

2019-10-08 MINUTES

The Ladd Village Board met in Regular Session at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, October 8, 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, Acting Police Chief Randy Dean, Superintendent Doug Englehaupt, Engineer Adam Ossola

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to accept the (September 24, 2019 meeting) minutes, as presented.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Ruggerio to pay bills in the amount of \$44,434.42.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Correspondence: None

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: Streets & Alleys – The committee recommended that dead trees be removed from the Village berm at 119 North Selby Avenue and 108 North Iowa Avenue. A tree at 202 North Central Avenue is not dead but has carpenter ants. The committee recommended that some of the branches overhanging the street be removed as the residents there don't want to lose the tree. Parks & Recreation – Grivetti announced that he had been contacted by a former resident who would like to make a donation toward the park project. Ruggerio stated that the cost of the project is a little over \$20,000.00 with \$14,500.00 of that already raised. Softails is having another fundraiser for the park and a Rip's fundraiser is scheduled for April 2020.

Engineer's Report: New curb & gutter – Cattani reported that Bill Cattani would like to pay for the installation of curb & gutter in front of his new home. Ossola responded that as long as he doesn't affect the drainage there, it shouldn't be a problem.

Chief's Report: Activity Report – The Police Department's Activity Report for August & September was presented. New Squad Car – Dean reported that he has received confirmation from the dealership that we will be receiving a vehicle. Equipment Proposals – Dean distributed proposals for a new radio, a back-seat partition, and lights for the new squad car.

Motion Manning – Second Martin to authorize Randy Dean to order the proposed equipment needed for the new squad car.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Decals – The Board discussed having a marked vs an unmarked squad car. The majority felt that the residents would prefer to see a marked car. School Crosswalk – Ruggerio stated that the students have been crossing Main Street anywhere in the intersection rather than in the designated crosswalk. The crossing guard will be reminded of the rules.

Superintendent's Report: Manhole Replacement – Invoices from JW Ossola were reviewed. The manhole near the old water tower was found to have a resident's check valve inside which increased the project cost by \$230.04. The valve was replaced with a new valve and the resident was informed to remove it and install it on his own property. Nelson added that the new sidewalk which was replaced there still needs to be backfilled. Englehaupt reported that the contractor had difficulty with the manhole near the railroad track resulting in a \$10,691.52 increase over their quote. Since the invoices were received after the agenda deadline, the Board will consider them at the October 22nd meeting. Mosquito Spraying – Nelson asked Englehaupt if he was still spraying for mosquitos and was told no. Telemetry Controls - Englehaupt reported that the telemetry controls at the 100,000-gallon water tower were flooded during the heavy rain on September

27th. One week earlier, they were struck by lightning. Grivetti had authorized Englehaupt to secure a quote for new equipment and a claim was submitted to our insurance company. The Village is currently operating on the north water tower's telemetry. A decision was made to get the controls out of the vault and have them installed inside a cabinet above grade. Cross Connection Control Survey Penalty – The Board discussed enacting a penalty for failure to return an EPA-mandated Cross Connection Control Survey. Following discussion, it was decided to assess a \$50 penalty which would be added to the user's utility bill.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Cattani to impose a \$50.00 penalty for failure to return an EPA-mandated Cross Connection Control Survey.

Ayes: Cattani, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski

Nays: Manning

Motion carried 5-1-0.

Grivetti commended the Street Department on a job well done with the recent brush collection.

Attorney's Report: Gas Franchise Agreement – Barry informed the Board of recent negotiations with Ameren on the gas franchise agreement. The Board had directed him to seek a 10-year agreement.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Cattani to authorize President Grivetti to sign the 10-year gas franchise agreement with Ameren.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Cannabis Zoning Ordinance – Due to pending bills in the legislature, no action was taken on the adult cannabis zoning ordinance.

Motion Martin – Second Nelson to waive the basic electric application fee for 201 South Main Avenue.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Cattani – Second Manning to donate \$100.00 to the Ladd Education Foundation for the Halloween Hustle 5K Race.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Loren Bird addressed the Board regarding an issue with flooding in his backyard. He stated that it was put into the Village Board meeting minutes that if he ever had a problem with water, he could come back to the Village and they would need to contact Maurice Johnson. Mr. Johnson is the contractor who built the home to the south of Bird. Barry read a portion of the minutes from the January 23, 1995 meeting which Bird attended: *The Board directed Johnson that he could not fill in the drainage ditch and that he must provide proper drainage to the south. Barry was instructed to write Johnson a letter strongly emphasizing that he (Johnson) is not to create additional water problems for Mr. Bird.* Bird stated that he remembers a Board discussion of forcing Johnson to erect a retaining wall to stop the water from draining onto his property. Bird proposed to erect a retaining wall of clay on a 2' strip of his neighbor's property. Barry advised Bird that this is not a Village problem, but a civil issue between him and his neighbor and suggested he contact an attorney.

Announcements:

- Grivetti suggested and the Board agreed to increase the fee charged for making copies to 25 cents/copy.
- Taps will be played at 11:00 am on Friday, October 11, 2019.
- Thanked Republic Services for the additional pickup of wet basement discards following recent heavy rain.
- No response has been received from the railroad on repairing the Cleveland Street crossing.
- Ruggerio stated that the former furniture store building and the former Guerrini Store building are in poor condition. Barry advised that an inspection by a structural engineer be done. Then he can contact the owners by letter with the opinion that the buildings are unsafe.

Motion Manning – Second Ruggerio to authorize Chamlin & Associates to perform a structural inspection on the former furniture store building and the former Guerrini store building.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Manning – Second Martin to enter Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3) – Meetings where the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body is being considered.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

The Board left Regular Session at 8:07 pm and returned to Regular Session at 8:33 pm.

Roll Call: Present – Trustees Cattani, Manning, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski (6)

Motion Urbanowski – Second Nelson to pursue the purchase of property at 336 South Main Street in the amount of \$185,000.00 contingent upon appraisal and a no further remediation letter.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Martin – Second Cattani to adjourn.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Diane Chandler, Village Clerk