

2019-10-22 MINUTES

The Ladd Village Board met in Regular Session at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, October 22, 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 – Attorneys Pat & Colin Barry, Clerk Diane Chandler, Acting Chief Randy Dean, Patrol Officer Samantha Sarosinski, Superintendent Doug Englehaupt, Engineer Adam Ossola

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to approve the (October 8, 2019 meeting) minutes, as presented.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Ruggerio – Second Cattani to pay the bills in the amount of \$196,657.17.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Ruggerio to accept the Treasurer’s Report for September 2019.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Investments: None

Correspondence: None

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: Streets & Alleys – The committee reported on a resident’s request for the removal of a large limb from a tree on the Village berm. The tree and limb are not dead but the resident is concerned that a strong west wind could bring the limb down and damage his house. Englehaupt stated that he disagreed with taking down limbs in anticipation of what may happen. The resident will be notified that he can have the tree trimmed at his own expense.

Engineer’s Report: Building Inspections – Ossola reported on his recent inspection of two structures. The two-story portion of Joe Ramey’s building at Pine Street & Peru Avenue was found to be pretty solid on the inside. The one-story section on the north side has some rotting timbers which have caused a portion of the floor to collapse. He also reported on the inspection of the former furniture store on Main Street. The files at Chamlin & Associates indicated that this building was looked at seventeen years ago. He added that the roof has a pretty pronounced sag in it as seen overhead from the bucket truck. Although some shoring had been added per the inspector’s recommendation, the building should not be occupied. Additional issues that need to be addressed include the leaking roof and the staircase to the second floor. The Board could consider condemnation if the owner doesn’t take action to make repairs. Main Street Alley Water Main Replacement – Ossola announced that the railroad has proposed an annual fee of \$1,500 to have that improvement installed but they’re willing to cut a deal if they were paid a one-time payment of 15 times that amount.

Superintendent’s Report: None

Chief’s Report: Speed Limit Sign – Dean reported that a resident in the Spring Creek subdivision had erected a 20-mph speed limit sign on his private property. Another Spring Creek resident had questioned the legality of the sign which Dean stated was unenforceable. The Board directed Englehaupt to erect two new 25-mph speed limit signs on Spring Creek Drive. The resident will be asked to remove the sign from his property. 2020 Police SUV – Sarosinski distributed photos of various decals for the new squad car. The Board gave Dean permission to choose the decals and lights that he wants. 2014 Squad Car – Dean announced that the car would be going into the garage for an unspecified issue.

Attorney's Report: Cross Connection Ordinance – Barry distributed a copy of the amended Cross Connection Control Ordinance. Customers who fail to return their survey will receive a follow-up letter with a deadline. If their survey is still not in by the deadline, a \$50 penalty will be added to the customer's next utility bill.

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to pass “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13.19.040 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF LADD, BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ESTABLISHING A FINE FOR FAILURE TO RETURN A CROSS CONNECTION SURVEY”

Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski
Motion carried 6-0.

Comcast Issues – Grivetti informed the Board of complaints received from residents who are unhappy with Comcast for the removal of channels, especially the Chicago channels. Barry will send a letter to the Village's contact person at Comcast.

Motion Manning – Second Martin to pay JW Ossola invoices of \$34,598.56 for the repair of three manholes.
Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski
Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Cattani – Second Manning to pay Option 1 of the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association invoice for liability insurance in the amount of \$50,655.85.
Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski
Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Cattani – Second Ruggerio to donate \$280 to the Hall Township Food Pantry for 4 Thanksgiving and 4 Christmas holiday food baskets.
Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski
Abstain: Martin
Motion carried 5-0-1.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Cattani to donate \$50 to the Spring Valley Booster Organization for their Santas on the Run 5K Race (which benefits the Hall Township Food Pantry).
Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski
Abstain: Martin
Motion carried 5-0-1.

The Board discussed increasing the allowable width of a driveway approach. A decision was made to leave the ordinance as written but future building permits must include the width of the driveway approach.

Announcements:

- Raffle tickets for the Park Improvement Fund are available at the Clerk's office at \$50 each.
- Instead of flowers, a monetary memorial will be made to the family of former Village employee Ron Piacenti.
- Our offer to purchase the property at 336 South Main Avenue has been accepted by the seller. The contract has been signed, the earnest money tendered, and the closing should take place by the end of the year. The seller has offered to share in the price of the appraisal of the property.

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to adjourn.
Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski
Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Diane Chandler, Village Clerk