

2020-09-22 MINUTES

The Ladd Village Board met in Regular Session at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 22, 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.

Motion Cattani – Second Urbanowski to approve the minutes of the September 8th meeting, as presented.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Martin to authorize payment of the bills of \$136,612.15.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Manning – Second Cattani to accept the Treasurer’s Report for August 2020, as presented.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Correspondence: None

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: Streets & Alleys – The committee recommended a hollow tree on Village property @ 426 North Central Avenue be taken down. Englehaupt stated that he may need to hire a contractor due to the tree’s proximity to the house next door. Recreation – Ruggerio thanked everyone who assisted with the recent Rip’s Fundraiser for the Parks resulting in a profit of \$3,120.00. Lehning Donation – Bezely announced a recent donation to the parks was received from the family of Harry & Jane Lehning. The funds will be used to purchase something for Kennedy Park and a memorial plaque honoring them will be included.

Engineer’s Report: None

Superintendent’s Report: Street Sweeper – Englehaupt reported he had located a 2001 Elgin street sweeper for sale. He added that the machine’s value would be in keeping debris out of the sewers in addition to keeping the street clean.

Motion Cattani – Second Ruggerio to make an offer of up to \$25,000 on the 2001 Elgin street sweeper.

Ayes: Cattani, Manning, Martin, Ruggerio, Urbanowski

Nays: Nelson

Motion carried 5-1.

Sewer Lining – Hoerr Construction has completed the sewer lining project on North Central Avenue. The 15” pipe was lined in one day.

Chief’s Report: Monthly Report – The Police Department’s Activity Report for August was presented. Lockout Kit – Gaefcke requested permission to purchase a new lockout kit for his department.

Motion Cattani – Second Manning to authorize Gaefcke to purchase a new lockout kit not to exceed \$250.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Inspector’s Report: None

Attorney's Report: Comcast Agreements – Barry presented the new Franchise and Pole Attachment agreements with Comcast. According to the agreement, Comcast will grant one free attachment which the Fire Department currently uses. The Board agreed to change the free attachment to the Village's Comcast account.

Motion Martin – Second Cattani to approve a *Cable Television Franchise Agreement and Pole Attachment Agreement Between the Village of Ladd and Comcast of Illinois/Indiana/Ohio, LLC* and to authorize the Village President to sign the agreements.

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

Since a job vacancy in the Clerk's office would be advertised soon, Chandler requested the Board set a range of pay for the Utility Billing Clerk's position. The Board agreed upon a range of \$16 to \$18 per hour.

The Board discussed Trick-or-Treat. A guide from the Centers for Disease Control on Halloween activities was included in the Board packets and the State is expected to release its guidelines on Halloween activities soon. The Board agreed to table a decision until the October 13th meeting so they can review the State's recommendation.

Motion Manning – Second Martin to pass "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PLAT OF SURVEY FOR THE LADD SENIOR APARTMENTS PROPERTY".

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

Barry added that the only remaining item on the building permit is whether the Board would choose to waive their building permit fee. The item will be considered at the October 13th meeting.

Announcements:

- An option to migrate to paperless Board packets by purchasing laptops or tablets was announced.
- The next meeting would be held in three weeks on October 13th.
- Candidate's packets are available for the April 6, 2021, Consolidated Election. The terms of Village President, Village Clerk, and three Village Trustees will be expiring.
- The Ladd Library plans to construct a garage behind their building for storage. The location has both overhead power lines and underground utilities that are making the placement of the garage difficult. They will be instructed to contact JULIE to mark the utilities and then a suitable location can be determined.
- The State of Illinois was expected to issue 75 new cannabis licenses by the end of September but the issuance has been delayed.
- The Kirkmans are still upset that residents are parking on the Village's 9' right-of-way on Western Avenue as it is making it difficult for them to move their farm equipment down the street.
- Ruggerio suggested instituting a leaf burning ban this fall due to smoke already in the air from the Western brush fires.
- Barry informed the Board of the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency's new Green Power Choices program. A decision on participation will be made at the October 13th meeting.

Motion Ruggerio – Second Urbanowski to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Diane Chandler, Village Clerk