



VILLAGE OF LOAMI  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 12, 2026

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ROLL CALL

**TRUSTEES**

Jay Branson	PRESENT
Billy Cohen	PRESENT
Todd Lawson	PRESENT
Rose Mann	PRESENT
Courtney Schmideler	PRESENT
Christina Stark	PRESENT

**VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

Steven Lambert, Mayor	PRESENT
Carissa Grider, Village Clerk	PRESENT
Brad Colantino, Treasurer	PRESENT
Stan Workman, Chief	PRESENT
Anthony Schuering, Village Attorney	PRESENT

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

**MAYOR UPDATE:** Mayor Lambert extended congratulations to Public Works Superintendent Kyle Langenfeld and his wife on the arrival of their new baby.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Colantino presented the February 2026 treasurer's report to the board for approval. Trustee Lawson made a motion to accept the report. Trustee Cohen seconded the motion. Vote taken; motion carried. Roll call – Branson- Aye, Cohen- Aye, Lawson- Aye, Mann – Aye, Schmideler- Aye, Stark – Aye, Nay – 0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Clerk Grider presented the February 12, 2026, Board Meeting minutes for approval. Trustee Cohen made a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Lawson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:** Clerk Grider presented the unpaid bills to the board for approval. Trustee Branson made a motion to approve the unpaid bills as presented to the board. Trustee Mann seconded the motion. Vote taken; motion carried. Roll call – Branson- Aye, Cohen- Aye, Lawson- Aye, Mann – Aye, Schmideler- Aye, Stark – Aye, Nay – 0.

**VISITORS:** Gary Schulze addressed the Board regarding the proposed data center to be constructed southwest of Lowder, Illinois, near the existing solar farm. He stated the project would include four buildings totaling approximately 450,000 square feet and expressed concern that it could negatively impact aquifers. He encouraged Loami residents to attend the Sangamon County Board meeting on March 23 and to contact their representatives via email.

**OLD BUSINESS:** N/A

**NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee Stark made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-03, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, Article 1 of the Village's Code of Ordinances to Establish a "No-Solicitation" List and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Trustee Cohen seconded the motion, Vote taken. Roll call – Branson- Aye, Cohen- Aye, Lawson- Aye, Mann – Aye, Schmideler- Aye, Stark – Aye, Nay – 0.

Trustee Mann made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-04, An Ordinance Implementing a Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and A Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax. Trustee Schmideler seconded the motion, Vote taken. Roll call – Branson- Aye, Cohen- Aye, Lawson- Aye, Mann – Aye, Schmideler- Aye, Stark – Aye, Nay – 0.

Trustee Branson inquired about the amount of revenue the Village receives from the grocery tax. Treasurer Colantino stated the Village receives approximately \$300 per month from the State of Illinois. Treasurer Colantino further stated he spoke with Dallas Stephenson, owner of Town Hall Pub, who indicated he had previously been collecting and remitting the State grocery tax and estimated the amount was around \$40 per month. Attorney Schuering noted that this initiative originated from the Illinois Municipal League (IML).

Trustee Cohen made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-02, A Resolution Imposing a Moratorium on Data Centers Within the Corporate Limits and Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of the Village of Loami and Other Actions in Connection Therewith. Trustee Lawson seconded the motion, Vote taken. Roll call – Branson- Aye, Cohen- Aye, Lawson- Aye, Mann – Aye, Schmideler- Aye, Stark – Aye, Nay – 0.

Trustee Stark made a motion to approved Resolution 2026-03, A Resolution Authorizing and Execution of Village of Loami and Loami New Berlin Youth Baseball League Agreement. Trustee Branson seconded the motion, Vote taken. Roll call- Branson- Aye, Cohen- Aye, Lawson- Aye, Mann – Aye, Schmideler- Aye, Stark – Aye, Nay – 0.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE** – Trustee Schmideler stated that each department has been provided with its budget allocation and requested that line-item amounts be submitted by April 1.

**PUBLIC WORKS** – Trustee Lawson reported he is working with Public Works employee Jordan Combs regarding materials for new signage at the baseball fields.

Trustee Lawson also reported he is continuing to work with Craig Hall on signage along Main Street to provide directional guidance to Colburn Park.

Trustee Lawson stated he will work with Public Works Superintendent Kyle Langenfeld on the department budget and indicated a preference not to reduce budget amounts in order to allocate funds toward sidewalk improvements.

Mayor Lambert noted there was a strong turnout at the pre-bid meeting for the OSLAD Grant related to the Colburn Park improvements.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – Trustee Cohen reported he submitted updated photos to Clerk Grider of a property with ordinance violations.

Chief Workman stated that two Loami police officers are certified in Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training. He also noted a resident complaint regarding speeding on Witt Street.

Mayor Lambert stated that if the Police Department intends to purchase equipment for the warning siren, it must be included in the next fiscal year budget. Chief Workman reported that ESDA Coordinator Matt Schmideler is currently obtaining bids.

Chief Workman submitted the Police Report to the board, which is on file at the Clerk's office.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – Trustee Mann stated there were no permits issued for February 2026.

**LOAMI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (LEMA)** – Nothing to report.

**COMMUNITY LIFE** – Trustee Stark reported that over 50 residents have enrolled in e-statements and around forty residents have signed up for automatic payments.

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

The next regular board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2026.

Respectively Submitted,  
Carissa E. Grider, Village Clerk