

VILLAGE OF LOAMI  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
January 11, 2024

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ROLL CALL

***TRUSTEES***

Jay Branson	PRESENT
Stephen Grider	PRESENT
Todd Lawson	PRESENT
Rose Mann	PRESENT
Greg Patterson	PRESENT
Aaron Pippin	PRESENT

***VILLAGE OFFICIALS***

Steven Lambert, Mayor	PRESENT
Carissa Grider, Village Clerk	PRESENT
Brad Colantino, Treasurer	PRESENT
Stan Workman, Chief of Police	PRESENT
Alex Rabin, Village Attorney	PRESENT

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Colantino presented the December 2023 treasurer's report to the board for approval. Trustee Patterson made a motion to accept the report as presented to the board. Trustee Lawson seconded the motion. Vote taken; motion carried. Roll call – Branson – Aye, Grider – Aye, Lawson – Aye, Mann – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin- Aye, Nay – 0. Trustee Patterson stated there is a hefty sum in the MFT account even after we resurfaced the streets. Clerk Grider stated a portion of the sum is the Rebuild Illinois Funds. The funds must be used for an approved project. Trustee Pippin stated his plan would be to use the funds for ditches.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Clerk Grider presented the December 14, 2023, Regular Board Meeting minutes for approval. Trustee Grider made a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Pippin seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

**VISITORS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Chief Workman gave an update on camera's for the village. Chief Workman stated Synergy will be at the village within the next few weeks. Clerk Grider stated she received the bid from CLS and forwarded it onto the board members to review. Mayor Lambert asked Sergeant Dillon to do a comparison.

Attorney Rabin stated he will take a look at the employee handbook and get a hold of Clerk Grider and Mayor Lambert with thoughts and input. Mayor Lambert reviewed the handbook, and he did not have any edits.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Clerk Grider stated the 2024/2025 budget will need to be passed at the April 2024 meeting therefore the trustees need to start looking into each department budget.

Clerk Grider presented the dates for 2024 community events; Easter Egg hunt will be at 10 am on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, community-wide garage sale will be on May 4<sup>th</sup>, clean-up day will be on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration will be on July 6<sup>th</sup> and the senior dinner will be on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Clerk Grider stated she will publish the events on the village website. Mayor Lambert stated he will make sure all residents are aware of the events.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**PARKS** – Trustee Patterson asked if anyone has ideas or projects for the park. Mayor Lambert stated several reservoir beautification members marked trees to cut down and they have a company coming to clear brush. Trustee Patterson asked about getting a flag or signage when the brush pile is open/closed.

**STREETS DEPARTMENT** – Trustee Pippin stated he is going to try and get some ditch work done in spring 2024. Trustee Pippin stated he would like to work on the edges by the water tower to avoid water sitting there.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** – Chief Workman stated the police department was a normal month for December. Chief Workman submitted the Police Report to the board, which is on file at the Clerk's office.

**PERMITS** – Trustee Mann stated there were zero (0) permit issued for December 2023. Mayor Lambert stated that he and Trustee Mann met and agreed that the Village of Loami needs to make permit requirements easily available to residents to get more residents to comply. Trustee Patterson stated for new residents need to be given a permit booklet with information.

**DELINQUENT BILLS** – Trustee Grider stated there was one (1) shutoff for the month of December.

**WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT** – Trustee Grider stated there is nothing to report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** –Attorney Rabin stated he drafted the complaint and asked the trustees if they wanted to include the inoperable vehicle. The trustees all agreed to include the inoperable vehicle. Attorney Rabin stated he will send the complaint to the Mayor and Trustees. Mayor Lambert stated the village needs to make sure we issue ordinance violations equally throughout the Village of Loami.

Trustee Pippin made a motion to adjourn Regular Session and go to Executive Session to discuss employee performance and possible litigation. Trustee Mann seconded the motion.

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Chief Workman stated the new squad car is in service and stated the 2014 squad car is out of service due to it not being in good shape. Sergeant Dillon gave the trustees a comparison of getting a new vehicle or a used vehicle to replace the 2014 squad car. Sergeant Dillon proposed getting a new vehicle over getting a used vehicle.

Trustee Pippin made a motion to adjourn Regular Session and go to Executive Session to discuss police department vehicle options.

Trustee Patterson made a motion to adjourn Executive Session and go to Regular Session. Trustee Lawson seconded the motion.

Mayor Lambert stated he would speak with Chief Workman and give the Police Department 2 options for the police department vehicle.

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

The next regular board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2024.

Respectively Submitted,

Carissa E. Grider, Village Clerk