

## 2020-04-28 MINUTES

The Ladd Village Board met in regular session at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, April 28, 2020, in the Village Hall. President Mike Grivetti called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag, and the singing of Happy Birthday to Diane Chandler.

Roll Call: Present – Trustees Frank Cattani, Jim Manning, Jan Martin, Dan Nelson, Andy Ruggerio, Mike Urbanowski (6). Also in attendance – Attorneys Pat & Colin Barry, Clerk Diane Chandler, Treasurer Rhonda Bezely. Superintendent Doug Englehaupt arrived at 6:35 pm.

Motion Cattani – Second Manning to approve the (April 4, 2020 meeting) minutes, as presented.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Ruggerio to authorize payment of bills of \$116,964.38.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to accept the March 2020 Treasurer’s Report, as presented.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Correspondence: None

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: Streets & Alleys – Cattani & Nelson recommended the replacement of 85’ of sidewalk at 102 South Chicago Avenue.

Engineer’s Report: None

Superintendent’s Report: Street Sweeping – Englehaupt expressed his disappointment with the street sweeping job done earlier in the day. The equipment used was small and the contractor did not get all of the secondary streets swept.

Chief’s Report: None

Inspector’s Report: None

Attorney’s Report: None

Motion Urbanowski – Second Manning to accept a quote of \$2,813.00 from T.E.S.T. Inc. for water supply testing.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion Manning – Second Cattani to abolish Working Cash of \$6,772.42 and to reestablish Working Cash at \$.00.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion Martin – Second Nelson to adopt a “RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR APPLICATION SERVICES FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF LADD”.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion Cattani – Second Ruggiero to accept the renewal quote of \$2,638.81 from Blue Cross/Blue Shield for non-union employee health insurance.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion Cattani – Second Manning to accept a proposal from Hopkins & Associates for a fee not to exceed \$10,600.00 (for FY20 audit services).

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Kevin Lindeman of North Central Illinois Council of Governments updated the Board via telephone on the Bureau County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. He reviewed the Village of Ladd's Community Risk Assessment regarding tornadoes, floods, winter storms, extreme temperatures, dangerous winds, lightning, drought, and hail. The mitigation activities listed in Ladd's Community Risk Assessment include:

1. Purchase and install updated outdoor early warning (tornado) sirens in the village and network with county and other communities in county.
2. Participate in the development of a regional policy for activating early warning sirens for testing and severe weather.
3. Identify all areas of the village that need storm sewer improvements and develop a plan to fund storm sewer construction.
4. Participate in the development of a regional stormwater management ordinance that will reduce flooding and protect lives, property, and the environment.
5. Update the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and include information and goals regarding natural hazards.
6. Participate in regional planning and mitigation activities and encourage the public to be involved.

No public comments were registered as only Village officials were in attendance at the meeting. Lindeman announced that a public meeting via Zoom would be held in mid-May and the plan would be submitted to IEMA (Illinois Emergency Management Association) by May 30, 2020. There is no cost to the Village as the plan is being funded through an IEMA grant with Bureau County paying for the 25% local match.

No action was taken on a nuisance ordinance addressing repeat offenders with unfounded calls. Barry advised the Board not to pursue this unless absolutely necessary.

The Board discussed amending the rent and deposit for the upstairs apartment at 336 South Main Avenue.

Motion Urbanowski – No Second to lower the rent and security deposit to \$800 each for the upstairs apartment at 336 South Main Avenue.

No vote was taken.

Grivetti informed the Board that the renter of the downstairs business is unable to operate due to the state-mandated closure due to COVID-19. Barry suggested that we offer to extend the lease by two months and abate the rent for April and May. The two month's rent would be added to the end of the lease.

Cattani stated that he heard that Tony Stirling might be moving out. Englehaupt responded that Stirling's building is listed for sale on Craigslist.

Nelson informed the Board of a sinking manhole cover beneath the LaSalle Avenue water tower. Englehaupt added that it has been like that for years and he will check it out.

Announcements:

- Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, the Street Department employees have been rotating shifts with one employee working each day. The Board agreed that all three employees are to return to work beginning Monday,

May 4<sup>th</sup>. Englehaupt was reminded that social distancing should still be practiced and employees are to stay home if they are not feeling well.

- Since the March 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting was canceled, no action could be taken on a donation of Easter baskets to the Food Pantry before their holiday distribution.

Motion Cattani – Second Ruggerio to donate \$280 to the Hall Township Food Pantry.

Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski

Abstain: Martin

Motion carried: 5-0-1.

Motion Cattani – Second Urbanowski to adjourn.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Diane Chandler, Village Clerk