

2020-02-11 MINUTES

The Ladd Village Board met in Regular Session at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, February 11, 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 – Attorney Pat Barry, Clerk Diane Chandler, Treasurer Rhonda Bezely, Acting Chief Randy Dean, Patrol Officer Samantha Sarosinski, Superintendent Doug Englehaupt, Engineer Adam Ossola, Building Inspector Barry Flanagan.

Motion Manning – Second Martin to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2020 meeting.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion Ruggerio – Second Nelson to pay bills of \$95,749.06.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Correspondence: None

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: None

Engineer's Report: None

Superintendent's Report: Brush Chipper – Englehaupt presented a quote from Vermeer for a used 2007 brush chipper. He added that the machine is on-site and they have received training on it but have not had the opportunity to use it.

Motion Cattani – Second Ruggerio to purchase a used 2007 brush chipper machine from Vermeer Sales & Service of Central Illinois for the quoted price of \$28,750.00. The machine is to be paid in full from the Electric Fund contingent upon our satisfaction after trying the machine.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Street Sweeper – Englehaupt presented a quote from Standard Equipment for a rebuilt 2005 Elgin Crosswind street sweeper. The machine could also suck out catch basins but would not replace Illinois Valley Excavating from coming each year to do jetting and the grit pit at the wastewater treatment plant. The sweeper would not be parked inside the garage. Our John Deere backhoe is not equipped for a sweeper attachment. No action was taken.

Motion Cattani – Second Nelson to accept a proposal from D & M Landscaping & Excavating for weed control services at the wastewater treatment plant and parks for \$1,770.00.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Seal Coat on Tennis Courts – Englehaupt will seek quotes to seal coat and stripe the tennis courts in the park. Electric Rules & Regulations/Utility Extension & Installation Policy – Englehaupt informed the Board of a discussion on contributing to the cost of extending utilities to the Senior Housing site. He had requested Power System Engineering to price the job in three phases:

- Phase I: to bring primary distribution to site from Locust Street near the Community Center to the south side of Cleveland Street
- Phase II: to extend primary overhead along the proposed Central Avenue extension
- Phase III: primary underground throughout the Senior Housing development

A lengthy discussion ensued on the Village's current electric policy regarding on-site and off-site costs. The Board will need to establish ownership of the electric, water and sewer utilities. Easements would need to be secured if the Village retains ownership and responsibility for maintenance and replacement thereafter. The developer has verbally agreed to give the portion of the property that would become the Central Avenue extension back to the Village. The Board directed Barry to draft a letter to the developer with the Village's intent to bear the full cost of Phases I & II if they would agree to pay the on-site costs for Phase III. Englehaupt will inform Power System Engineering to hold off on the design phase until we have a solid commitment in writing from the developers.

Chief's Report: Activity Report – Dean presented the department's monthly report for January. Meeting with Dick's Tap – Since issuing a citation, Dean reported that the bar has been closing on time. Squad Car – An information sheet for the proposed sale of the Village's 2014 Ford squad car and the purchase of a vehicle to replace it was presented. A local municipality has agreed to purchase the Ford.

Motion Cattani – Second Manning to authorize Dean to spend up to \$6,450.00 toward a police vehicle.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Police Committee Meeting – A Police Committee meeting was scheduled for 6:00 pm on Tuesday, March 24th prior to the Village Board meeting. Police Garage – Grivetti feels that the squad car should be kept in the Main Street garage. Englehaupt will install a keyless entry on the service door.

Inspector's Report: Zoning Board Recommendation – The Zoning Board met prior to the Village Board meeting to consider Tim Bott's variance requests. Their recommendation is to approve his request to increase the size of a driveway from 24' to 40' but to deny his request for an upstairs apartment over a garage on his property at 131 South Peru Avenue.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Manning to accept the Zoning Board's recommendation to approve a variance request from Tim Bott to increase the size of a driveway from 24' to 40' and to deny the variance request for a third residential unit on his property at 131 South Peru Avenue.

Ayes: Manning, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski

Abstain: Cattani

Motion carried: 5-0-1.

Attorney's Report: OmniTrax Agreement – Barry reported that OmniTrax has not responded with a revised agreement. He presented the agreement with the requirement related to environmental insurance struck from the document. He recommended that we sign the agreement with the change and submit by the March deadline to avoid paying another application fee.

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to give Grivetti the authority to sign the OmniTrax agreement, as amended.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Zoning Fee Ordinance – Barry presented an ordinance to increase the fees for zoning applications from \$200 to \$300.

Motion Cattani – Second Nelson to pass "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.92.030 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF LADD, BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS RELATING TO FILING FEES FOR ZONING PETITIONS".

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

The Board has previously set the monthly rental fee for the upstairs apartment at 336 South Main Avenue but did not establish a security deposit.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Martin to set the security deposit at \$1,000.00 and the monthly rent at \$1,000.00 for the upstairs apartment at 336 South Main Avenue.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

The Board considered a donation request for a banner from Ladd Youth Baseball. The Board made a \$100 donation for a new banner in 2019 but it was never displayed in Kennedy Park.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Manning to donate \$100 to Ladd Youth Baseball.

Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Urbanowski

Nays: Nelson, Ruggiero

Motion carried: 4-2-0.

Announcements:

- An electronics recycling event for Ladd residents will be held on Saturday, May 16th.
- The Ladd Men's Club has agreed to pay for the video that was created for the Village's application to the HGTV Home Town Takeover contest.
- Tickets were distributed for the Rip's Fundraiser for the Parks to be held on Monday, April 27th.

Motion Cattani – Second Nelson to adjourn.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Diane Chandler, Village Clerk