

2019-04-23 MINUTES

The Ladd Village Board met in Regular Session at 6:30pm on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 in the Village Hall. President Mike Grivetti called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and held a moment of silence for Sue Allen, a long-time Village employee who recently passed away.

Roll Call:

Present – Trustees Frank Cattani, Jan Martin, Dan Nelson, Andy Ruggiero (4)

Absent – Trustees Jim Manning, Mike Urbanowski

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

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to approve the (April 9, 2019 meeting) minutes, as presented.

Ayes: Cattani, Martin, Nelson, Ruggiero

Motion carried 4-0.

Motion Ruggiero – Second Nelson to pay bills of \$105,061.35.

Ayes: Martin, Nelson, Ruggiero, Grivetti

Abstain: Cattani

Motion carried 4-0-1.

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2019.

Ayes: Cattani, Martin, Nelson, Ruggiero

Motion carried 4-0.

No action was taken on Village Investments.

Correspondence:

- A note of appreciation from the Hall Township Food Pantry for the recent donation.

Public Comments:

Stacy & Sharon Steele addressed the Board. Stacy is purchasing her mother's house and proposes to convert the existing garage into an apartment for her. Barry informed them that he will review the Municipal Code and inform them of his finding.

Committee Reports:

None

Engineer's Report:

Main Street Alley Water Main – Ossola presented an engineering agreement for the Main Street Alley Water Main Replacement Project. Language for a potential Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) loan was included in the agreement. The agreement includes an Engineer's Estimate of Cost for the project.

Motion Cattani – Second Nelson to approve an engineering agreement with Chamlin & Associates for the Main Street Alley Water Main Replacement Project.

Ayes: Cattani, Martin, Nelson, Ruggiero

Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent's Report:

Water Tower Inspection – Englehaupt presented the inspection report on the 100,000 gallon water tower. He asked the Board if they plan to paint it or take it out of service. He was directed to contact Kelly Koehn of Central Tank Coatings for his opinion. Quotes to Directional Bore – Englehaupt presented quotes to directional bore under Main Street (IL Route 89) to install a water line to Tony Stirling’s property. The use of a copper line is not favorable to Stirling who stated the copper would be toxic to his fish. Englehaupt added that he could use poly pipe instead of 90’ of copper line but he would be using a 4-5’ copper whip from the main to the buffalo box. The Board agreed to put a buffalo box on the east side of Main Street and Stirling could take it from there. Once the line is installed, it becomes his from the buffalo box. The permit has been submitted to the State and Englehaupt will assist with the coordinating. Lab Testing Fees – Proposals for state-mandated water testing were reviewed.

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to accept a quote from T.E.S.T. Inc. for 2019/20 laboratory fees.

Ayes: Cattani, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio

Motion carried 4-0.

Alley Sinkhole - An update was given on the sinkhole in the Main Street alley behind the Zellmer property. Although the owners were given an April 19th deadline to make repairs, their contractor Harold Fay has indicated that he is not certain that the sinkhole is due to a sewer issue. He feels that the problem may be with the gas line as he had found a patch. He will be contacting Englehaupt to discuss televising the line with a clearer camera. Garage Sewers – Englehaupt reported that some new garages have been built with water and sewer utilities. He was recently visited by the State plumbing inspector who said he is available to answer any questions.

Chief’s Report:

Gaefcke publicly thanked Dan Winner for repairing a second chip in the squad car window at no charge to the Village. Winner is a Ladd resident with an auto glass repair business in town.

Inspector’s Report:

Garage Conversion – Flanagan and Barry plan to discuss the Steele’s proposed plan to convert their garage into living quarters.

Attorney’s Report:

Barry presented ordinances to increase dog tax fees and water rates.

Motion Cattani – Second Ruggerio to pass “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6.04 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF LADD, BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS ADJUSTING THE AMOUNT OF THE ANNUAL DOG TAX”. The new fees will be deferred until January 1, 2020.

Ayes: Cattani, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Grivetti

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Cattani – Second Ruggerio to pass “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NEW WATER USER CHARGES AND AMENDING SECTIONS 13.14.010, 13.14.030 AND 13.14.060 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF LADD, BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS”, as amended.

Ayes: Cattani, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Grivetti

Motion carried 5-0.

Cable Franchise – Barry reported that Comcast would like to begin discussion on renewal of the cable TV franchise agreement. He added that he plans to negotiate the pole agreement at the same time. He informed the Board of an option to include a franchise fee of up to 5% as an additional revenue for the General Fund. Solar & Wind – Barry has prepared the solar and wind policy and directed the Clerk to add it to the May 14th agenda for consideration.

Barry administered the Oath of Office to Jan Martin. She was re-elected as Village Trustee at the April 2nd Consolidated Election. Also re-elected were Jim Manning and Mike Urbanowski, who will be sworn-in at the May 14th meeting.

Motion Martin – Second Cattani to abolish Working Cash of \$6,612.92 and to re-establish Working Cash at \$.00.

Ayes: Cattani, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio

Motion carried 4-0.

Motion Cattani – Second Ruggerio to approve the 2019-2021 Committee appointments; to appoint Jim Manning as President Pro-Tem; to retain the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6:30pm for regular meetings; and to retain the same policies and procedures.

Ayes: Cattani, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio

Motion carried 4-0.

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to renew the health insurance plan for non-union employees.

Ayes: Cattani, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio

Motion carried 4-0.

Due to the absence of an application, no action was taken on approval of a liquor license for the Jonny Yerly Classic.

Ayes: Cattani, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio

Motion carried 4-0.

Due to a retraction from the North Central Illinois Council of Governments, the Resolution Adopting Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan under Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as Amended will not be needed for the Community Development Block Grant application.

The cost study for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for Early Retirement Incentive was reviewed.

The Board reviewed and approved a proposed store front idea for Terry Mack's new business at 206 North Main Avenue.

Announcements:

- A building permit application was taken out to build a garage on Main Street.
- Since there are 3 weeks between meetings, the next meeting will be held on May 14th.
- Electronics Recycling will be held on Saturday, May 4th.
- Grivetti announced that he does not plan to run for re-election in 2021. Frank Cattani has indicated that he plans to run for Village President.

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to adjourn.

Ayes: Cattani, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio

Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

Diane Chandler, Village Clerk