

VILLAGE OF LOAMI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 8, 2024

ROLL CALL

TRUSTEES

Jay Branson	PRESENT
Stephen Grider	PRESENT
Todd Lawson	ABSENT
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	ABSENT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Colantino presented the January 2024 treasurer's report to the board for approval. 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 – Branson – Aye, Grider – Aye, Mann – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin- Aye, Nay – 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Clerk Grider presented the January 11, 2024, 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 Grider seconded the motion. Vote taken; motion carried. Roll call – Branson – Aye, Grider – Aye, Mann – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin – Aye, Nay – 0.

VISITORS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Sergeant Dillon stated him, and Chief Workman will be meeting with Synergy the week of February 12th to get a lay of Loami for village wide camera's, body camera's for the police department and video conferencing to live stream the village board meetings. Sergeant Dillon suggested to the board that the village office will need to get an alarm system through CLS which is the same company that the police department has their alarm system with.

Mayor Lambert stated the handbook is ready to be adopted within the next few weeks. Mayor Lambert asked the board if they had any comments/edits and if so, they need to let Clerk Grider know.

Mayor Lambert stated he and Treasurer Colantino meet with trustee department heads to review the budget for 2024/2025 fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Lambert gave his outlook about the future of the Village of Loami, which lead him to research attorneys in Sangamon County. Mayor Lambert gave his appreciation to Attorney Rabin for serving the Village of Loami for 15 years. The board was presented with an ordinance for new representation from Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP. Trustee Patterson asked if the attorney from Brown, Hay, & Stephens would attend every other board meeting, Mayor Lambert said yes, the attorney would attend every other board meeting along with additional weekly meetings with the mayor. Trustee Branson asked if there will be additional cost with the new attorney having to catch up, Mayor Lambert said yes there would be additional cost.

Trustee Patterson made a motion to approve Ordinance number 2024-01, An Ordinance Appointing Brown, Hay, & Stephens, LLP as Attorneys for the Village of Loami and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Trustee Grider seconded the motion. Roll call – Branson – Aye, Grider – Aye, Mann – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin – Aye, Nay – 0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PARKS – Trustee Patterson stated he spoke with William Roesch and Trustee Patterson would like to recoat the playground equipment and put an overhead picnic table area by the reservoir.

STREETS DEPARTMENT – Trustee Pippin stated William Roesch is in contact of a local individual about cleaning up ditches on the east end of the Village of Loami.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Workman stated the police department was a busy month for January. 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 January 2024.

DELINQUENT BILLS – Trustee Grider stated there were two (2) shutoffs for the month of January.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT – Trustee Grider stated he will get in contact with William Roesch to discuss a plan for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Chief Workman stated him, and Trustee Mann will meet to look at potential ordinance violations. Mayor Lambert asked if the rock pile in the village parking lot would pose a problem with clean-up day. Clerk Grider stated she will get with William Roesch to get a plan to ensure the layout will work.

With no further business at hand, Trustee Pippin 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, March 14, 2024.

Respectively Submitted,
Carissa E. Grider, Village Clerk