

VILLAGE OF LOAMI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 8, 2023

ROLL CALL

TRUSTEES

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

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

ABSENT	Steven Lambert, Mayor	PRESENT
PRESENT	Carissa Grider, Village Clerk	PRESENT
PRESENT	Brad Colantino, Treasurer	PRESENT
ABSENT	Stan Workman, Chief of Police	PRESENT
PRESENT	Alex Rabin, Village Attorney	ABSENT
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Mayor Lambert opened the Regular Board Meeting up at 6:05 PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Colantino stated he would like to change the monthly treasurer's report to include more Profit & Loss information. Treasurer Colantino presented an analysis on higher yield accounts from Illinois Funds and CD rates. Treasurer Colantino stated Illinois Funds is a very safe and low-level risk fund, there is no time limits or penalties for these accounts. If funds were in a CD that would mean they would be tied up for a certain time period and have a penalty if the funds needed to be taken out. Treasurer Colantino asked the board what amount they feel comfortable with to move into a higher yield account. Trustee Lawson made a motion to move \$150,000 to Illinois Funds from the Water and Sewer account that is with United Community Bank. Trustee Grider seconded the motion. Vote taken; Roll call - Grider – Aye, Lawson – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin – Aye, Nay – 0.

Treasurer Colantino presented the May 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 Lawson seconded the motion. Vote taken; motion carried. Roll call – Grider – Aye, Lawson – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin – Aye, Nay – 0.

Treasurer Colantino presented the Annual Treasurer's report for fiscal year ending April 30, 2023. Trustee Pippin made a motion to accept the report as presented to the board. Trustee Grider seconded the motion. Vote taken; motion carried. Roll call – Grider – Aye, Lawson – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin – Aye, Nay – 0.

Mayor Lambert stated he would like a summary of investments for the Village of Loami.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Clerk Grider presented the May 11, 2023, Regular Board Meeting minutes for approval. Trustee Patterson 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. Clerk Grider stated the Cleeton's bill was for the clean-up day and that funds from the Loami township for their portion had been received. Chief Workman stated the clean-up day worked better being at the Village office. 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 – Grider – Aye, Lawson – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin – Aye, Nay – 0.

VISITORS:

Resident Christine McFarland inquired if there was a way to help with flooding in the ditches. Mayor Lambert asked Trustee Pippin to get in contact with William Roesch and see if they can work on a resolution.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Pippin addressed the board regarding allowing personal watercraft on the reservoir. Trustee Pippin stated he spoke with the insurance company, and they had several recommendations if we allow personal watercraft on the reservoir. The recommendations were as follows: 1. As there is currently no swimming allowed, and this body of water includes a reservoir/spillway, the Board needs to weigh the risks allowing non-motorized boats, canoes and kayaks. Additionally non-trained operators add to this potential injury/fatality exposure. 2. If the village allows usage of non-motorized boats, kayaks and canoes, signage must be in place addressing age of operators, no lifeguards present and exiting water when severe storms are present or forecast. 3. Please consider adding security cameras at the facility. Cameras will allow the village to monitor safe vs unsafe usage of the property. Camera footage can be utilized if a claim is brought against the village and assist with identifying those who misuse or vandalize the facility. 4. Village Attorney Alex Rabin should be considered re legal opinion RMA does not give legal advice. Trustee Pippin made a motion to vote on allowing personal watercraft on the reservoir. Trustee Grider seconded the motion. Vote taken; Roll Call – Grider – Nay, Lawson – Nay, Patterson – Nay, Pippin – Nay.

Mayor Lambert stated he will have the first community forum and focus on reservoir beautification.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Patterson made a motion to accept the Resolution for Street Maintenance in the Village of Loami. Trustee Grider seconded the motion. Roll call – Grider – Aye, Lawson – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin – Aye, Nay – 0.

Clerk Grider addressed the board regarding the 4th of July Celebration which will be July 8th at Colburn Park. Clerk Grider stated that there will be a bounce house, obstacle course, laser tag, face painting, balloon animal creating, rock painting which will all be free for the kids. There will also be 3 food vendors and Town Hall Pub will be selling beverages.

Clerk Grider stated that the Senior Dinner will be on August 5th at 5pm for Loami residents that are 55 years old and older. This year it will be RSVP and we will advertise via water bills, communicating with the churches and Trustee Lawson said he will get a sign made. The board members agreed to have BINGO as the entertainment for the dinner.

Trustee Patterson inquired about how we can show upcoming events in Loami. He suggested that getting a TV marquee on the community center.

Trustee Grider stated that he would like to add cameras to the village office, community center and entrance to the brush pile. Mayor Lambert agreed that cameras would be beneficial in all these areas. Mayor Lambert asked which trustee would like to spear-head getting cameras. Trustee Grider stated he would start researching cameras and report back to the board during the July meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PARKS – Trustee Patterson there are no updates for the park. Trustee Patterson stated he would like to have a flag up at the village office. Trustee Lawson stated he has a flagpole he would donate.

STREETS DEPARTMENT – Trustee Pippin stated the streets will be resurfaced soon. Trustee Pippin stated he will investigate digging out the ditches.

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

PERMITS – One (1) permit was issued in May 2023.

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

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT – Trustee Grider stated two (2) aerators are back to working and one (1) pump may need a new sensor.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Chief Workman stated there are several trailers in Whispering Pines that are uninhabitable, and some have trees growing inside them. Chief Workman stated the residents that were sent ordinance violations have cleaned up their properties. Chief Workman stated the resident that the village gave a 90-day extension on cleanup their property has not completed the cleanup. Clerk Grider stated she will contact the village attorney to see what the next steps are.

Trustee Grider inquired if there were any chicken applications ready to be inspected. Clerk Grider stated she had two (2) applications.

Trustee Grider made a motion to adjourn Regular Session and go to Executive Session to discuss employee hiring. Trustee Pippin seconded the motion.

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Trustee Grider made a motion to have a pay range of \$18 to \$20 an hour when advertising to hire a public works position. Trustee Patterson seconded the motion. Roll call – Grider – Aye, Lawson – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin – Aye, Nay – 0.

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

The next regular board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2023.

Respectively Submitted,

Carissa E. Grider, Village Clerk