

VILLAGE OF LOAMI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 21, 2024

ROLL CALL

TRUSTEES

Jay Branson	ABSENT
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
Anthony Schuering, Village Attorney	PRESENT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Colantino presented the February 2024 treasurer's report to the board for approval. Treasurer Colantino stated the interest earned in the Illinois Funds accounts are going well. Trustee Patterson made a motion to accept the report as presented to the board. Trustee Pippin seconded the motion. Vote taken; motion carried. Roll call – Grider – Aye, Lawson – Aye, Mann – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin- Aye, Nay – 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Clerk Grider presented the February 8, 2024, Regular Board Meeting minutes for approval. Trustee Grider questioned the date of the minutes, which showed January 11, 2024. Clerk Grider stated she will change the date. Trustee Grider made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Trustee Lawson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: Clerk Grider presented the unpaid bills to the board for approval. Trustee Patterson inquired about Custom Property bill. Clerk Grider stated the bill for Customer Property was for brush removal around the reservoir. Trustee Grider made a motion to approve the unpaid bills as presented to the board. Trustee Patterson seconded the motion. Vote taken; motion carried. Roll call – Grider – Aye, Lawson – Aye, Mann – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin- Aye, Nay – 0.

VISITORS:

Rob Brown from GHB Enterprise LLC addressed the board in regards to the fiber internet being installed in Loami. Rob stated the green boxes and vaults are close to being installed into the ground, he estimated to be done installing them by the end of March 2024. Rob thanked village employees Billy Roesch and Kyle Langefeld for working together with himself and his crew. Rob asked the board what will be required for each home GHB Enterprise will connect to fiber. Mayor Lambert stated he will discuss with the board members and get back to Rob in 1 week.

Alexis Betts from Habitat for Humanity gave an overview of the programs they offer. One of the programs is a large item disposal program that all residents in Sangamon County can benefit from. Alexis stated more information can be found at www.habitatsangamon.com. Alexis stated they build at least 3 homes a year in Sangamon County.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sergeant Dillon stated he received a bid from Senergy Electric for four (4) village camera's, body camera's, conference room bid and infrastructure, total bid \$85,675.00. The bid from Senergy Electric would mean all body camera and village camera footage would be housed in-house and not in the I-cloud which can be expensive. Trustee Patterson asked how many body cameras are included in the bid and if there would be a monthly fee. Sergeant Dillon stated there would be 4 body camera's and there is not a monthly fee. Sergeant Dillon stated he plans to get grant funding for the body cameras. Sergeant Dillon stated he received another bid for body cameras and that the company offers 3 yearly installments and then the cameras are the Villages, but the storage would be I-cloud based. The bid from this company was higher than Senergy. Trustee Patterson stated the board needs to discuss before a decision is made. Mayor Lambert stated it would help if he had an apples-to-apples comparison of the 2 companies we received a bid from. Mayor Lambert also asked for another option for body cameras and stated he appreciated the time the Police Department has worked on this.

The board members discussed the 2024/2025 fiscal year budget. Trustee Patterson pointed out that the total budget amount would go from \$809K for 2023/2024 fiscal year to \$820K for the 2024/2025 fiscal year. Chief Workman stated the police department is higher due to body armor, body cameras and speed trailer. Chief Workman stated they will apply for grants for a majority of those items.

NEW BUSINESS:

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PARKS – Trustee Patterson stated baseball/softball season is getting ready to start. Portable bathrooms are being delivered in the first week of April. Mayor Lambert asked everyone to take a look at the reservoir because there has been a lot of the shrub/brush cleaned up. Mayor Lambert stated he wants the speed trailer by July 1st to help with speeding at the park. Clerk Grider stated where we stood with the ash being picked up. Chief Workman stated the signage needs to be bigger.

STREETS DEPARTMENT – Trustee Pippin stated they will be working on clearing the sidewalk on Meachum and possibly putting new sidewalk there. Trustee Pippin stated they will work on drainage on Mill Street. Trustee Mann stated a tile had washed out on Sunset and there is cone to cover it.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Workman stated the police department was a slow month for February. Chief Workman stated the new police vehicle is still having problems with the lights and has been in the shop 8 times. 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) building permits issued for February 2024. Trustee Mann stated there has been twenty-five (25) recreational vehicle permits issued.

Clerk Grider gave an update on the village website having more information pertaining to permits.

DELINQUENT BILLS – Trustee Grider stated there were three (3) shutoffs for the month of February.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT – Trustee Grider stated pump house #2 is having problems. Hydro-Kinetics and Prairie State Plumbing came to work on the pump. Trustee Grider stated lead line surveys were mailed out to the residents of Loami. Trustee Grider will get with William Roesch about sewer lagoon and getting electrical pumps updated.

PUBLIC SAFETY –Chief Workman stated he will get with Trustee Mann in the next few weeks to review ordinance violations. Mayor Lambert gave an update on E.S.D.A.. Mayor Lambert stated Troy Johnson (ESDA coordinator), Matt Schmideler, Stan Workman and himself meet to discuss ESDA. The group decided that there are four (4) priorities which include, inventory of equipment, updated website with information, they need at least 3 more volunteers to help with ESDA and getting a playbook. Trustee Patterson stated a playbook used to be mandated. Mayor Lambert asked Trustee Patterson to join their meetings. Mayor Lambert stated Chatham's ESDA coordinator will be coming to meet with Loami.

Trustee Grider made a motion to adjourn Regular Session and go to Executive Session to discuss employee performance and compensation. Trustee Patterson seconded the motion.

Trustee Mann made a motion to adjourn Executive Session and go to Regular Session. Trustee Pippin seconded the motion.

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

The next regular board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2024.

Respectively Submitted,
Carissa E. Grider, Village Clerk