

## **2021-02-23 MINUTES**

The Ladd Village Board met in Regular Session at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, in the Village Hall. President Mike Grivetti called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. He reminded the audience that during a public meeting they are to refrain from making comments. Unless they are speaking during Public Comment, are on the agenda, or are called upon, they will not be recognized.

Before the meeting, Steven Schweickert presented Grivetti with a \$5,000 donation to the Ladd parks on behalf of the Doug & Rorie Schweickert Charitable Trust. Grivetti thanked them for the donation and added that the Schweickert family had been very generous to Ladd through the years.

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, Chief Bill Gaefcke, Superintendent Doug Englehaupt, Engineer Adam Ossola.

Motion Cattani – Second Nelson to approve the February 9, 2021 meeting minutes, as presented.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion Urbanowski – Second Martin to pay bills of \$130,292.82

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Grivetti asked Trustees to look at the grand total on the last page of the Treasurer's Report. He added that when the current administration took over in 2005, the total on the report was a little over \$1 million and today's total is over \$3 million. This is due in part to the investing of Village funds.

Motion Manning – Second Nelson to accept the January 2021 Treasurer's Report.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Correspondence: None

Public Comments: JD Erickson spoke on snow removal. He stated that he takes issue with a Village employee using Village equipment on Village time to clear snow from in front of people's homes for parking. Upon making a phone call regarding this, a Village plow came within 10 minutes to clear his snow. He added that he did not request this and feels it is unacceptable as he wants equality and fairness for everyone.

Grivetti responded that when he took the position of Village President he took it for one reason, to serve the citizens of Ladd to the best of his ability. At that time he informed all of the employees that he expected them to do everything they could to help the citizens in town. He feels that they have done an outstanding job and has encouraged them to use the equipment. Board members agreed with Grivetti and commended Englehaupt and his crew for the outstanding job they have done with snow removal.

Committee Reports: Streets & Alleys - Cattani reported that the handicapped ramp at the Post Office is curling and lifting. Englehaupt will seek a contractor about repairing or replacing it.

Engineer's Report: Motor Fuel Tax Program – Ossola reported that he had researched some recent bid tabs for smaller curb projects and found the cost to replace the curb and patching to be approximately \$50 to \$77 per foot. Englehaupt added that while he is pleased to hear the Board addressing this, he encouraged them to use the MFT funds for road repair and not curb replacement.

Superintendent's Report: Dump Truck Discussion – Englehaupt stated his concern on the age of the Village's dump trucks, the 1987 tandem and the 2004 Sterling. He encouraged the Board to begin an equipment rotation program similar to the

one used to replace the Village's squad cars. Cattani stated he doesn't feel a tandem is necessary but Englehaupt disagreed. After a lengthy discussion, Grivetti added he would prefer to let the new incoming administration address this.

Englehaupt thanked Hall Township Road Commissioner Monte Moreno for his assistance with their grader on Cleveland Street following the recent heavy snowfall.

Senior Housing Electric – Englehaupt had requested Ossola & Barry to review the preliminary bid book on the electric distribution to the Senior Housing site and had forwarded their responses to the engineer at Power System Engineering. The invitation to bid should be published within the next week.

Motion Manning – Second Martin to authorize Doug Englehaupt to move forward with the engineering of the bid book design work for the three phases of the Senior Housing project electric system.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Chief's Report: Vacation Policy – Gaefcke requested that non-union employees receive the same benefit that the union employees receive for rollover and compensation of vacation time.

Motion Manning – Second Cattani to authorize the non-union employees to roll over 5 days of their vacation time to the following year and the ability to request payment for 5 days of vacation time as stated in the union employee's contract.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Gaefcke thanked Englehaupt and his crew for their assistance with tow trucks during the recent snowfall.

Inspector's Report: None

Attorney's Report: None

Motion Urbanowski – Second Cattani to renew the Audit, Garbage, IMRF, and Social Security CDs.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Announcements:

- Dave Margherio invited everyone to participate in a new Facebook page "Ladd, Illinois – Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow" and to welcome the new Habitat for Humanity family at the build site on Friday at 5:00 pm.

Motion Cattani – Second Martin to adjourn.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Diane Chandler, Village Clerk