



VILLAGE OF LOAMI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2026

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	ABSENT

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

MAYOR UPDATE: Mayor Lambert stated he is excited to work thru the agenda.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Colantino stated the Village has received over \$5,000 in month in interest income. Treasurer Colantino presented the January 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 January 8, 2026, Board Meeting minutes for approval. Trustee Stark 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 Schmideler made a motion to approve the unpaid bills as presented to the board. Trustee Branson seconded the motion. Vote taken; motion carried. Roll call – Branson- Aye, Cohen- Aye, Lawson- Aye, Mann – Aye, Schmideler- Aye, Stark – Aye, Nay – 0.

VISITORS: N/A

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Mann made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-01, An Ordinance Appointing Bradley Colantino to the Village of Loami's Deputy Clerk 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 Lawson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-02, An Ordinance Establishing Voting Procedures in the Event of Trustee Absence. Trustee Cohen 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 approve Resolution 2026-01, A Resolution Authorizing Community Events for the Village of Loami During Calendar Year 2026. Trustee Schmideler seconded the motion, Vote taken. Roll call – Branson- Aye, Cohen- Aye, Lawson- Aye, Mann – Aye, Schmideler- Aye, Stark – Aye, Nay – 0.

Mayor Lambert reviewed the status of the OSLAD grant project for improvements at Colburn Park. He then turned the discussion over to Greg Hillis of Benton Engineering. Mr. Hillis explained several updates to the project design. Changes to the walking path were necessary due to the slope of the ground to ensure the path meets ADA compliance standards. Another modification includes the addition of standard swing sets on each side of the reservoir, with the east side also featuring an ADA-compliant swing. Mr. Hillis announced that a pre-bid meeting will be held on March 5 at 2:00 PM at the Village of Loami office. Bid opening will take place on April 2 at 2:00 PM, also at the Village office. Benton Engineering will review the bids and provide a recommendation for board consideration at the regular board meeting scheduled for April 9.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE – Trustee Schmideler reported that she met with Clerk Grider, Treasurer Colantino, and Mayor Lambert to review the proposed Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget. During the meeting, it was determined that each department will need to reduce its budget in order to align with the Village’s projected revenue. Trustee Schmideler stated that the next step will be to meet with department chairs to review the proposed Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget and discuss the necessary adjustments.

PUBLIC WORKS – Trustee Lawson reported that the ballfield signs have been received and that he will coordinate with Public Works Superintendent Langenfeld for their installation. Trustee Lawson also stated that he has been in contact with Craig Hall regarding the placement of Colburn Park signs on Main Street in Loami, which would be installed by Sangamon County Highway.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Cohen stated himself and Chief Workman drove around and they got updated pictures on an ordinance violation property.

Chief Workman stated that January was a slow month and stated all of the mandated training has taken a lot of time to complete. 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 January 2026.

LOAMI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (LEMA) – Trustee Branson reported that the telephone activation component of the warning siren is currently not functioning. A company was contacted to diagnose the issue and has submitted a bid to repair the siren; however, due to the siren being more than 20 years old, there is no guarantee that the repair will fully resolve the problem. Mayor Lambert noted that the siren is still operational when activated manually. Chief Workman asked Treasurer Colantino to research potential grant opportunities for replacing or repairing the warning siren.

COMMUNITY LIFE – Trustee Stark reported that forty-eight (48) residents have enrolled in e-statements and twenty-eight (28) residents have signed up for automatic payments.

Trustee Stark also reported that six (6) local businesses have submitted forms to be included in the recently published business directory.

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, January 12, 2026.

Respectively Submitted,
Carissa E. Grider, Village Clerk