

2020-01-14 MINUTES

The Ladd Village Board met in regular session at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 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, Treasurer Rhonda Bezely, Acting Chief Randy Dean, Engineer Adam Ossola, Building Inspector Barry Flanagan.

Motion Cattani – Second Urbanowski to accept the (12/19/19 meeting) minutes, as presented.

Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Nelson, Urbanowski

Nays: Ruggerio

Motion carried 5-1-0.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Manning to pay bills in the amount of \$42,331.40.

Ayes: Manning, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski

Abstain: Cattani

Motion carried 5-0-1.

Correspondence:

- A resident is upset over the lack of Chicago channels on the Comcast lineup.

Public Comments:

- Gary Stedman informed the Board that the renters who live in the apartment building across the street have been parking along the north side of his house. Every weekend, there are 2-4 cars parked there and they have damaged his yard. He added that the landlord's trailer is parked along his apartment building.

Committee Reports: Streets & Alleys – The committee reported that a tree on the berm at 215 North Bureau Avenue is split and should be taken down. Recreation – Ruggerio thanked everyone for their donations for the Christmas Walk. \$787.00 has been deposited into the Recreation Special Account.

Engineer's Report: None

Superintendent's Report: None

Chief's Report: Bar Closing Hours – Dean reported an issue with one bar allowing several people to linger inside after closing time. A letter will be sent to the owner to comply with the ordinance or fines will be assessed. Activity Report – The Department's December report was presented.

Inspector's Report: Flanagan stated that he has some ordinance questions that he needs to speak with Barry on.

Attorney's Report: OmniTrax Agreement – Barry informed the Board that he and Ossola worked together to get the agreement for the Main Street Alley Water Main project amended to remove the environmental insurance requirement. The revised agreement has not arrived yet. Cannabis – Barry requested that the agenda item on cannabis regulations and zoning be tabled until the January 28th meeting.

Motion Cattani – Second Manning to approve liquor licenses for Ladd Fire Department on February 15, 2020, and Greg Colmone Scholarship Fund on April 4, 2020.

Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Nelson, Urbanowski

Nays: Ruggerio

Motion carried 5-1-0.

Ruggerio suggested the liquor license fees for fundraisers be waived. The item will be on the January 28, 2020 agenda for consideration.

Barry reported that the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency has a new option for the use of Electric Efficiency Program Funds. Municipalities can choose to offer residents incentives for installing more energy-efficient air conditioning and/or air source heat pump units. The program is optional and would be managed by the Village. Board members agreed to use the funds for power factor correction or energy-efficient street lighting which would benefit all residents rather than just a few.

Barry also reported that he had forwarded EPA grant information to (Village Superintendent) Doug Englehaupt regarding energy efficiency upgrades at the wastewater treatment plant.

Ladd resident Dave Margherio addressed the Board on a Habitat for Humanity home in Ladd. The collection taken at the Christmas Eve Mass in Ladd would benefit the project. He requested the use of Ladd's Community Center for an informational meeting. He added that since the closing of St. Benedict's Church, the town has lost a little community spirit. We need to get people involved in doing things again and he feels that it would be a good thing for Ladd.

Ladd resident Diane Wozniak presented a photo of past flooding in her neighborhood near Pine Street and Peru Avenue. She spoke of the proposed construction of a garage with an overhead apartment on Tim Bott's property next to her house. Barry added that there is nothing that prohibits the construction of the garage as long as the owner meets the square footage requirements within the confines of the ordinance. If he chooses to add an apartment over the garage, a zoning hearing would be required. Wozniak asked what the Village would be doing about the flooding and sewage problems. Grivetti stated that no one from that area had ever addressed the Board regarding sewer backup. He added that the Village spends a lot of money each year on sewer maintenance. Wozniak stated that they are not against the construction of the new garage, it is the additional sewage that they are against.

Announcements:

- January 30th is the closing date for the Village's purchase of the property at 336 South Main Avenue. The Clerk has been contacted by someone interested in renting the upstairs apartment and Grivetti asked the Board what they want to ask for rent. Since Board members had not seen the property, the realtor would be contacted to arrange a showing for them.

Motion Cattani – Second Manning to adjourn.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Diane Chandler, Village Clerk