

2020-07-14 MINUTES

The Ladd Village Board met in Regular Session at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, July 14, 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 Trustee Frank Cattani.

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, Superintendent Doug Englehaupt, Building Inspector Barry Flanagan.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Cattani to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2020 meeting, as presented.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion Cattani – Second Nelson to authorize the payment of bills of \$57,973.64.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Correspondence: None

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: Streets & Alleys – The Committee reported on inspecting the trees at 201 South Bureau Avenue. Englehaupt added that the three soft maple trees along Bureau Avenue are hollow with raccoons going in and out of them. He feels that the tree closest to the alley and east of the sycamore tree along Pine Street should come down. Englehaupt also suggested that he, Cattani, and Nelson take an annual drive through town to inspect the trees and to make a list. No action was taken pending this tree inspection. Recreation - The Rip's Fundraiser for the Parks has been rescheduled as a drive-thru event on September 9th & 10th. The April 27th fundraiser was canceled due to COVID-19.

Superintendent's Report: Water Plant Filter Refurbish – Englehaupt presented a quote from Tonka Water to refurbish the filters at the Water Treatment Plant. He has since spoken with our plant operator Joe Glynn who informed him that our raw water arsenic levels would not allow for all three filters to be taken out at one time. This will extend the job time to one week per filter and the current quote from Tonka would increase. Glynn met with our Tonka representative to discuss a plan to do the refurbishing. The issue was originally detected due to high iron in the system and the need to backwash more frequently. The filters have also been in service for 15 years which is their expected use. Street Sweeping – A contractor swept Village streets earlier in the day. Englehaupt stated that although they did a much better job than the last contractor, they were unable to complete all the streets within the 8 hours allotted. He estimated it would take an additional 4 hours to get it done. A 12-hour day could be done at the next sweeping in the fall.

Chief's Report: Camera Grant - Dean reported they are waiting to receive the funds from the camera grant. Campers – Ruggerio asked Dean what the department is doing about the campers parked along Village streets? Dean responded that they would work to get them moved. The trailer ordinance will be reviewed at the July 28th meeting. Neighbor Dispute – A dispute between neighbors on Selby Avenue was brought up. Dean reported that the issue has been handled by the Police Department.

Inspector's Report: Senior Housing Project – Flanagan reported that he has received the plans for the new Senior Housing Development and is working on the building permit application. Englehaupt added that he has begun to review the plans and has noticed errors relating to Ameren and easements. He will list the issues as he reviews them. Englehaupt also stated that our Village Attorney and Engineer should be involved with the utility layout. We must see the locations of mains, taps, tees, and where they layout with the building so we know which easements we will need. The Board directed Englehaupt to engage Power System Engineering to design the extension of the electrical system. An approved building permit is required for the developers to obtain project financing.

Attorney's Report: None

Motion Cattani – Second Manning to increase the pay rate of part-time police officers to \$20 per hour and to appoint Randy Dean as Assistant Chief at the pay rate of \$21 per hour, all effective August 1, 2020.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

No discussion was held on anti-nepotism in hiring.

Motion Manning – Second Cattani to renew the Storm Sewer Debt CD for 6 months.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion Martin – Second Urbanowski to reinstate Bill Gaefcke as Police Chief, effective August 1, 2020.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion Cattani – Second Ruggiero to accept a proposal from Connecting Point Computer Center for 1-year post-warranty care on the file server.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Announcements:

- The absence of Village Trustees at town events was addressed. Only one Trustee was present at the recent Habitat for Humanity meeting, one at the playing of Taps, and one volunteering at the Community Garden. If Village residents are to get involved in Ladd, the leadership of the officials will be needed.
- On Tuesday, July 21st, a Habitat for Humanity meeting will be held at 6:00 pm and a Police Committee meeting will be held at 6:30 pm.
- The air conditioning unit for the upstairs apartment at 336 South Main Avenue has been replaced.
- Ruggiero suggested an "Apartment for Rent" sign be placed at 336 South Main Avenue. Grivetti directed him to take care of it.
- A Softails fundraiser for Mike Jurkas will be held on August 15th. A request to close the street will be considered at the July 28th meeting.
- The dumping of grass clippings on the railroad property and an unsightly pile of brush at the end of Eastern Avenue were discussed.

Motion Nelson – Second Martin to adjourn.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Diane Chandler, Village Clerk