Village of Lovington
222 S Railroad St.
Regular Board Meeting
6:00 PM
September 14, 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, and Harold White. Absent Andrea Wardrip. President Brittany Bates and Clerk Donyell Morgan were also present.

Swearing in of Trustee: Dena Norris

Guests: David Bowers, Scott England with the News Progress both wished not to speak**. Carolyn Trower** wished to speak about any further updates regarding her request that the Village would offer ACH Billing and Payments Online. Trustee Stanberry stated that nothing has changed, the Software that we use for Billing, Treasurer Reporting, Clerk Reporting and the Cellular Water Meters currently does not offer ACH Billing & Payments Online. Clerk Morgan offered to email Carolyn Trower her water bill every month, Carolyn stated that would be fine, but she also wanted her water bill mailed as well. Clerk Morgan noted going further she would do both.

Minutes and action of Village Clerk

1. **Discussion and Action on August 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 August 2026 invoices as presented.
YEA: Stanberry, Giorgi, Hume, Norris, White
No: None
Absent: Wardrip
MOTION CARRIED

2. **Discussion and Action on August 10, 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 Norris, to accept the August 10, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.
YEA: All in Favor
No: None
Absent: Wardrip
MOTION CARRIED

3. **Discussion and Action on August 10, 2026, Closed Session Minutes**

A Motion was made by Trustee Giorgi and seconded by Hume to accept August 10, 2026, Closed Session Meeting Minutes as presented.
YEA: All in Favor
No: None
Absent: Wardrip
MOTION CARRIED

4. **Discussion and Action on August 17, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes**

Clerk Morgan reported no changes have been made to the Special Meeting Minutes since sent to Council for Review.
A Motion was made by Trustee Stanberry and seconded by Hume to accept the August 17, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes as presented.
YEA: All in Favor

No: None
Absent: Wardrip
MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report

1. **Discussion and Action August 2026 Treasurer's Report**

A Motion was made by Trustee Stanberry and seconded by Trustee Giorgi to accept the August 2026 Treasurer's Report.
YEA: Stanberry, Giorgi, Hume, Norris, White
No: None
Absent: Wardrip
MOTION CARRIED

New Business

1. **Discussion and Action on Park Board Request of $500 for the 2026 Halloween Festivities**

A Motion was made by Stanberry and seconded by Hume to approve $500 for the 2026 Halloween Festivities.
YEA: Hume, Norris, White, Stanberry, Giorgi
No: None
Absent: Wardrip
MOTION CARRIED

2. **Discussion and Action on Atchison Electric Quote for Rewiring 8 Electrical Poles Uptown**

A motion was made by Trustee Giorgi and seconded by Trustee Stanberry to approve the quote for Rewiring the 8 Electric Poles the Village owns downtown to not exceed $11,232.16 for the 8 Poles.
YEA: Norris, White, Stanberry, Giorgi, Hume
No: None
Absent: Wardrip
MOTION CARRIED

Department Reports

Presidents Report – President Brittany Bates moved Trustee Hume to Water & Sewer Dept. And moved Trustee Dena Norris to Budlings & Grounds Dept. effective immediately. President Bates also reported from Farnsworth Engineering, Roger Nuxoll, stating he plans to have the walking trail submitted to IDOT by the end of the month. The Wastewater Treatment Plant and Lagoon Aeration Project: DCEO application has been submitted, the Design is continuing and the loan application is moving forward. Roger also stated that the small drainage project at Church St & Al Best Dr was put on the back burner when were reviewing the grant application for the road, the grant had a 20% match that was more than the Village could afford so we declined to move forward. Roger will get this back going. President Bates read an email from Jason Kretsinger regarding the Inspection of the Park Pavilion, Mr. Kretsinger stated he inspected the finished pavilion project and do not find any code defiance.

Water & Sewer Report – Trustee Hume reported Chris Gillis will start classes this week for his Grade 2 Wastewater License. Would like to add to the agenda for next board meeting discussion and action on the purchase of a Portable Auto Flushing Hydrant for the East End of town.

Park and Special Projects – Trustee Chrissy Giorgi reported Movie Night in the Park had a good turnout, a projector and new screen need to be purchased before next movie night, had to borrow both from Stephanie Lienard. Trick or Treating will be held October 30, 2026.

Police –. Trustee Keith Stanberry went over Chief Swishers monthly activity report, calls and reports went up the month of August. Officer Lang picked up more hours. Will be looking into grants for a new patrol car.

Streets and Alleys – Trustee Harold White read Dennis Coslow report: rock was laid in alleys that are heavily traveled. Low hanging limbs in roadway trimmed. Cleaned up stockpile area. Fence around old water tower removed and cleaned up.

Buildings and Grounds – **Trustee Benny Hume** reported lights for the Street Garage have been purchased and received, the guys will start installing soon. Would like to add to the agenda for next board meeting discussion and action on landscaping at the park pavilion.

Insurance –Clerk Morgan reported that Andrea has been in touch with the IML Risk Management concerning a FOIA request regarding a court case that she and Clerk Morgan received.

Miscellaneous Report- Nothing to report.

Adjournment

A Motion was made by Giorgi to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.
YEA: All agreed
No: None
MOTION CARRIED

Donyell Morgan

Donyell Morgan Clerk

October 12, 2026_____
Date Approved