

## 2018-11-13 MINUTES

The Ladd Village Board met in regular session at 6:30pm on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, in the Village Hall. President Mike Grivetti called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

### Roll Call:

Present – Trustees Frank Cattani, Jim Manning, Jan Martin, Dan Nelson, Andy Ruggiero, Mike Urbanowski (6)

In attendance – Attorney Pat Barry, Clerk Diane Chandler, Treasurer Rhonda Bezely, Police Chief Bill Gaefcke, Engineer Adam Ossola, Building Inspector Barry Flanagan

Grivetti recognized the girls in attendance from the Ladd Cub Scouts and welcomed them. Prior to the meeting, Grivetti met with them and answered their questions.

Motion Cattani – Second Ruggiero to approve the (10-23-18 meeting) minutes, as presented.

Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Nelson, Ruggiero, Urbanowski

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Manning to pay the bills in the amount of \$113,849.80.

Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Nelson, Ruggiero, Urbanowski

Motion carried 6-0.

### Correspondence:

- A letter from Republic Services announcing a new trash collection route in Ladd. Collection day will remain on Friday, but the route will change.

### Public Comment:

- Nelson asked if the Village would be holding Comcast responsible for hitting the underground electric line in the subdivision resulting in a power outage. A JULIE request was received but the electric line was not marked therefore Comcast cannot be held responsible.

### Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys – The committee recommended that a branch be removed from a tree at 234 West Walnut Street but the entire tree did not need to be taken down.

### Engineer's Report:

None

### Superintendent's Report:

None

### Chief's Report:

New Vehicle – Gaefcke reported that his department's new vehicle is complete, has been striped and is ready for use.

Personnel – Gaefcke announced that Officer Jason Darnell is out for 90-180 days following heart surgery and Officer Dean is returning from restricted duty due to health issues. Bartender Age – The Board was informed that since the Village does not have an ordinance in place regulating the age of bartenders, the state law prevails. The Board agreed to take no action on the matter. Monthly Report – The Department's Activity Report for October was presented.

### Inspector's Report:

None

### Attorney's Report:

Union Contract – Barry reported that he has been working with IBEW representative Bobby Wedell on the draft of the new labor contract. Wedell requested that Barry draft the language for a possible Early Retirement Incentive which he

has completed and sent but has not received a response. Sexual Harassment Ordinance – Barry announced that the State of Illinois has made changes to the policy prohibiting sexual harassment.

Motion Cattani – Second Manning to pass “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A POLICY PROHIBITING SEXUAL HARASSMENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF LADD, BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS”.

Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski

Motion carried 6-0.

Chaz Thrasher addressed the Board and requested permission to install a Little Free Library in the park. He explained how the library works and would like to place it between the benches on the south side of the playground. He added that Chad Vaini would construct and install it.

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to approve Chaz Thrasher’s request to install a Little Free Library in War Memorial Park.

Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski

Motion carried 6-0.

Grivetti informed the Board of the decision to purchase 4 Christmas wreaths for the West Cleveland Street poles. He added that they needed to be ordered in time to be installed with the other decorations.

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to approve the purchase of 4 pole-mounted wreaths from Temple Display for \$2,322.20.

Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Urbanowski

Nays: Nelson, Ruggerio

Motion carried 4-2.

Five sealed bids on the 2007 Chevy Impala squad car were received and opened.

Motion Cattani – Second Urbanowski to accept the high bid of \$1,151.00 from Tri-County Auto Sales for the 2007 Chevy Impala squad car.

Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski

Motion carried 6-0.

The condition of the Veteran’s Memorial Monuments was addressed. Paint on some of the engraved names has faded. Phone messages left for the original seller of the monuments have not been returned. Nelson added that he had contacted some local artists to fill in the names with the special paint but they would need to wait for warmer temperatures to do the work. Barry suggested that an Indiana cemetery restoration company who recently worked in the area be contacted.

Playground fall protection was discussed. Ruggerio wants to proceed with getting bids for the work but Cattani suggested waiting until February. Grivetti reminded Ruggerio that there are not enough funds available to begin the project.

Motion Cattani – Second Manning to accept the quote of \$7,392.00 from Anixter for a capacitor bank.

Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Martin – Second Urbanowski to approve Rhonda Bezely’s request for reimbursement of \$158.05 for travel expenses to Wisconsin for software training.

Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski

Motion carried 6-0.

Announcements:

- Burning regulations were announced.
- Trustees were encouraged to participate in Ladd’s upcoming Christmas Walk & Snowman Parade.

- Ladd has a new radio station - WLAD 107.5FM. The station is in its early stages and the signal can only be received in Ladd. Owner Mario Data is working to perfect it.

Motion Nelson – Second Cattani to adjourn.

Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski

Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.

Diane Chandler, Village Clerk