

Village of Lovington
Regular Board Meeting
Dec. 9, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Call to order by presiding officer

Pledge of Allegiance

Visitors and Public Comments: Farnsworth Representative to explain more on the 5-year Plan

Minutes and action of Village Clerk.

The swearing in of Acting President omitted from the Nov.26 Special Meeting
Discussion and Action on Nov 2024 Invoices
Discussion and Action on Oct 14, 2024, Closed Session Minutes
Discussion and Action on Nov 12, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes
Discussion and Action on Nov 12, 2024, Closed Session Minutes
Discussion and Action on Nov. 18, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes
Discussion and Action on Nov. 26, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes
Discussion and Action on 2025 Regular Board Meeting Schedule & Holiday Schedule

Treasurer's Report

Discussion and Action Nov 2024 treasurer's report

Old Business

Discussion on finishing the project in front of Zancha's when the weather gets better.
Discussion and Action on Fencing bids for Sewer Plant
Discussion and Action on Brian Yoder request to purchase RR property from the Village
Discussion and Action on money for Breakfast with Santa

New Business

Discussion and Action on Replacing the curb and drain at the corner of Logan and State Street.

Closed Session

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Discussion and Action if needed from Closed Session

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Department Reports

Presidents Report

1. Report and action if needed

Water and Sewer Reports

1. Report and action if needed

Parks and Special Projects Reports

1. Report and action if needed

Police Report

1. Report and action if needed

Buildings and Grounds Reports

1. Report and action if needed

Insurance Report

1. Report and action on any insurance needs

Miscellaneous Report

1. Report and action if needed

Adjournment

**Village of Lovington
Regular Board Meeting
December 9, 2024**

Call to order: Acting President Brittany Bates called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Acting President Bates led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call found the following trustees to be present: Todd Hale, Keith Stanberry, April Daily, Andrea Wardrip and Mike Young. Acting President Brittany Bates and Clerk Alma Fair were also present.

Visitors and Public Comments:

1. A representative from Farnsworth to explain more on the 5-year plan.
Roger Noxell, engineer from Farnsworth reported that the Lead service report has been submitted. There are 108 services that need to be replaced – but replacing several a year. There are loans available to do the replacing. He needs to speak with our CPA regarding the Audit report to determine if a rate increase is needed.
Waste treatment plant – would like to revisit to see if any repairs are needed or other avenues at the plant.
HUD LMI have changed, so this year we could apply for a grant which is an option.
The Rebuild Illinois program – he has contacted our State Senator - Steve McClure regarding \$25,000 that would be available to us – he can help with that.
Regarding the 5-year capital improvement plan – Budget for the plan and working document for 5 years.
Other visitors that didn't request to speak were – Jeremy Doggett and Sharon Barricklow.

Minutes and action of Village Clerk

1. **The swearing in of Acting President omitted for the November 26 Special Meeting.**
Clerk Fair then lead the swearing in of Brittany Bates as Acting President
2. **Discussion and action on the November 2024 invoices**
A Motion was made by Stanberry and seconded by Young to accept the November 2024 invoices as presented.
Discussion: Daily noticed a check to Rick Franklin – Clerk Fair responded that it was for posts for the Park lights, and didn't make it go over the stated amount in the motion regarding lights in the park.
YEA: Hale, Stanberry, Daily, Wardrip, Young
No: None
MOTION CARRIED

3. Discussion and action on October 14, 2024, Closed Session Minutes.

A Motion was made by Young and seconded by Hale to approve the October 12, 2024 Closed Session Minutes as presented.

YEA: Stanberry, Daily, Wardrip, Young, Hale

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

4. Discussion and action on November 12, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

A Motion was made by Stanberry and seconded by Wardrip to approve the November 12, 2024 Meeting minutes a correction on the next to last page Chad instead of Cad.

YEA: Daily, Hale, Wardrip, Young, Stanberry

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

5. Discussion and action on November 12, 2024, Closed Session Minutes.

A Motion was made by Daily and seconded by Stanberry to approve the November 12, 2024 Closed Session minutes as presented.

YEA: Hale, Wardrip, Young, Stanberry, Daily

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

6. Discussion and action on November 18, 2024, Special Board Meeting Minutes

A Motion was made by Hale and seconded by Young to approve the November 18, 2024 Special Board Meeting minutes as presented.

YEA: Wardrip, Young, Stanberry, Daily, Hale

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

7. Discussion and action on November 26, 2024, Special Board Meeting Minutes

A Motion was made by Wardrip and seconded by Hale to approve the November 26, 2024 Special Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Discussion: Daily felt that the minutes were not completed as they should be. Clerk Fair read the Roberts Rules as follows: "Meeting minutes should be a concise record of the key decisions and actions taken, not a detailed transcript of every comment made." That is what Fair did in the minutes presented tonight. Clerk Fair told Daily her notes would be filed in the minute book with the 11-26-24 Special Board minutes.

