

## 2020-12-08 MINUTES

The Ladd Village Board met in regular session at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. To reduce the spread of COVID-19, the meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom (meeting ID 933-3431-4553). 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, Superintendent Doug Englehaupt, Engineer Adam Ossola, Inspector Barry Flanagan.

Motion Cattani – Second Manning to approve the (November 24, 2020 meeting) minutes, as presented.

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

Motion Ruggerio – Second Nelson to pay bills of \$42,004.51.

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

Correspondence:

- A thank you note from Rhonda Bezely to the Board for the Christmas bonus.

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: None

Engineer's Report: None

Superintendent's Report: Flygt Pumps – Englehaupt reported that he had received a revised quote of \$11,127.00 (original quote \$12,193.00) for a new pump at the wastewater treatment plant. Electric Pump has two of our pumps, one can be rebuilt for \$6,187.00 and the other for \$6,890.00. The Board has the option to either rebuild or replace them. He recommended that Electric Pump also do the installation of the pumps.

Motion Ruggerio – Second Nelson to purchase two new Flygt pumps from Electric Pump at the quoted price of \$11,127.00 each plus up to \$2,000.00 for installation.

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

Water Plant Filter Upgrade – All of the media at the plant has been replaced and Tonka has done the startup without problems. The poor efficiency of the backwash was found to be due to the air wash baffles inside each tank being completely plugged. Senior Housing Equipment Purchase – Since the property will not be purchased until December 10<sup>th</sup>, nothing has been ordered. By Village policy, we are not to do anything related to the meters or materials until money has exchanged hands. Englehaupt strongly encouraged the Board to revisit the policy as it is written. Typically, the contractor would bid the job and material but according to our current policy, all responsibility for materials falls on the Village.

Chief's Report: Outdoor Warning Siren – Gaefcke presented Braniff Communication's proposal for Annual Preventative Maintenance on the Outdoor Weather Warning Sirens.

Motion Manning – Second Cattani to approve the agreement with Braniff Communications for 2021 maintenance of the outdoor weather warning sirens.

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

Gaefcke thanked the Board for the Christmas bonus.

Inspector's Report: None

Attorney's Report: Tax Levy – Barry presented the tax levy ordinance. Since the \$18,500.00 increase over the 2019 levy was less than 105%, a Truth-in-Taxation hearing was not required.

Motion Cattani – Second Urbanowski to pass “AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2020, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2021, FOR THE VILLAGE OF LADD, BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS”.

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

Grivetti reported that Cattani had received another complaint from Lyle Kirkman regarding Joe Coutts parking along Western Avenue. Kirkman has proposed that if the Village would remove the rock and bring in black dirt at the location, he would level and seed it. He has also complained that the neighbor to the south of Coutts is also parking in the area creating ruts in the ground. Cattani had encouraged Kirkman to join the Zoom meeting to voice his issues, but he did not participate. If Kirkman chooses to have a survey done, he will be responsible for the cost of the survey. Flanagan asked if ditches can be graveled now so residents can park there. He added that if this is allowed in one area of town, it should be available for everyone. Gravel in the alley to access a garage was also discussed. Englehaupt explained the Village's policy on gravel for garages constructed along an alley. The responsibility for the initial coring and laying of gravel falls to the homeowner requiring access. This installation is to include a 3" base of gravel topped with a 3" layer of CA-6. From then on, the Village will maintain it. The barricade in the alley along East Pine Street was addressed. Englehaupt informed the Board that it was placed there until grass grew in but it will be removed.

Pat Braboy requested to install a residential apartment in the rear of his building at 302 North Main Avenue (the former Lanuti's Tavern). He had initially proposed to open a bar in the front portion of the building but has now changed to a bed & breakfast. He plans to leave the bar intact to “maintain its integrity”. The only change he would be making would be the installation of a shower. His daughter wants to live there for about one year then it would become a business. Barry informed Braboy of the Village's ordinance regarding residential uses on Main Street. Since this building is currently vacant, a business would need to be established in the front and be open for 30 hours per week before the rear portion could be used as a residence. Braboy then asked if he could open any type of business such as an antique store or a resale shop and the Village wouldn't care what type of business it was. Nelson added that it would need to be an active business with a tax number. He was advised to come up with a plan and bring it back to the Board as they control what happens on Main Street.

Grivetti announced that there is a potential buyer for the property at 336 South Main Street. The Board held a brief discussion but took no action.

Announcements:

- Santa's Workshop will be held at 9:00 am on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at Ladd's Community Center.
- The parking and trash situation at 314 South Bureau Avenue was discussed. Barry and Chandler will work together on a letter to the new owner to address the issues.

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Diane Chandler, Village Clerk