

2021-01-26 MINUTES

The Ladd Village Board met in Regular Session at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, in the Village Hall. Due to the absence of President Mike Grivetti, President Pro-Tem Jim Manning called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Roll Call: Present – Trustees Frank Cattani, Jan Martin, Dan Nelson, Andy Ruggerio, Mike Urbanowski (5). In attendance – Attorneys Pat & Colin Barry, Clerk Diane Chandler, Treasurer Rhonda Bezely, Chief Bill Gaefcke, Superintendent Doug Englehaupt, Engineer Adam Ossola

Motion Cattani – Second Nelson to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 meeting, as presented.

Ayes: Cattani, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Ruggerio to authorize payment of bills in the amount of \$142,081.26.

Ayes: Cattani, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Martin – Second Cattani to accept the Treasurer’s Report for December 2020.

Ayes: Cattani, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski

Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence: None

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: Police – Cattani reported that garage door openers can be installed on the roll-up doors at the new police garage. Assistant Chief Randy Dean will seek a proposal for them. The installation of electricity in the garage is in progress.

Engineer’s Report: Rebuild Illinois Funds – Ossola reported that Ladd would receive 6 allotments over 3 years totaling over \$85,000.00 of these funds. He will submit a report to the state of how the Village plans to spend the funds by February 16. 2021 MFT Program – Ossola stated that approximately \$148,000 would be available for this year’s street maintenance program.

Motion Cattani – Second Urbanowski to authorize Ossola to begin work on the 2021 Motor Fuel Tax program.

Ayes: Cattani, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski

Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent’s Report: Sewer Televising – Englehaupt presented a proposal from Hoerr Construction for spring sewer cleaning and televising. He estimated that approximately 60% of the Village’s sewers have been done in the past 4 years.

Motion Cattani – Second Nelson to accept Hoerr Construction’s estimated proposal of \$21,500 to clean and television sewers for 5 days.

Ayes: Cattani, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski

Motion carried 5-0.

1987 Ford Tandem Transmission – Englehaupt informed the Board that the truck’s transmission locked up and was towed to Kittleson’s. He has received an estimate of \$7,000 - \$10,000 to repair the truck with a remanufactured transmission.

Motion Nelson – Second Cattani to replace the transmission on the Ford Tandem up to \$10,000.

Ayes: Cattani, Martin, Nelson, Urbanowski

Nays: Ruggerio

Motion carried 4-1.

Senior Housing Kick-off Meeting – Englehaupt reported on the meeting discussion on ordering the needed utility materials. This is being held up by the policy that nothing can be ordered until it has been paid for upfront. We are still waiting on the payment. Hopefully, the money will be received by the February 9th Village Board meeting so we can move forward.

Chief's Report: Mack Business – Gaefcke asked Barry for an update on Terry Mack's business. Barry responded that it was involuntarily dissolved as of January 2020. He added that the Village had filed a lien against his property. Although evictions are currently on hold due to the Governor's ban, Mack could be filed for violation of Village ordinance. Main Street Parking – Gaefcke plans to contact all Main Street landlords to inform them of the rules for parking after a 1" snowfall.

Motion Cattani – Second Urbanowski to pass "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10.20.30 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF LADD, BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS RELATING TO MAIN STREET PARKING AFTER SNOWFALL".

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Bullet-Proof Vests – Gaefcke stated that the Board had previously agreed to pay 25% of the cost of the new bullet-proof vests with the officers to pay 25% and a grant to cover 50%. An Illinois state statute requires the Village to provide it's officers with a vest.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Cattani to pay the entire portion of the officer's bullet-proof vests not covered by the grant.

Ayes: Cattani, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski

Motion carried 5-0.

Inspector's Report: None

Attorney's Report: Bond Ordinance – In order to apply for funds through the IEPA to replace the Main Street Alley Water Main, a bond ordinance is required.

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to pass "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF LADD, BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN PROGRAM".

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Ruggerio to approve liquor licenses for Cancun, Casey's, Dick's Tap, Ladd Lanes, Rip's Tavern, & Softails.

Ayes: Cattani, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion Ruggerio – Second Cattani to renew the Sewer EPA Fund CD for 6 months.

Ayes: Cattani, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski

Motion carried 5-0.

Ladd resident Dave Margherio addressed the Board on his concern for the future of Main Street. He challenged the Trustees to take a look at Main Street before their next meeting. There are covered up windows giving no idea of what's going on inside. The people who are determining what our town looks like don't live in town and he feels we need to take our town back. He has received comments on how unsightly Ladd looks when entering. People are sitting on Main Street in lawn chairs with grills. This is our commercial district not residential and it will be difficult to bring new business to Ladd. He encouraged the Board to turn it back into a town, to not be taken advantage of by the absentee landlords, and to not allow any more residential uses on Main Street.

Announcements:

- The washing machine inside the business at 336 South Main Avenue needs repairs. The pump was recently replaced but it still needs additional work. Since this is not part of the lease agreement with the tenant, she will be advised to repair the machine at her cost.
- The side yard of the building at 201 North Main Avenue is very unsightly and littered with junk. A violation letter will be sent to the owner.

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to adjourn.

Ayes: Cattani, Martin, Nelson, Ruggerio, Urbanowski

Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Diane Chandler, Village Clerk