

## 2020-01-28 MINUTES

The Ladd Village Board met in Regular Session at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, January 28, 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, Patrol Officer Samantha Sarosinski, Engineer Adam Ossola.

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to accept the (January 14, 2020 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 \$102,240.29.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Manning – Second Cattani to accept the Treasurer’s Report for December 2019.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Manning – Second Cattani to transfer \$340,000.00 from checking to a 6-month CD for the Sewerage EPA Fund.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Correspondence: None

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: Recreation – Ruggerio requested the Board’s assistance with ticket sales and the bake sale for the Rip’s Fundraiser on April 27, 2020. Manning added that he would like to see the park project completed this year.

Engineer’s Report: Peru & Pine Sewer – Ossola reported that the sewer in this area was last cleaned and televised in 2002. Since then, it has been cleaned four times but not televised. He recommended that it be added to the list for this Spring.

Superintendent’s Report: None

Chief’s Report: Bar Closing Violation – Dean reported that our officer had to enter Dick’s Tap @ 1:30 am on Sunday, January 26, 2020, to tell everyone to leave. This was after a letter had been sent to the owner informing him that the bar has not been closing on time. A ticket will be issued for the violation and the fine will increase for repeat offenses. New SUV – The dealership where the new Ford Explorer is on order has not returned Dean’s call so he has no idea when the vehicle will be in. Used SUV – Another municipality is interested in purchasing our 2014 Ford sedan including all of the equipment. Dean presented information on some used 2014-2017 Ford Explorers that are for sale. We have the equipment from the damaged 2018 Ford Explorer that would fit in them. A radio and radar unit would need to be purchased since they would be sold with the 2014 car. The fee to install the equipment would be approximately \$3,500. No action was taken pending the decision of the other municipality’s board on the purchase.

Attorney’s Report: OmniTrax Agreement – Barry reported that neither he nor Ossola have heard from OmniTrax on the revised agreement (for the Main Street Alley Water Main Replacement project). Barry stated that he would revise the agreement himself by taking out the clause that they seem to be agreeable with. If he has no response from them by our February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, Village officials will sign the copies and get them back to OmniTrax so they are received by the March deadline. Resolution – A resolution was prepared by Barry for Village officials to sign loan documents for the purchase of property at 336 South Main Avenue. The documents will be signed on January 29<sup>th</sup> and the real estate closing will be held on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Barry suggested that we choose a 10-year, fixed-rate loan at 5% for \$185,000.

Motion Cattani – Second Urbanowski to pass a “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND CLERK TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PURCHASE 336 S. MAIN AVENUE IN THE VILLAGE OF LADD AND SECURE FINANCING FOR SAID PURCHASE”.

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

No Further Remediation Letter – Barry pressed the EPA for a No Further Remediation Letter since 336 South Main Avenue was formerly a gas station. He has the documents showing the proper removal of the tanks in 1992. He also believes that since there was no leakage evident at the time of removal, a No Further Remediation Letter would not be issued. Cannabis – Barry reported that they have been reviewing the new statute and the types of ordinances needed to regulate cannabis in the Village. There are various types of establishments that could be approved. Ordinances for the zoning districts would need to be changed to accommodate those types of entities. The Board will need to decide which of these they may want to allow in town and in which districts they would want them allowed in. A Zoning Board meeting will be required to approve the changes to the zoning districts before the ordinances can be adopted. Executive Session Minutes – Barry reported that he has reviewed all of the minutes from the Executive Sessions held in 2019 and recommended that the minutes from the sessions held on January 22, April 9, August 27 and October 8 remain confidential.

The Board did not enter Executive Session to review the closed session minutes.

Motion Manning – Second Cattani that following the review of 2019 Executive Session minutes, all minutes shall remain confidential except for the minutes from the closed session held on January 8, 2019.

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

Ruggerio suggested that the Special Event liquor license fees be waived once annually for fundraisers. Following a discussion, the Board agreed to retain the current fees and consider each license application individually.

Motion Cattani – Second Nelson to approve liquor licenses for Cancun, Dick’s Tap, Giacometti’s, Rip’s Tavern, Softails, Casey’s and Ladd Lanes.

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

Zoning fees were reviewed by the Board. The cost to compensate the five Zoning Board members and secretary, the attorney’s fees, and the fee to publish the notice in the newspaper exceeds the \$200 fee paid by the applicant.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Ruggerio to increase the application fee to \$300 for a hearing before the Zoning Board.

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

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to approve the 2020 dues of \$940.32 for the Bureau/Putnam Area Enterprise Zone.

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

The Board did not enter Executive Session to discuss the lease of property.

Leases and rent for the storefront and two apartments at 336 South Main Avenue were discussed. The downstairs back apartment is currently rented for \$550 per month and the tenant’s lease will transfer to the Village of Ladd. Rent for the storefront was set at \$400 per month with a month-to-month lease. The Board set the rent for the upstairs apartment at \$1,000 per month. A month-to-month lease will be required with no pets, no smoking and only a single-family allowed. This tenant will have the use of the west bay of the 3-car garage. Water and sewer utility services will be paid by the Village of Ladd on all three rental units.

Bezely reminded the Board of the annual utility rate increases. The water rate increased by 3.5% and the sewer rate increased 7% effective with the January billing.

Announcements:

- Grivetti thanked the Board for the job that they do. He added that they are open-minded and civil with each other, they think mainly of the community and do not carry any vendettas like some other towns. He expressed his appreciation for the great job that they do.

Motion Cattani – Second Urbanowski to adjourn.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Diane Chandler, Village Clerk