

VILLAGE OF LOAMI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 10, 2025

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	PRESENT
Anthony Schuering, Village Attorney	PRESENT

Mayor Lambert called the Appropriation Hearing to order at 5:45PM

Roll call – Branson – Aye, Grider – Aye, Lawson – Aye, Mann – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin- Aye.

At 6PM Trustee Grider made a motion to close the Appropriation Hearing. Trustee Mann seconded the motion. Vote taken, motion carried. Roll call – Branson – Aye, Grider – Aye, Lawson – Aye, Mann – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin- Aye

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

MAYOR UPDATE: Mayor Lambert thanked Trustee Pippin and Trustee Grider for their time, effort and commitment to the Village of Loami. Mayor Lambert thanked Trustee Patterson for his knowledge, care for Loami, years of commitment and guidance he gave to the Village of Loami.

Mayor Lambert stated the board meetings will be broadcasted in the near future and the purpose is to open the door for more people to join the meetings and to be open and transparent.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Colantino presented the March 2025 treasurer’s report to the board for approval. Trustee Patterson made a motion to accept the report. Trustee Grider seconded the motion. Vote taken; motion carried. Roll call - Branson – Aye, Grider – Aye, Lawson – Aye, Mann – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin – Aye, Nay – 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Clerk Grider presented March 13, 2025, Regular Board Meeting minutes for approval. Trustee Patterson made a motion to approve the minutes. 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 Grider made a motion to approve the unpaid bills as presented to the board. Trustee Mann seconded the motion. Vote taken; motion carried. Vote taken; motion carried. Roll call - Branson – Aye, Grider – Aye, Lawson – Aye, Mann – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin – Aye, Nay – 0.

VISITORS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Patterson made a motion to accept Ordinance 2025-02, An Ordinance Transferring Appropriation Authority for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2025, and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Trustee Lawson seconded the motion. Vote taken; Roll call - Branson – Aye, Grider – Aye, Lawson – Aye, Mann – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin – Aye, Nay – 0.

Ordinance 2025-03, An Ordinance Making Appropriation for all Corporate Purpose for the Village of Loami, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the 1st Day of May 2025 and Ending on the 30th Day of April 2026 was presented. Trustee Grider asked why there was such an increase in the police department payroll. Chief Workman stated the increase was to add more day shift hours and Mayor Lambert stated it is also to increase pay for the police officers. Chief Workman stated Officer Robinson who works day shifts will be retiring and Chief wants to hire another officer when Officer Robinson retires. Mayor Lambert stated that no officers will be hired to replace Officer Robinson. Trustee Pippin inquired why the legal amount is increasing. Mayor Lambert stated due to onboarding a new lawyer and legal issues that the Village ran into. Trustee Patterson made a motion to accept Ordinance 2025-03, An Ordinance Making Appropriation for all Corporate Purpose for the Village of Loami, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the 1st Day of May 2025 and Ending on the 30th Day of April 2026. Trustee Pippin seconded the motion. Roll call - Branson – Aye, Grider – Aye, Lawson – Aye, Mann – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin – Aye, Nay – 0.

Trustee Patterson made a motion to accept Ordinance 2025-04, An Ordinance to Amend the water and sewer rates. Trustee Grider seconded the motion. Roll call - Branson – Aye, Grider – Aye, Lawson – Aye, Mann – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin – Aye, Nay – 0.

Mayor Lambert stated City, Water, Light and Power (CWLP), who is the water supplier for the Village of Loami increased their water rates by 32% in 2024 and the Village of Loami did not increase our water rates due to a good financial standing. Then CWLP increased the water rate by another 32% in 2025. Treasurer Colantino stated it is estimated this increase will keep the water revenue in good standing for 7 to 8 years. He also stated he researched surrounding villages and found that the Village of Loami has one of the lowest water rates.

Annual employee compensation increase was discussed and Mayor Lambert stated we are tying the annual increase to Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) index, which for 2025 is 2.5%. Trustee Patterson made a motion to accept the COLA index to increase Village of Loami employee's wages. Trustee Grider seconded the motion. Roll call - Branson – Aye, Grider – Aye, Lawson – Aye, Mann – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin – Aye, Nay – 0.

Chief Workman asked the board members to increase the Police Officers wages by \$1.00/hour per Officer. Rose made a motion to increase the Police Officers wages by \$1.00/hour. Trustee Lawson seconded the motion. Roll call - Branson – Aye, Grider – Aye, Lawson – Aye, Mann – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin – Aye, Nay – 0.

Trustee Grider made a motion to accept Resolution 2025-01, Authorize the acceptance of a proposal from LOCIS to add additional functionality to the current water billing system. Trustee Patterson seconded the motion. Roll call - Branson – Aye, Grider – Aye, Lawson – Aye, Mann – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin – Aye, Nay – 0.

Trustee Grider made a motion to accept Resolution 2025-02, Appoint ESDA Coordinator for the Village of Loami. Trustee Branson seconded the motion. Roll call - Branson – Aye, Grider – Aye, Lawson – Aye, Mann – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin – Aye, Nay – 0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PARKS – Trustee Patterson thanked everyone he has worked with during his time on the board. Public Works Superintendent Langenfeld stated mowing has started at the parks.

STREETS DEPARTMENT – Trustee Pippin thanked everyone he has worked with during his time on the board.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Workman stated the month of March 2025 was busy. Chief Workman submitted the Police Report to the board, which is on file at the Clerk's office.

PERMITS – Trustee Mann stated there were thirty-two (32) recreation vehicle permits issued for March 2025 and one (1) building permit issued for March 2025.

DELINQUENT BILLS – Trustee Grider stated there were one (1) shutoffs for the month of March 2025.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT – Public Works Superintendent Langenfeld stated eight (8) out of the ten (10) motors at the sewer lagoon have been replaced.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Chief Workman stated he and Trustee Mann went around the village and has a list of ordinance violations that will be mailed out.

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

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

Trustee Patterson made a motion to increase Clerk Grider's pay by \$1.00/hour and increase the office hours by 8 hours. Trustee Lawson seconded the motion. Roll call – Branson – Aye, Grider – Aye, Lawson – Aye, Mann – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin- Aye, Nay – 0.

With no further business at hand, Trustee Branson 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, May 8, 2025.

Respectively Submitted,
Carissa E. Grider, Village Clerk