

2020-08-11 MINUTES

The Ladd Village Board met in Regular Session at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, August 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, Chief Bill Gaefcke

Motion Cattani – Second Urbanowski to approve the July 28, 2020 meeting minutes, as presented.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion Martin – Second Nelson to authorize payment of the bills of \$31,643.04.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Correspondence:

- A phone call from Phil Hocking commending the Village employees for doing a great job seeing us through this (the August 10th derecho). It was so nice to see neighbors helping neighbors.

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: Recreation - Ruggerio reported seeing people skateboarding on the tennis courts. When he confronted them, he was told there was no sign stating it was not allowed. He added that a new sign with the park rules needs to be made and posted.

Engineer's Report: None

Superintendent's Report: None

Chief's Report: Activity Report – Gaefcke presented the Department's Activity report for July. Trailer Ordinance – The Board discussed the ordinance and determined that each case could be addressed without amending the ordinance.

Cattani reported that Joe Coutts had placed gravel on the Western Avenue berm across from his home to park a work vehicle. Larry Kirkman complained that he will be unable to move his farm equipment through that area with a vehicle parked there. The vehicle could also be damaged from overspray when treating his farm field. Grivetti will talk to Coutts to work out a compromise.

The Board commended the Street Department for the nice job done installing the fall protection in the parks. Ruggerio reported that TNT Lawn Care workers were found to be blowing grass clippings into the pea gravel when mowing in the park. Bezely added that she had called TNT to address the issue but her call was not returned.

Attorney's Report: Comcast Agreements – Barry reported that he had not reviewed the agreements yet. The item will be placed on the August 25th meeting agenda.

Perry Maier of the Illinois Public Health Association addressed the Board on the 2020 Census. He reported that Ladd's response rate was currently 74.3% which is above the state and national average. The Census is only 10 questions and takes 5 minutes to complete. He informed the Board that the Village stands to lose \$1,400 per person annually from those who don't submit a response. A Census taker who is also a Ladd resident is currently canvassing the town to visit the non-responding addresses.

Kim Burd of Hopkins & Associates presented the Village's audit report for the fiscal year 2020.

Motion Manning – Second Cattani to accept the FY20 Audit Report from Hopkins & Associates.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Approval on the building permit application from Laborer’s Home Development Corporation will be considered at the August 25th meeting. There has been a delay in the submission of the civil engineering plan from Chamlin & Associates.

Due to Superintendent Doug Englehaupt’s absence, a quote from Hoerr Construction for cleaning, televising, & lining sewer will be considered at the August 25th meeting.

The Board approved a request from Chandler to seek applications for a position in the Clerk’s office.

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to authorize the Village President & Clerk to sign loan application documents for the Main Street Alley Water Main Replacement Project.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Announcements:

- Due to a Village-wide power outage, the outdoor weather warning sirens would not activate during Monday’s severe storm. Generally, the sirens precede a power loss during a storm, but that was not the case during the derecho.
- A Village employee who had been diagnosed with COVID-19 has returned to work following a 2-week quarantine and subsequent negative test. A summer help employee vacationed in Florida during his time off and will be required to submit a negative COVID-19 test result before returning to work.
- Commended the Street Department and Ladd citizens for the work done following Monday’s storm. Everyone worked together to assist their neighbors.

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to adjourn.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Diane Chandler, Village Clerk