and Action on increasing fines for loose dog violations

A Motion was made by Giorgi and seconded by Hume to approve increasing the loose dog violations from \$50 for first fine, \$75 for second fine and \$100 for third fine to \$100 for the first fine, \$ 250 for the second fine and \$500 for the third fine. Trustee Keith Stanberry states we have been having a lot of problems with repeat offenders with loose dogs over the past couple months, hopefully by increasing the fines it will make the dog owners more cautious about their loose dogs.

YEA: Wardrip, White, Stanberry, Giorgi, Hume

No: None

Absent: Hale

MOTION CARRIED

Department Reports

Presidents Report – President Brittany Bates reported that Town cleanup was over the weekend and was a success, Brittany and Donyell did traffic control while Dennis Coslow ran the backhoe to pick up the bigger items and to keep the dumpsters smashed down. Brittany spoke with our Engineer Roger Nuxoll from Farnsworth regarding the sewer plant plans, Roger stated we have been assigned a project manager but that is as far as it has gotten so far, still waiting on the loan from the EPA. Mindy from IDOT sent an email stating that she sent the final signatures to the State of Illinois for the Bike Trail Grant, and we should be expecting a check for \$880,000 (80% of the \$1,000,000.) soon. President Bates also reminded everyone that June Fest is this coming weekend.

Water & Sewer Report – President Brittany Bates stated Trustee Todd Hale had not turned his resignation letter in yet and reported from Chris Gillis stated that Well #9 is back up and online. Hydrants have been flushed only a few that couldn't be flushed due to parked vehicles and the flow of the water.

Park and Special Projects – Trustee Chrissy Giorgi reported the park Pavilion is finished. Park Rec will run from July 13-17.

Police – Trustee Keith Stanberry reported from Chief Swisher that the May call logs were lower than the month of April. Also wanted to remind everyone that summer is here and to make sure vehicles are locked.

Streets and Alleys – Trustee Harold White reported from Dennis Coslow that the Park is cleaned up and landscaped. Roads downtown were prepped for striping. Striping has been completed downtown. Clean up day was Saturday, it went well, and thanked Donyell and Brittany for traffic control.

Buildings and Grounds – Trustee Benny Hume reported that Dennis Coslow is calling around to get quotes for insulation and for lighting at the Street Garage, hopefully will have for the next meeting.

Insurance – Trustee Andrea Wardrip had nothing to report

Miscellaneous Report – Trustee Keith Stanberry reported on Zoning stated everything is going well and Greg Helmuth is proceeding with building 2 house on W Church St. Also, the Zoning board approved a special use permit for Dennis Garmon to build a garage on his empty property across the street where he will be building a house in the future. The Zoning board will be meeting sometime this week to discuss a special use permit for Al Rennert to place a detached garage on his property.

Adjournment

A Motion was made by Giorgi to adjourn at 6:49 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, flowing style.

Donyell Morgan Clerk

July 13, 2026

Date Approved