

Village of Loomis
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 12, 2023-7:00PM

The Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Loomis held a Regular Meeting on September 12, 2023 at the Loomis Community Building. Notice of the meeting was published in the Holdrege Daily Citizen. The agenda for said meeting was kept continuously at the office of the Village Clerk.

Chairman Keith Fagot opened the meeting at 7 PM. He explained that the meeting would be conducted according to Nebraska State Open Meeting Law and that a copy of the law was placed on the counter for all to see.

Board Members present: Keith Fagot, Don Masten, Ben Collin, Melanie Freeman

Board Members absent: Maxine Berry

Ben moved and Melanie seconded to approve the absence of Max Berry for illness. Voting Aye: Ben, Don, Keith, Melanie; Voting Nay: None. Motion passed 4/0.

The meeting was recessed to conduct the Budget Hearing and the Tax Request Hearing.

Chairman Fagot reconvened the meeting

Melanie moved and Keith seconded to approve the agenda of the September 12, 2023 Board Meeting. Voting Aye: Ben, Don, Keith, Melanie; Voting Nay: None. Motion passed 4/0.

Don moved and Melanie seconded to approve the previous month's regular meeting minutes. Voting Aye: Ben, Don, Keith, Melanie; Voting Nay: None. Motion passed 4/0.

Don moved and Keith seconded that the financial reports be approved as presented. Voting Aye: Ben, Don, Keith, Melanie; Voting Nay: None. Motion passed 4/0.

Ben moved and Melanie seconded that the following claims be approved and paid as presented: *ATC Communications 212.98, ALPHA Heating & Air 384.09, Card Services 778.43, CHS Agri-Service Center 994.76, DeWald, Deaver, L.Heureux 39.00, First Rate Ag 56.96, Holdrege Auto Parts, Inc. 76.50, Holdrege Daily Citizen 202.44, Internal Revenue Service 1,966.88, John Deere Financial 602.00, LIPS Printing Service 181.66, Menards 319.96, Michael Todd & Company 699.50, Micheal J Pristavec 91.92, Miller & Associates Consulting Engineers 3,990.20, Municipal Supply, Inc. 2,934.73, NE Department of Revenue 323.95, Nebraska Department of Revenue 25.00, Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab 420.00, Newman Tree Service and Fencing 2,000.00, Overton Sand & Gravel Co. 1,187.15, Paulsen, Inc. 1,239.24, Petty Cash 300.00, PRO Building Supply, Inc. 448.99, Schaben Sanitation, Inc. 3,595.27, Southern Power District 2,612.00, Svoboda's Ace Hardware 285.82. Wages 6,427.85; Voting Aye: Ben, Don, Keith, Melanie; Voting Nay: None. Motion passed 4/0.

Public Comment was opened to address the board on any matter.

Keith moved and Ben seconded to approve the 2023-2024 Budget as proposed with a 2023-2024 property tax request \$133,657.98. Voting Aye: Ben, Don, Keith, Melanie. Voting Nay: None. Motion passed 4/0.

Don moved and Keith seconded to approve a 1% increase in Restricted Funds Authority. Voting Aye: Ben, Don, Keith, Melanie. Voting Nay: None. Motion passed 4/0.

Motion by Keith and second by Ben to approve Resolution 0923-01, the 2023-2034 Tax Request as follows:

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST RESOLUTION NO. 0923-01

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that Governing Body of the Village of Loomis passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the Village of Loomis, resolves that:

1. The 2023-2024 property tax request be set at:
General Fund: \$ 133,657.98
Bond Fund: \$
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 7.18 percent.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.351816 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. The Village of Loomis proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.377076 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the Village of Loomis will increase (or decrease) last year's budget by 3.2 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2023.

Voting Aye: Ben, Keith Melanie, Don. Voting Nays: None. Motion passed 4/0.

A discussion was conducted concerning cameras at the ball field to prevent recurring vandalism. The board instructed the Village Clerk to pursue the purchase of 4 cameras with infrared capabilities for the field.

After a discussion, the ordinances concerning unlicensed vehicles will be enforced as written.

Motion by Ben and second by Keith to renew the lease on the BobCat Skid Loader in the amount of \$3300. Voting YES: Ben, Keith, Melanie. Voting NO: None. Abstain: Don, due to a conflict of interest. Motion passed 3/0/1.

The upgrading of the InZone was discussed. Chairman Fagot was encouraged to pursue the project and to have a completion day by the end of December.

An email was sent to the engineer to hurry the process of drawings and bids for the sewer extension for the annexed property.

A discussion was held concerning the violation of the building permit ordinance. Motion By Don and Second by Ben that the offender reimburse the Village to replace the curb that was taken out without permission. Voting Aye: Don, Ben, Melanie, Keith. Voting No: None. The motion carried 4/0.

Chairman Fagot reported on the completed blighted study. The Village is now eligible to consider any requests for Tax Increment Financing for any development.

Motion by Keith and seconded by Ben to approve Resolution 0923-05 as follows: That in order to provide for a coordinated response to a disaster or emergency in Phelps County, the Village of Loomis and other cities and villages in Phelps County, the Loomis Village Board deems it advisable and in the best interests of the community and the County to approve the Phelps County Local Emergency Operations Plan. Acceptance of this 2023 Local Emergency Operations Plan superseded all previous approved Phelps County Local Emergency Operations Plans. Voting Aye: Keith, Ben, Melanie, Don, Maxine. Voting Nay: None. Motion passed 4/0.

A discussion was held concerning the use of the Loomis Community Building for a non-school cheerleading group. Chairman Fagot is to devise a written agreement with the owner of the group which establishes the rental fee, payment period, and conditions of usage.

Don moved and Melanie seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and to protect the reputation of individuals who may be discussed. seconded. Voting Aye: Ben, Don, Keith, Melanie; Voting Nay: None. Motion passed 4/0. TIME IN: 8:05 PM

Ben moved Don Seconded to come out of Executive Session. Voting Aye: Ben, Don, Keith, Melanie; Voting Nay: None. Motion passed 4/0. TIME OUT: 8:21 PM

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Melanie moved and Ben seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voting Aye: Ben, Don, Keith, Melanie. Voting Nay: None. Motion passed 4/0. With no further business, Chairman Keith Fagot adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

ATTEST: APPROVED:

MJ Pristavec
Village Clerk

Keith Fagot,
Chairman