

## 2020-06-23 MINUTES

The Ladd Village Board met in Regular Session at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 23, 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, Superintendent Doug Englehaupt.

Motion Cattani – Second Urbanowski to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2020 meeting.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Ruggerio to authorize payment of the bills of \$110,962.44.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion Ruggerio – Second Cattani to accept the Treasurer’s Report for May 2020.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

No action was needed on Village investments.

Correspondence:

- A note of appreciation from the family of Bud DeSerf.

Public Comment:

- Noreen Griffin, owner of Softails Bar & Grill asked for the bar closing times during Phase 4 of the state’s Restore Illinois Plan. She was told that outdoor music must end at 10:00 pm and outdoor serving is to end at midnight. The closing times for indoor serving have not changed.

Committee Reports: Streets & Alleys – The committee reported on two trees located on the Village berm at 334 East Elm Street. The owners stated that the trees are infested with carpenter ants and they are concerned that they may get into their house. Since it is the Village’s policy not to remove live trees, the owners would be notified that they are welcome to remove them at their expense.

Engineer’s Report: None

Superintendent’s Report: Park Maintenance – Englehaupt proposed to the Board that he rent a mini-excavator to remove the landscape timbers around the playground equipment in War Memorial Park. He plans to core out the area, lay plastic as a weed barrier, and fill the area with pea gravel. Water Plant Filter Issue – Englehaupt reported that the water plant is not getting near the filter runs in between backwashes. He called Tonka and explained that the filter efficiency isn’t what it used to be. They informed him that most plants go through a tank refurbish at 15-20 years of age. (The water plant has been in operation for 15 years). They would remove all media except the gravel and put new media in and inspect. Englehaupt also asked Joe from T.E.S.T. if he could research what the raw iron in the well was when it was dug in 2005 compared to today. If today’s figures are relative to 2005, the issue is likely with the plant. Englehaupt was told he could expect Tonka’s price on a tank refurbish soon. Backhoe Broom Attachment – Proposals to lease a new 2020 John Deere backhoe and purchase a broom attachment were presented. Following discussion, the Board determined it is more feasible to contract for street sweeping three times each year than to purchase the equipment. No action was taken.

Chief’s Report: None

Inspector's Report: None

Grivetti informed the Board of a citizen's complaint on the requirement to obtain a building permit to place a pre-built shed on his property. This citizen also expressed his dissatisfaction with the storage containers that the Village has allowed on Main Street and the motorists who disobey the stop sign near his house at Cleveland Street and Eastern Avenue. He suggested the installation of speed bumps or additional signage. Englehaupt added that tickets issued to stop sign violators would be more effective than spending money to light up the signs. The Building Inspector will be directed to handle the permit issue.

Attorney's Report: Appropriation Ordinance – Barry presented the Appropriation Ordinance and reviewed it with the Board. The slight increase in this year's total of \$10,723,000.00 is due to the proposed Water Main Replacement and Senior Housing Projects.

Motion Manning – Second Martin to pass "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE NECESSARY EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF LADD, BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE 2020/2021 FISCAL YEAR".

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

Motion Cattani – Second Urbanowski to pass "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A POLICY PROHIBITING SEXUAL HARASSMENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF LADD, BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS".

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

No action was taken on a quote to remove a tree at 201 South Bureau Avenue. Additional proposals have been requested.

#### Announcements:

- Fireworks remain an issue in the Village with numerous complaints received.
- Grivetti reported that one of the air conditioning units at 336 South Main Avenue was not working. More information will be available after inspection by a service technician.
- An architect has been working with Chamlin to complete the Senior Housing plans. Village Engineer Adam Ossola expects a set of drawings to be available for review within the next month.
- Ossola will also be sending the public notice results to the Illinois EPA for the Main Street Alley Water Main project. Once received, the IEPA will send a letter on what type of funding will be offered for the project.
- Mosquito spraying would be done at dusk and dawn, as needed.
- The next meeting would be held in three weeks on July 14, 2020.

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Diane Chandler, Village Clerk