

Village of Loomis
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2024
7:00PM

REGULAR MEETING

The Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Loomis held a Regular Meeting on December 9, 2024, at the Loomis Community Building. Notice of the meeting was published in the Holdrege Daily Citizen and posted at the Loomis Post Office, Loomis Village Office and First State Bank of Loomis. The agenda for said meeting was kept continuously at the office of the Village Clerk.

Chairman Keith Fagot opened the meeting at 7:00PM.

Chairman Fagot explained that the meeting would be conducted under the Open Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska and that a copy of those laws was placed on the counter of the meeting room for anyone who wished to read them.

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

Chairman Fagot welcomed guest Cindy Collin.

Max moved and Melanie seconded to approve the agenda. Voting Aye: Don, Keith, Max, Melanie, Ben. Voting Nay: None. The motion passed 5/0.

Ben moved and Max seconded to approve the previous month's regular meeting minutes. Voting Aye: Don, Keith, Melanie, Max, Ben. Voting Nay: None. Motion passed 5/0.

Don moved and Melanie seconded that the financial reports be approved as presented: Voting Aye: Don, Keith, Melanie, Max, Ben. Voting Nay: None. Motion passed 5/0.

Don moved and Max seconded that the following claims be approved and paid as presented: ATC Communications 611.46, Black Hills Energy 241.98, Breinig Diesel, LLC 2698.69, Card Services 1576.25, Central Valley Electric 54.53, CHS Agri Service 1924.09, Dana F. Cole 3500.00, Dewald, Deaver, L'Heureux 117.00, Eakes Office Solutions 107.67, First State Bank 24189.37, Holdrege Auto Parts 33.48, Holdrege Daily Citizen 147.00, Landmark Implement 67.80, Internal Revenue Service 2188.44, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy 100.00, MJ Pristavec 50.00, Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab 16.00, NE Department of Revenue 324.23, Phelps County Clerk 100.00, Schaben Sanitation, Inc. 3272.10, Sims Enterprises, Inc. 163.69, Southern Power District 1632.00, Svoboda's Ace Hardware 257.69, Ben Collin 440.00; Don Masten 480.00, Keith Fagot 599.00, Maxine Berry 440.00, Melanie Freeman 480.00, Wages 6712.72. Voting Aye: Don, Keith, Melanie, Ben, Max. Voting Nay: None. Motion passed 5/0.

Public comment was open to the public. One comment explained that Christmas on Main Street was a success.

A representative was present to represent a resident concerning nuisance violations. After the discussion, the representative was instructed to inform the necessary persons that the Village ordinances must be followed.

The increase in garbage rates was discussed. The rates will increase by 2% and the Village Clerk will set up the new charges.

The following Resolution was introduced by Chairman Fagot.

RESOLUTION 2024-12-09
VILLAGE OF LOOMIS
LOOMIS, NEBRASKA

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Village Board realize the water rates of the Village Of Loomis, Nebraska must be adjusted from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Board of the Village of Loomis realize it is in the best interest of the Village of Loomis and its citizens to maintain the municipal water system in a solvent position; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Board of the Village of Loomis have reviewed the current rates and have found that the unlimited use water fee has not be adjusted in more the 12 years; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Loomis is funding the bond issues for the recent installation of the new well as well as recent repairs to the water main system from the utility fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF LOOMIS, NEBRASKA:

The current rate for water of \$17.94 per month be increased by \$10.00 per month, for a new rate of \$27.94 per month for unlimited water usage, effective February 1, 2025, for single house users and that the new rate will be calculated accordingly as currently in effect for commercial and school sites and the rate shall be reviewed annually to ascertain the need for further increases. Motion by Ben and second by Keith to adopt Resolution 2024-12-09 as presented. Voting YES: Max, Melanie, Ben, Keith, Don. Voting NO: None. The motion carried 5/0.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of December 2024.

Keith Fagot

Chairman of the Village Board

The second reading of Ordinance 52.09, Water Billing water regulations, was presented by Chairman Fagot. Motion by Max and second by Ben to approve the second reading of Ordinance 52.09. Voting YES: Don, Ben, Max, Melanie, Keith. Voting NO: None. The motion carried 5/0.

Chairman Fagot adjourned Sine Die at 7:29 p.m.

The reorganizational meeting was opened at 7:29 pm. In the absence of the Village Clerk, Chairman Fagot presented the oath of office to re-elected members Max Berry, Melanie Freeman and Ben Collin which they recited and signed.

Motion by Don and second by Melanie that the current officers remain in place for the 2024-2025 calendar year. Voting YES: Don, Melanie, Max, Ben, Keith. Voting NO: None. The motion carried 5/0. Those officers are: Keith Fagot, Chairman and Don Masten Vice Chair.

Chairman Fagot made the following appointments:

Board of Health—Loomis Village Board with Max Berry as Health Inspector
Village Attorney—Taylor L'Heureux, DeWald, Deaver, L'Heureux Firm
Emergency Management Director—Justin Norris, Phelps County Emergency Manager
Village Engineer and Street Superintendent for the 2025 Calendar Year.—Chris Miller of Miller and Associates. Street Superintendent Class A, License S-1091 and Engineer License E-8775
Village Clerk/Treasurer—MJ Pristavec
Utilities Superintendent—MJ Pristavec
Official Newspaper for Village legal publications.—Holdrege Daily Citizen
Auditor and Budget Construction—Dana F Cole and Company

The Board discussed the lease renewal for the Village Farm property. Chairman Fagot was instructed to negotiate and finalize that process.

The board discussed the development of an incentive plan for all village employees.

The next meeting will be held at 7:00PM at the Loomis Community Building on Monday, January 13, 2025. The meeting is being moved from the regular Tuesday date because of a scheduling conflict.

Melanie moved and Max seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voting Aye: Don, Keith, Ben, Melanie, Max. Voting Nay: None. Motion passed 5/0.

Chairman Keith Fagot adjourned the meeting 7:53 PM.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

MJ Pristavec

MJ PRISTAVEC, VILLAGE CLERK

Keith Fagot

CHAIRMAN, KEITH FAGOT