

2019-12-19 MINUTES

The Ladd Village Board met in regular session at 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 19, 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, Mike Urbanowski (5). Absent – Trustee Andy Ruggerio. In attendance – Attorneys Pat & Colin Barry, Clerk Diane Chandler, Treasurer Rhonda Bezely, Acting Chief Randy Dean, Patrol Officer Samantha Sarosinski, Superintendent Doug Englehaupt.

Motion Cattani – Second Urbanowski to accept the (December 10, 2019 meeting) minutes, as presented.

Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Nelson, Urbanowski

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Manning – Second Martin to pay bills in the amount of \$85,094.38.

Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Nelson, Urbanowski

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Cattani – Second Urbanowski to accept the Treasurer's Report for November 2019, as presented.

Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Nelson, Urbanowski

Motion carried 5-0.

Investments: None

Correspondence: None

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: Streets & Alleys – Committee members reported on a tree located on the Village berm at 215 North Bureau Avenue. The owner informed the Village that a branch had split and he is worried that it may fall on the house. The owner also reported that tree limbs in the alleys are lying on a wire. Englehaupt stated that the wire belongs to Comcast.

Superintendent's Report: Siren Maintenance – Englehaupt presented the maintenance agreement for the outdoor weather warning sirens.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Manning to accept the Outdoor Warning Siren System Annual Maintenance Agreement with Braniff Communications for \$1,270.00.

Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Nelson, Urbanowski

Motion carried 5-0.

Street Sweeper – Englehaupt informed the Board that he had someone look over the street sweeper and was advised not to put any additional money into it. Grivetti directed Englehaupt to do some investigating on a sweeper. He also announced that the City of Spring Valley brought their sweeper to Ladd and swept Main Street prior to our Christmas Walk. Brush Chipper - The company was called to pick up the new brush chipper that was brought in to try out. Englehaupt would like a larger machine. Water Line on Railroad Property – Englehaupt informed the Board that the private property adjacent to the railroad would soon be for sale. He felt that if the Village were to purchase it, the new Main Street Alley water main could go there instead of on railroad property. It was later learned that Ladd Farm Mart would be purchasing the property. Englehaupt has spoken with the owner asking if they would be open to an easement or if the Village could purchase the northern

portion of the property for the new water main. They responded that they would be open to discussion. Another option would be to purchase railroad property for the water main.

Chief's Report: New Vehicle – Dean announced that the department's new vehicle should arrive in early January. 2014 Squad Car – The check engine light came on in the car and it was taken to A&B Garage. Dean looked at a used Ford Explorer but he and Grivetti agreed to wait until the new vehicle arrives. Main Street Parking Issue – Dean reported an ongoing problem with people parking in front of the driveway at A&B Garage. Customers use the driveway to drop-off or pick-up their vehicles after business hours and access is often blocked. After discussion, it was agreed to erect a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign at the location.

Attorney's Report: Railroad Agreement – Barry reported that he has reviewed the agreement with OmniTrax that Village Engineer Adam Ossola had sent and he is concerned about the railroad's insurance requirements. He directed the Clerk to forward the information to our insurer to verify that they are able to meet the railroad's demand. If their terms cannot be met, they will need to be negotiated with the railroad. Main St. Residential Use Ordinance – Barry presented an ordinance amending the Village's ordinance for residential uses on Main Street. The requirement for a business to be open at least 30 hours per week has been removed.

Motion Manning – Second Cattani to pass "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17.104.020 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF LADD, BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL USES ON MAIN STREET".

Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Urbanowski

Nays: Nelson

Motion carried 4-1-0.

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to approve the 2020 Village Board meeting schedule, as amended.

Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Nelson, Urbanowski

Motion carried 5-0.

Announcements:

- Ladd Fire Department has requested to remove the original fire bell from the Village Hall's bell tower.
- Grivetti thanked everyone for their work on the Christmas Walk.
- The next Board meeting would be held on January 14, 2020.
- Manning announced that the cover crop that was planted south of Cleveland Street is now rotting in the field and causing a very unpleasant odor.
- Bezely updated the Board on the Senior Housing project.
- Grivetti wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Motion Cattani – Second Urbanowski to adjourn.

Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Nelson, Urbanowski

Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Diane Chandler, Village Clerk