

VILLAGE OF LOAMI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 9, 2025

ROLL CALL

TRUSTEES

Jay Branson	ABSENT
Stephen Grider	ABSENT
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	ABSENT

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

MAYOR UPDATE: Mayor Lambert stated the Village of Loami was awarded the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development Grant Program (OSLAD) in the amount of \$600,000.00. Mayor Lambert thanked everyone involved, Clerk Grider, Bill Roesch, Public Works Superintendent Kyle Langenfeld, Benton and Associates and the village board members. Mayor Lambert stated at the February 2025 regular board meeting Benton and Associates will be there to talk through next steps. Mayor Lambert thanked the community members for their support as well.

Mayor Lambert stated that everyone needs to think about next fiscal year's budget and what can be done.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Colantino stated for the next fiscal year he would like to prepare a financial plan for the Village of Loami. Treasurer Colantino presented the December 2024 treasurer's report to the board for approval. Trustee Lawson made a motion to accept the report. Trustee Mann seconded the motion. Vote taken; motion carried. Roll call - Lawson – Aye, Mann – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin – Aye, Nay – 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Clerk Grider presented December 12, 2024, 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. 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 – Lawson – Aye, Mann – Aye, Patterson – Aye, Pippin – Aye, Nay – 0.

VISITORS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PARKS – Public Works Superintendent Langenfeld stated burned some of the cattails around the reservoir and will continue. He also stated they will be working on removing small trees that are along the dam.

STREETS DEPARTMENT –Public Works Superintendent Langenfeld stated the traffic mirrors have been ordered. He also stated he will work with Trustee Pippin on getting information on completing ditch and tile work.

Trustee Lawson asked about putting signs at all entrances into Loami that say “Unless posted speed limit is 20 or 25 mph”. Mayor Lambert stated he will discuss this with Attorney Schuering.

POLICE DEPARTMENT –Chief Workman stated the squad car is back at Morrow Brothers, he stated they’ve had this vehicle for over one (1) year. Chief Workman suggested if the squad car isn’t fixed this time, then we should send a letter to Morrow Brothers. Chief Workman stated Lieutenant Dillon will take the speed trailer to the company in the next few weeks. Chief Workman stated he believes the village will need a full-time police officer soon and there is a grant for small municipalities that will pay police officers salaries for ten (10) years. Chief Workman stated he has had several stops for speeding in January 2025, Mayor Lambert asked if he could add on the monthly Police Report of incidents that are residents and non-residents of Loami. Chief Workman submitted the Police Report to the board, which is on file at the Clerk’s office.

PERMITS – Trustee Mann stated there were no permit issued for December.

DELINQUENT BILLS – Clerk Grider stated there were no shutoffs for the month of December.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT –Public Works Superintendent Langenfeld stated he needs to get in contact with Prairie State Plumbing and Heating regarding the aerators for the sewer lagoon.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Mayor Lambert stated Chief Workman, Clerk Grider and Trustee Mann met and discussed the ordinance violation process. Chief Workman stated the following is what was discussed, adjusting the fee schedule, following up on the violations, communication between the Chief and Clerk, removing paying half of the fee if paid within ten (10) days, and extending the timeframe to correct the violation to fourteen (14) days. Mayor Lambert stated we will start educating the community and putting more information on the village website regarding violations.

With no further business at hand, Trustee Lawson 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, February 13, 2025.

Respectively Submitted,
Carissa E. Grider, Village Clerk