

## 2019-04-09 MINUTES

The Ladd Village Board met in Regular Session at 6:30pm on Tuesday, April 9, 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 Ruggiero, Mike Urbanowski (6)  
In attendance – Attorney Pat Barry, Clerk Diane Chandler, Police Chief Bill Gaefcke, Superintendent Doug Englehaupt, Engineer Adam Ossola, Building Inspector Barry Flanagan

Motion Cattani – Second Manning to approve the (3/26/19 meeting) minutes, as presented.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Ruggiero to pay bills in the amount of \$32,045.72.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

### Correspondence:

- A notice of termination from Bureau County Animal Control for animal control services. A new agreement will be ready in May.

### Public Comment:

- Shelly Keegan addressed the Board. She requested the music on Main Street be turned off as it is a constant burden and disturbance and is very annoying. She added that she shouldn't be punished by living close to Main Street.
- Gary Carruthers also asked the Board for "relief" from the Main Street music. He suggested the Village consider asking the people "up and down the line" if they would prefer to have it off or on. He added that the music is OK for special events such as Christmas, Ladd Daze and holidays, but not everyday.
- Brian Brandner stated that he is home during the daytime and he hears the same droning music over and over. He agrees that the Taps, Christmas and holiday music is great but the rest of the time it's playing to an empty Main Street.

Grivetti added that he informed the Ladd Men's Club that a few complaints were received on the Main Street music. They responded that if the music is shut off, they will be here complaining. The Board discussed the issue and agreed to shut off the south speakers on Main Street.

### Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys – Cattani reported a dead tree at Pine & Selby, which was previously approved to come down. Englehaupt requested that Cattani meet him at the location to verify which tree should be removed.

### Engineer's Report:

Water Main Replacement – Ossola reported that he had been in contact with North Central Illinois Council of Governments regarding the Village's application for a Community Development Block Grant. Grivetti stated that the income survey has been completed and we are ready to proceed. Ossola will prepare an engineering agreement to cover the survey and design expenses. North Main Avenue Water Line – Grivetti directed Englehaupt to work with Ossola on the water line to Tony Stirling's property.

Chief's Report:

None

Inspector's Report:

Stirling Building Permit – Flanagan reported that Tony Stirling's application looks good. Once the Board informs him of the requirements for the front of the building, the application is ready for approval. Due to a utility easement, Stirling was directed to move his proposed structure 10' to the south and to use fire-resistant materials on the façade. He was also advised to apply for Enterprise Zone benefits with North Central Illinois Council of Governments.

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to approve Tony Stirling's building permit application subject to moving the building 10' to the south and to waive the fees for his building permit, water tap and electric service.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Attorney's Report:

None

Motion Urbanowski – Second Cattani to accept a proposal from TNT Lawn & Snow for (mowing services of Village properties in 2019 & 2020 at) \$630 per cutting.

Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Nelson, Urbanowski

Nays: Ruggiero

Motion carried 5-1.

Motion Manning – Second Cattani to authorize the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) to perform a Cost Estimate for Early Retirement Incentive.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

The Board was informed of the preliminary and phase-in rates proposed by IMRF for 2020. An option to choose either rate or an amount between the two rates will be made later this year when the final rate is available.

Motion Manning – Second Cattani to accept the proposal from Hopkins & Associates for FY19 audit services.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to donate \$100 to Ladd Youth Baseball for banner sponsorship.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

A new banner with the Village's logo will be ordered for Ladd Youth Baseball.

Announcements:

- Ways to increase revenue in the General Fund were discussed. Increased fees for liquor licenses and dog tags along with instituting a video gaming license fee and business registration fee were suggested.
- A recent meeting with a representative from Mendota Monument was held to examine the faded lettering on the Veteran's Memorial Monument.
- Ruggiero suggested a meeting be held with the Recreation Board to arrange a fund-raiser for fall protection in the park.

- Long-time Village employee Sue Allen is in failing health and is currently hospitalized.
- A complaint from the Ladd Men's Club on the number of police officers on duty in the beer garden during Ladd Daze.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Martin to enter Executive Session – Meetings to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

The Board left Regular Session at 7:45pm and returned to Regular Session at 8:43pm.

Roll Call:

Present – Trustees Cattani, Manning, Martin, Nelson, Ruggiero, Urbanowski (6)

Motion Ruggiero – Second Manning to adjourn.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Diane Chandler, Village Clerk