

VILLAGE OF LOAMI  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
October 12, 2023

---

ROLL CALL

***TRUSTEES***

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

***VILLAGE OFFICIALS***

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

---

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Colantino presented the September 2023 treasurer's report was presented to the board for approval. Trustee Patterson 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, Lawson – Aye, Mann – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Nay – 0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Clerk Grider presented the September 14, 2023, Regular Board Meeting minutes for approval. Trustee Grider made a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Mann 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 Lawson seconded the motion. Vote taken; motion carried. Roll call – Branson – Aye, Grider – Aye, Lawson – Aye, Mann – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Nay – 0.

**VISITORS:**

Craig Hall from the Sangamon County Board addressed the board. Craig Hall gave updates on a project in Springfield, juvenile detention incident, funeral home in Macoupin County and a mass transit project.

Mayor Lambert inquired if Craig Hall had plans of looking at Loami Bates Road north of Loami. Craig stated Sangamon County shot the depths of the road in question and the road passed. Craig stated the surface of the road is the problem. Trustee Patterson asked if Sangamon County could do something about the drainage. Craig stated they need an elevated pipe to get rid of the water. Craig said he will have Brian Davis from Sangamon County Highway Department come out and evaluate.

Craig Hall stated Sangamon County received a grant in the amount of 3 million dollars to fund fiber internet throughout Sangamon County. Sangamon County received 5 applications from fiber internet companies and none of the applications were complete and therefore Sangamon County did not move forward with the grant. Craig Hall stated he had the unsigned Sangamon County Highway Departments permit for GHB Enterprise LLC. The permit for GHB Enterprise LLC to install fiber internet on Loami Rd and Loami Bates Rd. Craig Hall asked the board for

direction on how to move forward with the permit. Clerk Grider stated the board has been advised that since GHB Enterprise LLC has been approved by the State of Illinois then approval from the Village of Loami is not necessary and GHB Enterprise LLC can install fiber internet on the Village of Loami right-of-way without approval. Mayor Lambert stated that the main issue is the State of Illinois is dictating this and the Village of Loami has no control. Mayor Lambert asked what can be done in the future to prevent this.

Rob Brown from GHB Enterprise LLC addressed questions on the placement of the fiber internet. On Irish Road the fiber went right next to the road due to the direction of the road district request. Rob stated in other spots the fiber lines were put in place due to other utility lines were in the way and he wanted to avoid hitting the lines.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Grider stated he received the trail cameras for the park and brush pile entrance. Clerk Grider stated she contacted the alarm company that the Police Department has, and she is waiting for a call back.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Pippin made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-03, An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessments of Taxes for the Village of Loami, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023, and Ending April 30, 2024. Trustee Grider seconded the motion. Roll call – Branson – Aye, Grider – Aye, Lawson – Aye, Mann – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Nay – 0.

Clerk Grider stated she is working on creating an Employee Handbook for the Village of Loami.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**PARKS** – Mayor Lambert stated he wanted to give a huge thank you to the residents and board members that helped clean up the reservoir. Mayor Lambert stated the priorities is safety and aesthetics. The next steps are getting a grant to use for a walking trail on the south side of the reservoir.

**STREETS DEPARTMENT** – Chief Workman and Trustee Mann both stated the streets look really good after being resurfaced.

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

**PERMITS** – Trustee Mann stated there was 1 permit issued for September 2023.

**DELINQUENT BILLS** – Trustee Grider stated there were no shutoffs for the month of September.

**WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT** – Trustee Grider stated a new valve will be installed this coming Friday at the pump station on South Main Street.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – Chief Workman asked Attorney Rabin where he was with the resident that the Village of Loami was moving to legal action for an ordinance violation. Attorney Rabin stated he has not moved forward but will soon.

Trustee Patterson made a motion to adjourn Regular Session and go to Executive Session to discuss ordinance violations and employee hiring. Trustee Branson seconded the motion.

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

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

The next regular board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2023.

Respectively Submitted,

Carissa E. Grider, Village Clerk