

2019-03-26 MINUTES

The Ladd Village Board met in Regular Session at 6:30pm on Tuesday, March 26, 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 Frank Cattani, Jim Manning, Jan Martin, Dan Nelson, Andy Ruggerio, Mike Urbanowski (6)

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

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to approve the (3/12/19 meeting) minutes, as presented.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion Manning – Second Ruggerio to pay bills in the amount of \$95,910.52.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Cattani to accept the February 2019 Treasurer’s Report.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion Ruggerio – Second Cattani to renew the Electric Fund CD for 6 months at 2% APY.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Correspondence:

None

Public Comments:

Regina Stanmar addressed the Board regarding this year’s Community Garden. Seatonville Greenhouse will be donating the plants for the garden again this year. She would like to put up a sign at the garden to recognize them. Nelson added that some residents were confused on how and when to harvest some of the produce. This information could possibly be added to the sign. As soon as the weather breaks, she plans to rake and burn, then till the ashes into the soil. Mulch will be donated again this year. She is open to ideas and help. Ruggerio suggested she contact the local Boy Scout Troop.

Committee Reports:

Nelson announced that he had been contacted by Ax Church offering to perform work in town during Hope Week. Suggestions given to them were to paint the fence around the tennis courts, to stripe the courts, or to clean up the landscaping at the Community Center.

Engineer’s Report:

Water Rates – Ossola presented a summary of options to increase water rates. His summary included a minimum rate increase to qualify for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), a mid-range increase, and a high increase which would qualify for an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) loan with forgiveness. The increase would also cover two hydrant replacements per year, painting of the new water tower and a small water line replacement on the east side of town. An additional \$100,000.00 is needed in annual funding. The Water Fund currently has a negative balance of \$379,713.60.

Motion Cattani – Second Nelson to increase the water rates using the high increase to qualify for IEPA loan forgiveness.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motor Fuel Tax Program – Ossola presented paperwork for the 2019 MFT program.

Motion Manning – Second Cattani to approve “Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code” (\$105,000); “Estimate of Maintenance Costs” (\$104,933.40); and “Maintenance Engineering to be Performed by a Consulting Engineer” (\$8,676.90).

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

The Board reviewed an estimate received from TNT Lawn & Snow for the mowing of Village properties during the 2019 & 2020 seasons. Since it was received late, the Board will take action on it at the April 9th meeting.

Superintendent’s Report:

Grivetti informed the Board of the following items in the Superintendent’s absence. Rotary Sweeper – No action was taken on a proposal from Ladd Farm Mart for a new rotary sweeper. Drain @ LaSalle Avenue & Chestnut Street – A broken pipe at the corner of LaSalle Avenue & East Chestnut Street will take one hour and a bag of Sakrete to repair.

Chief’s Report:

None

Inspector’s Report:

None

Attorney’s Report:

None

The Board discussed collecting a fee for items brought to the Village’s May 4th electronics recycling event.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Cattani to charge \$10 per electronic item brought to the electronics recycling event.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion Cattani – Martin to donate \$100 to the Ladd PTO for the graduation party.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

No action was taken on renewing membership with the North Central Illinois Economic Development Corporation.

Motion Cattani – Second Manning to sponsor 8 Easter food baskets at the Hall Township Food Pantry (\$280).

Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski

Abstain: Martin

Motion carried: 5-0-1.

Announcements:

- A request has been received to play Happy Birthday over the Main Street speakers. The Board agreed to a charge of \$25 to play the song three times on the requested day.
- Music would begin playing over the Main Street speakers beginning on Monday, April 1st and throughout the summer from 10:00am to 7:00pm.
- Information from North Central Illinois Council of Governments on a tree grant program was shared.

Motion Cattani – Second Manning to adjourn.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Diane Chandler, Village Clerk