

2020-08-25 MINUTES

The Ladd Village Board met in Regular Session at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, August 25, 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, Chief Bill Gaefcke, Superintendent Doug Englehaupt, Engineer Adam Ossola.

Motion Cattani – Second Ruggerio to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2020 meeting, as presented.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Ruggerio – Second Urbanowski to authorize payment of the bills of \$181,858.08.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Manning – Second Cattani to accept the Treasurer's Report for July 2020.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Correspondence: A note of appreciation from the Spring Valley Street Department for the equipment and manpower assistance following the recent derecho.

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: Recreation – The Rip's Fundraiser for the Parks will be held on Wednesday, September 9th & Thursday, September 10th. Streets & Alleys – The Committee recommended the removal of 3 trees from the Village berm. They are located at 301 North Central Avenue, 237 North LaSalle Avenue, & 417 East Cleveland Street. Police – While Gaefcke was away on military deployment, the Committee directed the part-time officers to work on holidays as it was more cost-effective for the Village. Now that Gaefcke has returned to his salaried position, it will be more economical for the Village if he works on the holidays.

Engineer's Report: Main Street Alley Water Main Project – Ossola reported that work continues on the IEPA loan application for the replacement of the water main. The loan would cover the remainder of the project cost not covered by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The Board agreed on a loan repayment period of 20 years. Senior Housing Project – The civil plans for the Senior Housing Project should be forthcoming from the architects.

Superintendent's Report: Sewer Lining – Englehaupt presented a quote from Hoerr Construction for sewer lining on North Central Avenue. The line is separating at the joint and is a good candidate for lining. He recommended that the Board choose Option #2 on the quote.

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to choose Option #2 of Hoerr Construction's quote to clean and televise (\$5,500.00) and line (\$27,550.00) +/- 501 lf of 15" CIPP.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

War Memorial Park Sidewalk - Englehaupt reported on the sidewalk replacement project at War Memorial Park. Since the Main Street Alley Water Main Replacement Project will extend into the park, he recommended the sidewalk in that area not to be replaced. B & M Concrete submitted the lone proposal for the project which will be approved at the September 8th meeting. Parking Along Western Avenue – Larry Kirkman Sr. has requested that residents not be allowed to park vehicles along the west side of Western Avenue. He claims to have difficulty moving his farm equipment when vehicles are parked there. He added that the parked vehicles could also be damaged from chemical drift when he works

in his field. Englehaupt stated that he had reviewed three plat maps with each map showing a different width for the Western Avenue right-of-way. Barry stated that he would research at the Bureau County Court House to determine the width of the right-of-way.

Chief's Report: Police Garage – Gaefcke expressed his concern about losing the squad car garage if the property at 336 South Main Avenue is sold. He encouraged Trustees to have an alternate plan if this should occur.

Inspector's Report: None

Attorney's Report: Comcast Agreements – Barry reported that he had reviewed the franchise and pole attachment agreements and will continue to negotiate them with Comcast.

No action was taken on the building permit application for the Laborer's Home Development Corporation.

Wage rates for elected officials were discussed at length.

Motion Manning – Second Urbanowski to increase the wage rates for elected officials to \$400/monthly for the Village President, \$58,894.00/annually with a 3% annual increase for the Village Clerk, and \$150/monthly for the Village Trustees, effective when their new terms begin.

Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Nelson, Urbanowski

Nays: Ruggerio

Motion carried 5-0-1.

An error was discovered in the FY20 Audit Report that was approved on August 11th. The Sewer Fund EPA CD was incorrectly listed as a Sewer MMSA CD in the report. The auditors have corrected the error.

Motion Cattani – Second Ruggerio to approve the FY20 audit report, as corrected.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to renew the Social Security, IMRF, Audit, Garbage, Tort, Sewer Bond Retirement, and Water Debt Service CDs for 6 months.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Announcements:

- Thanked Englehaupt and his crew for their quick response in restoring the power and cleaning up the tree limbs after the August 10th derecho.
- The Little Free Library has been converted to a Little Free Pantry and someone has been removing everything from it regularly. It was reported that this is also happening in Spring Valley and Putnam County.
- The August 21st Blood Drive sponsored by the Village was successful. The Red Cross collected 28 units which exceeded their quota of 21 units and there were 10 new donors.

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to adjourn.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Diane Chandler, Village Clerk