

2020-05-26 MINUTES

The Ladd Village Board met in Regular Session at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, May 26, 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 Dan Nelson, Andy Ruggerio, Mike Urbanowski (3). Trustee Jan Martin arrived at 6:32 pm. Absent – Trustees Frank Cattani, Jim Manning. In attendance – Attorney Pat Barry, Clerk Diane Chandler, Treasurer Rhonda Bezely, Police Officer Samantha Sarosinski, Superintendent Doug Englehaupt.

Motion Ruggerio – Second Nelson to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2020 meeting.

Ayes: Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski

Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Martin to authorize payment of the bills of \$91,705.79.

Ayes: Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski

Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion Ruggerio – Second Urbanowski to accept the Treasurer’s Report for April 2020.

Ayes: Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski

Motion carried: 4-0.

Investments: No action was needed.

Correspondence: A note of appreciation from the Hall Township Food Pantry for the recent donation.

Public Comments: Softails Bar & Grill owner Noreen Griffin requested clarification for re-opening her business for outdoor dining. She was given a copy of Phase 3: Recovery - Restaurants & Bars for Outdoor Dining Guidelines from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity.

Committee Reports: Streets & Alleys – Nelson reported that he had inspected two trees on the Village berm at 120 South Chicago Avenue. One tree is completely dead but the other tree has leaves on it. The property owner has requested that both trees be taken down. He is concerned they may be diseased and could affect a large maple tree in his yard that he doesn’t want to lose. The Board agreed to remove the dead tree only. If the owner wants the other tree taken down, he is welcome to do so at his expense.

Engineer’s Report: None

Superintendent’s Report: Street Sweeping – Englehaupt presented two proposals for street sweeping. He added that he had also spoken with a John Deere rep on adding a broom attachment to the village’s backhoe. The cost of the attachment would be approximately \$12,000 and the labor cost to prepare the backhoe would be approximately \$15,000. If the Board chose this option, the Village would enter into a new lease agreement on the backhoe. The quote from Illinois Valley Excavating was chosen by the Board. Since their quote was verbal, a written proposal will be requested for action on the June 9th meeting agenda. Floor Plug at Ladd Community Center – Urbanowski asked Englehaupt if the floor plug in the kitchen at the LCC is according to code. Englehaupt replied that it is sistered to another circuit. Urbanowski stated that a GFI outlet would be better. Englehaupt responded that he would “put it down and take care of it”.

Chief’s Report: Phase 3 of Restore Illinois Plan – Sarosinski stated her concerns for the re-opening of bars in Phase 3. She reported that some municipalities would be going back to their regular hours and some will have modified hours. The Police Department doesn’t want any issues with noise complaints, safety, and under-age drinking. Their recommendation would be to change the closing hours to 11:00 pm or midnight rather than 3:00 am. Grivetti stated that midnight would be a good option. Fireworks – Nelson addressed the ongoing issue of fireworks being set off in town. Property Maintenance Violation Posting – Chandler reported on the possibility of posting the Village’s property maintenance ordinance on the Village website as a public notice. Barry responded that our current ordinance requires a letter be sent to the violator giving him a chance to correct the problem but the ordinance could be amended to allow for this.

The Board discussed the issue of grass clippings, leaves, and other debris being thrown onto the streets. Barry will check the Municipal Code book for an ordinance regarding this and report back to the Board.

Inspector's Report: None

Attorney's Report: None

A discussion was held on hiring summer help. It was noted that the minimum wage rate would increase to \$10 per hour on July 1, 2020.

Motion Martin – Second Urbanowski to hire 2 employees over the age of 18 for summer help at \$10.25/hour.

Ayes: Martin, Nelson, Ruggiero, Urbanowski

Motion carried: 4-0.

Nelson reported that the rain water is going into the side of a manhole at LaSalle Avenue & Chestnut Street. Englehaupt will look into it.

The fence around the tennis courts was recently damaged by fire. It will need to be washed, galvanized, and painted, possibly by the summer help.

Englehaupt reported that he had sprayed the weeds growing in the cracks on the tennis courts. A contractor will blow out the cracks and the debris around the courts to prep the surface for seal coating. The work will probably be completed during the week of June 1st. Then the tennis nets will be put up and the courts will be ready for summer.

Motion Nelson – Second Martin to pass "RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR APPLICATION SERVICES FOR A REBUILD ILLINOIS FAST-TRACK PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF LADD".

Ayes: Martin, Nelson, Ruggiero, Urbanowski

Motion carried: 4-0.

Announcements:

- The Police Committee will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, in the Village Hall.
- A report that a golf cart was seen on Village streets with a child driving.

Motion Nelson – Second Martin to adjourn.

Ayes: Martin, Nelson, Ruggiero, Urbanowski

Motion carried: 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Diane Chandler, Village Clerk