

2019-02-12 MINUTES

The Ladd Village Board met in Regular Session at 6:30pm on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 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 Jan Martin, Dan Nelson, Andy Ruggiero, Mike Urbanowski (4)

Absent – Trustee Frank Cattani. Trustee Jim Manning arrived at 6:33pm.

In attendance – Attorney Patrick Barry, Clerk Diane Chandler, Treasurer Rhonda Bezely, Chief Bill Gaefcke, Superintendent Doug Englehaupt, Engineer Adam Ossola

Motion Urbanowski – Second Manning to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019 meeting and the January 28, 2019 Special Meeting.

Ayes: Martin, Nelson, Ruggiero, Urbanowski

Motion carried 4-0.

Motion Ruggiero – Second Martin to pay the bills in the amount of \$67,905.67.

Ayes: Martin, Nelson, Ruggiero, Urbanowski

Motion carried 4-0.

Correspondence:

None

Public Comments:

None

Committee Reports:

None

Engineer's Report:

None

Trustee Manning arrived.

Superintendent's Report:

Snow Plow Proposal – Englehaupt informed the Board that the 30-year old plow currently on the 1987 Ford Tandem truck has taken a beating this winter by hitting a manhole frame and going into a ditch. Barry Flanagan has inspected it and believes he can make a new back and bracket for it. Englehaupt stated that it may be time to rotate this plow as a spare and consider purchasing a new one. If a new plow is approved, it would not arrive in time to be used this season. He added that the Ford Tandem is currently at Kittleston's for new rear springs and a new radiator and that it may be time to replace it. The new plow would fit either the Ford or the Sterling truck as they have the same bracket.

Trustee Urbanowski motioned to purchase a new snow plow then withdrew his motion. Englehaupt will contact Koenig Equipment and the item will be reconsidered at the February 26th meeting.

Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (IMEA) Electric Efficiency Program Funds (EEPF) – Englehaupt reported that he would like to use the EEPF on the capacitor bank that is on order for Tee Group Films. If the Village's power factor correction is met with the new capacitor bank, the remaining funds may be used on additional LED street lighting. He will check with the IMEA on the necessary paperwork.

Motion Manning – Second Nelson to use the Village’s Electric Efficiency Program Funds from the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency for the purchase of the capacitor bank.

Ayes: Manning, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski
Motion carried 5-0.

Chief’s Report:

Proposed Resale Shop – An email correspondence from Terry Mack was read. He has purchased the former Ladd Family Chiropractic building and plans to open a resale shop. His letter addressed the issue of reporting his purchases to the Police Department due to the potential of stolen property. Since there is no ordinance on this matter, Barry plans to research it and report back to the Board. Activity Report – The Police Department’s January 2019 Activity Report was presented. Battery Backup – Due to recent power outages, Gaefcke requested the purchase of battery backup equipment for his office.

Motion Manning – Second Ruggerio to authorize the purchase of two battery backup units not to exceed \$500.00.

Ayes: Manning, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski
Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney’s Report:

Closing Hours Ordinance – Barry had prepared the ordinance to amend the Friday night closing hours for liquor establishments, but it was not presented for action. Grivetti announced that on February 8, 2019, Dick’s Tap was found to be in violation of the current ordinance by remaining open past the current 3:30am closing time. He plans to discuss the problem when a full Village Board is present and has directed the Police Chief to issue a warning to Dick’s Tap.

Motion Martin – Second Urbanowski to donate \$25 to Special Olympics.

Ayes: Manning, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski
Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Manning – Second Urbanowski to enter a “No Objection” response to the Bureau County Zoning Board of Appeals on the variance application from Ladd Elevator Company for a 20’ reduction in setback to build a 12’ X 72’ truck scale at 1800 North Avenue & Route 89.

Ayes: Manning, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski
Motion carried 5-0.

Announcements:

- Grivetti complimented the entire Village work force for the fine job they do for the residents of Ladd.
- Thanked Ruggerio for the nice turnout at the playing of Taps on the February 11th.
- Requested Trustee’s permission to share their personal email addresses with North Central Illinois Economic Development Corporation. All future correspondence with NCIEDC is to come to the Clerk’s office to be shared with Trustees.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Ruggerio to adjourn.

Ayes: Manning, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski
Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.

Diane Chandler, Village Clerk