YEA: Young, Stanberry, Hale, Wardrip

No: Daily

MOTION CARRIED

8. Discussion and Action on the 2025 Regular Board Meeting Schedule & Holiday Schedule

A Motion was made by Stanberry and seconded by Hale to approve the 2025 Lovington Boards Regular Board Meeting Schedule & Holidays.

YEA: Stanberry, Daily, Hale, Wardrip, Young

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

After Daily pointed out to Stanberry that there are two motions, and they needed to be listed separately the following motion was made.

A Motion was made by Stanberry and seconded by Daily to rescind the vote and place it on the agenda next month in two line items. The 2025 Lovington Boards Regular Board Meeting Schedule and the 2025 Holiday Schedule.

YEA: Daily, Hale, Wardrip, Young, Stanberry

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report

1. Discussion and action November 2024 treasurer's report

A Motion was made by Young and seconded by Wardrip to accept the November 2024 treasurer's report.

Discussion: Wardrip said the CD rate might be going up this week and she will contact Clerk Fair if they do.

YEA: Hale, Wardrip, Young, Stanberry, Daily

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business:

1. Discussion on finishing the project in front of Zanch's when the weather gets better.

Daily reported that until the weather gets better, and the concrete can be poured - it is on hold.

2. Discussion and Action of Fencing bids for Sewer Plant

Hale reported we are still waiting on a bid from Decatur Fence.

Hale moved to table this to next meeting Young 2nd – all yes

3. Discussion and Action on Brian Yoder request to purchase RR property from the Village

Daily reported that she spoke with Brian Yoder and he asked if a quit claim deed could be done, the answer was that it wasn't going to work so he did agree to pay the amount and she will contact the attorney to have an easement in the agreement.

4. Discussion and Action on money for Breakfast with Santa

A Motion was made by Young and seconded by Wardrip to approve the request from the park board to provide \$500 for breakfast with Santa.

Discussion: Daily asked what the money would be spent on. Bates replied, the food and other items that they normally do each year.

YEA: Wardrip, Young, Stanberry, Daily, Hale

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

1. Discussion and Action on Replacing the curb and drain at the corner of Logan and State Streets

Gillis explained that the garbage trucks have been turning too short and breaking the curb and drain. Motor Fuel funds should be able to cover this. This will be taken care of next Spring.

Closed Session

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5 ILCS 120/2 Sec.2 (c) (5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.

A Motion was made by Daily and seconded by Hale to go into closed session at 7:13 pm for the purpose of 5 ILCS 120/2 Sec.2 (c) (5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.

YEA: Hale, Stanberry, Wardrip, Young, Daily

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

Return to Open Session

A Motion was made by Daily and seconded by Wardrip to return to Open Session at 7:26 pm.

YEA: Stanberry, Daily, Wardrip, Young, Hale

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion and Action if needed from Closed Session

No action was taken

Closed Session

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5 ILCS 120/2 Sec.2 (c) (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of Specific employees

A Motion was made by Hale and seconded by Young to go into closed session at 7:29 pm for the purpose of 5 ILCS 120/2 Sec.2 (c) (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of Specific employees.

YEA: Daily, Wardrip, Young, Hale, Stanberry

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

Return to Open Session

A Motion was made by Stanberry and seconded by Young to return to Open Session at 7:52pm.

YEA: Wardrip, Young, Hale, Stanberry, Daily

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion and Action if needed from Closed Session

A Motion was made by Stanberry and seconded by Wardrip to place on the agenda of the January meeting to discuss an increase in pay for Gillis as discussed in closed session. Also, to contact the attorney to see if back pay can be given back to November 1st.

Discussion: If our attorney can't answer Stanberry will ask IML Brad Cole.

YEA: Wardrip, Young, Hale, Stanberry, Daily

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

Department Reports

Acting Presidents Report – Brittany Bates

Bates started a 2025 Vision Board located in the Village Hall

Water & Sewer Report – Todd Hale

Hale is going to talk to Gillis and Coslow about what is going to be happening.

Park and Special Projects – Brittany Bates

Bates reported that Junefest budget will be done next month. June 14th 2025 will be the fireworks Clerk will check the J&M invoice from last year to see if there is a contract or not with them.

Police – Keith Stanberry

Stanberry reported that the part-time officers are getting underway

Streets and Alleys – Mike Young

Was left off the agenda so he is reporting under Miscellaneous below

Buildings and Grounds – April Daily

Daily reported that Gillis will be getting a bid for electrical work on the 2 car garage North of the VH

She received a bid from Roger Walker to paint front office \$375 - \$500 to be placed on next month's agenda

There will not be a Christmas tree downtown this year – it would be too expensive to do. We don't have a stand and trees are too expensive.

Wardrip recommended we put a message on FB community page and the Village FB page letting people know why we are not putting a tree in the downtown area.

Insurance – Andrea Wardrip

Wardrip has updated all the positions to the insurance company.

Miscellaneous Report

Trustee Mike Young suggested we might need to hire another part-time employee if we have to run the snow plow this winter. Daily suggested we wait and see if we get snow or not.

Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Young to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.

YEA: all agreed

No: None

MOTION CARRIED



Alma Fair Clerk

January 13, 2025

Date Approved