

VILLAGE OF LOAMI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 10, 2022

ROLL CALL

TRUSTEES

Jay Branson	PRESENT
Stephen Grider	PRESENT
Randy Holloway	PRESENT
Rose Mann	ABSENT
Greg Patterson, Presiding Mayor	PRESENT
Aaron Pippin	PRESENT

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Al Mann, Mayor	ABSENT
Carissa Grider, Village Clerk	PRESENT
Stacie Lewis, Treasurer	ABSENT
Stan Workman, Chief of Police	PRESENT
Alex Rabin, Village Attorney	PRESENT

Presiding Mayor Patterson opened the Regular Board Meeting up at 6:00 PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Lewis presented the February 2022 treasurer's report to the board for approval. Trustee Holloway made a motion to accept the report as presented to the board. Trustee Branson seconded the motion. Vote taken; motion carried. Roll call – Branson – Aye, Grider – Aye, Holloway – Aye, Pippin - Aye, Nay – 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Clerk Grider presented the March 10, 2022, Regular Board Meeting minutes for approval. Trustee Branson made a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Holloway seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: Clerk Grider presented the unpaid bills to the board for approval. Trustee Holloway made a motion to approve the unpaid bills as presented to the board. Trustee Grider seconded the motion. Vote taken; motion carried. Roll call – Branson – Aye, Grider – Aye, Holloway – Aye, Pippin - Aye, Nay – 0.

VISITORS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Clerk Grider asked the board members to come to the village office on Thursday, March 31st at 6pm to stuff the easter eggs.

Clerk Grider stated that the public hearing is set for April 14th at 5:45 P.M. for the budget for fiscal year 2022/2023.

Trustee Holloway stated he had a meeting with Ruby Electric regarding solar power at the sewer lagoon. Ruby Electric said they do not assist with writing grants, but they gave Trustee Holloway several consultants who do. Trustee Holloway will reach out to these consultants. Trustee Holloway stated there are 2 grants. The first one will cover 20% of the expense for putting solar power at the sewer lagoon. The second grant would be a 15-year contract and information from the solar power would need to be sent to the company via wireless connection. Trustee Grider asked about the maintenance required for the solar. Trustee

Holloway stated the maintenance is very minimal. Trustee Holloway stated that once the solar power is installed, we could run the sewer motors at variable speed as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk Grider presented a loss/income comparison for the community center. In 2021 there was a loss of \$1,907.85. The board members agreed to increase the price of the community center to \$125 per rental.

Clerk Grider stated that the Building Pretzel Potential community will meet Loami residents on April 19th at the community center at 6:30 P.M. Clerk Grider stated that this meeting will be an informational presentation on the potential to build a new Junior/Senior High School for New Berlin Community Unit School District #16.

Trustee Grider stated the Loami Fire Department will be hosting their fish fry on April 2nd from 4 P.M. to 7 P.M. Trustee Grider stated rural fire departments are being asked to provide a 100x100 piece of land for radio towers. This would be to provide better radio coverage to the fire and police departments. Trustee Grider asked if the Village would be able to provide the 100x100 piece of land and where it would be. Trustee Holloway asked if the Village of Loami will receive funds if the village provides the 100x100 land. Trustee Grider will find out more information and report back to the board members.

Clerk Grider stated that Shauna Johnson who cleans the village office, police department and community center will be increasing her rates.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PARKS – Trustee Grider stated there are several people who are driving their off-road vehicles on the grass around the baseball diamonds. Trustee Grider stated there are signs that state no off-road vehicles prohibited but asked if we need to get bigger signs. Trustee Grider stated that the Loami New Berlin Youth Ball League will start practice in a couple weeks and then games will start.

STREETS DEPARTMENT – Trustee Pippin stated new sidewalks will start in April 2022. The first area of new sidewalk will begin by Periwinkles and go to Dugans Gas Station. Then they will complete sections from Loami Town Hall Pub to the Loami Post Office. Trustee Pippin stated we received 3 bids for the sidewalk completion.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Workman stated the police department was slow for the month of February and they assisted several vehicles that were stuck in the snow. Chief Workman submitted the Police Report to the board, which is on file at the Clerk's office.

PERMITS – Chief Workman asked if a permit had been issued for 108 Maple Street, Clerk Grider stated a permit had been issued.

DELINQUENT BILLS – Trustee Grider stated there was one shutoff.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT – Trustee Holloway stated the new pump came in. Trustee Holloway also stated that the bulk water line usually has to be shut down in the winter but this year they didn't have to shut it down.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Nothing to report.

With no further business at hand, Trustee Holloway made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting; Trustee Branson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The next regular board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2022.

Respectively Submitted,
Carissa E. Grider, Village Clerk