

**Village of Lovington
222 S Railroad St.
Regular Board Meeting
6:00 PM
July 20, 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. Absent was Todd Hale.

Guests: **Scott Friese**, from the Lion's Club. Mr. Friese is currently the Extension Chair for District 1-M, his district is looking to expand to other communities in our district. Mr. Friese is looking for 20+ community members to attend an informal meeting to discuss the advantages a Lovington Lion's Club can offer. **David Bowers** spoke regarding the construction of the park pavilion. Mr. Bowers had some information he and his neighbor had collected and wanted to share, he gave all the board members a copy of the Pole Barn Construction guidelines and had asked if there had been a bidding process, also asked if a Building Inspector looked at the pavilion when it was finished, also suggested the Village Attorney look into the guidelines as well. Resident **Dena Norris** and **E. Scott England** with News Progress were present but wished not to speak.

Minutes and action of Village Clerk

1. Discussion and Action on June 2026 Invoices

Clerk Morgan reported no changes have been made in the council approval reports sent weekly. A Motion was made by Trustee Stanberry and seconded by Trustee Giorgi to accept the June 2026 invoices as presented.

YEA: Stanberry, Giorgi, Hume, Wardrip, White

No: None

Absent: Hale

MOTION CARRIED

2. Discussion and Action on June 8, 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 Trustee Giorgi and seconded by Trustee White, to accept the June 8, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

YEA: All in Favor

No: None

Absent: Hale

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report

1. Discussion and Action June 2026 Treasurer's Report

President Bates went over the treasurer report showing the Bike Trail Grant has been added to the report. A Motion was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Giorgi to accept the June 2026 Treasurer's Report.

YEA: Giorgi, Hume, Wardrip, White, Stanberry

No: None

Absent: Hale

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business

1. Discussion and Action on purchasing a new backhoe

Trustee Wardrip went over the interest rate of 5.75% through First Community Bank of Moultrie County for a 4-year loan and a 5-year loan verses a loan through Birkey's at 6.65% interest rate.

A motion was made by Trustee Stanberry and seconded by Trustee White to approve the purchase of a 580 SNWT 2025 Backhoe from Birkey's, for \$132,996.00 with a 5-year loan through First Community Bank of Moultrie County with monthly payments of \$2,555.75. \$12,000 was given as a trade-in on the 2000 580 Super L Backhoe.

YEA: Hume, Wardrip, White, Stanberry, Giorgi

No: None

Absent: Hale

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

1. Discussion and Action on Ordinance 2026-09 An Ordinance Adopting A Revised Code of Ordinances for the Village of Lovington

A motion was made by Trustee Stanberry and seconded by Trustee Giorgi to approve Ordinance 2026-09 An Ordinance Adopting A Revised Code of Ordinances for the Village of Lovington.

YEA: All in Favor

No: None

Absent: Hale

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2. Discussion and Action on Ordinance 2026-10 Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3, Article V-dog fines increased to \$100, \$250, and \$500, respectively.

A motion was made by Trustee Giorgi and seconded by Trustee Hume to approve the Ordinance 2026-10 Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3, Article V- with dog fines increasing from \$50, \$75, \$100 to \$100, \$250 and \$500 respectively.

YEA: All in Favor

No: None

Absent: Hale

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3. Discussion and Action on Resolution 2026-03 a Resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Funds.

A motion was made by Trustee Giorgi and seconded by Trustee Stanberry to approve Resolution 2026-03 Resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Funds. A resolution allowing the Village of Lovington to commit funds from the water fund in the amount of \$895,400 for use in the conjunction with an Illinois Community Development Block Grant, for an estimated total project cost of \$2,395,400.00.

YEA: All in Favor

No: None

Absent: Todd Hale

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Department Reports

Presidents Report – President Brittany Bates provided a brief recap of this year's June Fest. Overall, the event was a tremendous success, and wished to thank the Village Board, our volunteers, community organizations, sponsors, and everyone who helped make it happen. Highlights were The Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast served nearly 300 people. There were 54 parade entries. The car show had 39

registered vehicles. The Community Club Fish Fry served 357 meals. President Bates read an email from Roger Nuxoll with Farnsworth Engineering Group regarding the bike trail, the preliminary design is complete, and the alignment is looking good. We need some additional survey information on a few of the ditches that meet at the existing trail to see if a culvert will be needed.

Water & Sewer Report – Nothing to Report

Park and Special Projects – Trustee Chrissy Giorgi reported that Park Rec was last week, had a great turnout, between 52-56 kids a day.

Police – Trustee Keith Stanberry reported from Chief Swisher that June was a busy month. Trustee Stanberry also stated both police cars need to be worked on.

Streets and Alleys – Trustee Harold White reported from Dennis Coslow that Storm Cleanup is finished, all curbed streets were sprayed for weeds. Military Honor Wall has been fixed from the storms. Bush Hog & Brush Cleanup has been done on the walking trail. Bush Hog & Clean-up at the Burn Pile was done also.

Buildings and Grounds – Trustee Benny Hume reported that an estimate has been given by Progressive Chemical & Lighting for 8 new 8' LED Slimline lights to be placed inside the Street Garage. The estimated cost is \$119.20 per light fixture. Clerk Morgan will add to the August Agenda under New Business for Discussion and Action.

Insurance – Trustee Andrea Wardrip reported 4 claims, 3 from tree damages due to the storms and 1 for car damage.

Miscellaneous Report – President Bates reported an estimate was done by Burdick for the Water Treatment Plant regarding the cracked leg on existing filter, the cost was \$2,157.00.

Adjournment

A Motion was made by White to adjourn at 6:38 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. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

Donyell Morgan Clerk

August 10, 2026

Date Approved