

August 23, 2022 ~ REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Ladd Village Board met in regular session on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, in the Village Hall. Mayor Frank Cattani called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

Roll Call: Present: Trustees Jim Manning, Dave Margherio, Jan Martin, Dan Nelson, Molly Thrasher, and Mike Urbanowski (6)

In attendance: Attorney Pat Barry, Attorney Colin Barry, Clerk Bezely, Treasurer Julie Koch, Police Chief Jacob Frund, Superintendent Doug Englehaupt, Asst. Superintendent BJ Liebe, & Engineer Adam Ossola

Margherio motion/Urbanowski second to accept August 9, 2022, regular meeting minutes as presented.

Ayes: Manning, Margherio, Martin, Nelson, Thrasher, Urbanowski - Motion carried 6-0

Urbanowski asked if the board had discussed the removal of trees by River Landscaping. Cattani stated that the LaSalle Ave tree was discussed at a prior meeting and 3 trees at the Community Center were dead and concerning so they were also taken down since our bucket truck is not able to be used.

Thrasher motion/Urbanowski second to authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$175,974.80.

Ayes: Manning, Margherio, Martin, Nelson, Thrasher, Urbanowski - Motion carried 6-0

Urbanowski motion/Margherio second to accept the Treasurer's Report for July 2022

Ayes: Manning, Margherio, Martin, Nelson, Thrasher, Urbanowski - Motion carried 6-0

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Committee Reports: Nelson & Margherio reported on a tree at 116 N Central Ave. Resident Andy Ruggerio reported this tree was split. Nelson stated that it is a very large tree, it has issues and splitting and age, but it is alive. They stated that the tree is not dead and therefore will remain. Cattani asked about another tree at War Memorial Park at the playground on East Cleveland Street. Liebe & Englehaupt stated this tree is slated for removal during the water main project that will be starting soon. Martin informed the board that Tommy Giachetto said he has 1 more Christmas Tree for the Village to use in their Tree Lighting for this year. It will just need to be picked up and brought here. Martin will speak with the bank to make sure we can still place it on their empty lot on Main Ave.

Engineer's Report: Ossola informed the board that the Safe Routes to School engineering agreement was ready for discussion. Ossola explained there are 6 blocks of sidewalk on Locust Street and 3 blocks of sidewalk on Peru Avenue that IDOT will oversee. The design engineering agreement is for surveying, plan preparation, specs, and bid package all to IDOT's standards. Also required are environmental reviews from gas stations that were once located near the project which could cause some additional problems with this job. We hope to get everything done for our \$34,000.00 budget but there is always a chance that there may be additional costs for unforeseen circumstances. The plan is to get all the engineering done over the winter and move forward in the spring. At a minimum, it takes IDOT 6 months to do some of these environmental reviews.

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Manning motion/Martin second to Accept the Preliminary Engineering Agreement from Chamlin & Associates for Safe Routes to School in the amount of \$34,000.00.

Ayes: Manning, Margherio, Martin, Nelson, Thrasher, Urbanowski - Motion carried 6-0

Superintendent's Report: Englehaupt reviewed a used truck located in Iowa with the board. It is a 2012 Ford and it has a 2012 Versalift boom for \$47,100.00 with the dielectric test. The structural test still needs to be done and will be added to the total cost. It is being taken to Davenport for the structural test. Urbanowski asked Englehaupt if he knew the cost of the structural testing. Englehaupt stated he does not know. Martin asked Englehaupt to explain Dielectric testing and Structural testing. Englehaupt stated dielectric testing is done annually and sometimes bi-annually depending on the number of hours it is in use. This tests the boom both top and bottom along with the bucket and bucket liner. The ANSI structural testing is a visual inspection where they open the booms up, and look at all the welds. It is quite tedious but the gentleman that the Village uses is phenomenal at what he does. \$5,000.00 has been put on this truck to hold it. If the ANSI structural testing fails the \$5,000.00 will be returned. This truck will fit in the existing electric garage. Englehaupt stated that it appears to have a block heater so if by some chance it doesn't fit it can be stored outside and plugged in. This truck has 60,000 miles on it and 5,000 hours on it. It has a 60-foot working height and an exceptional side reach. Cattani stated it is an excellent find. He thanked Englehaupt for his work in finding it. Englehaupt states he hopes that the structural test will be done in the next 2-3 weeks.

Englehaupt then moved on to the new bucket truck pricing and details for the board. Englehaupt stated that we have had a price from Altec but it is several years out from actually having it delivered (approximately 3-4 years). The Altec truck price is \$273,583.00. The chassis cost states that it will likely increase by the time it gets delivered.

Englehaupt stated the Drake-Scruggs quote for a 2023 bucket truck was \$274,177.40 less \$700.00 for paying for the chassis as soon as it arrives at Drake-Scruggs which brings the total to \$273,477.40. This truck is approximately 400 days out from expected delivery.

Nelson motion/Martin second to purchase the used 2012 Ford F750 with Versalift for \$47,100.00 plus the cost of the structural testing.

Ayes: Manning, Margherio, Martin, Nelson, Thrasher, Urbanowski - Motion carried 6-0

Manning asked Englehaupt which truck he would prefer. Englehaupt stated he would prefer the Drake Scruggs truck. Manning mentioned with a brand new bucket truck we should get 15 years out of it. Manning asked if the Village would like to start putting the money aside for the truck now to have the money set aside for the truck. Englehaupt stated that when Verbal did the cost study for the electric rates the rates were adjusted to accommodate equipment. We could set aside \$15,000.00 monthly for 18 months this would get us \$270,000.00 which could be earmarked for the truck. We will just leave the funds in the electric fund for the future purchase.

Urbanowski motion/Nelson second to purchase a new Freightliner (refer to quote # 082422-0) bucket truck from Drake Scruggs for \$274,177.40 less \$700.00 (deduct if Chassis is paid upon delivery to Drake Scruggs) for a total of \$273,477.40.

Ayes: Manning, Margherio, Martin, Nelson, Thrasher, Urbanowski - Motion carried 6-0

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Police Chief: Chief Frund stated that he found out yesterday that we received a community grant from Walmart of \$1,250.00 for school resource projects. Sarosinski has more grants out there. United Way called and has 150 boxed bikes they are distributing to towns & villages. We will have new bikes for some giveaways, etc. Frund mentioned there is a bathroom issue. Frund has spoken with Liebe and Englehaupt and came up with 3 options. 1 – Bathrooms are opened by Public Works and closed by the police Monday – Sunday. Frund reminded the board that he needs to be made aware of any vandalism immediately so it can be resolved and the cameras can be reviewed. 2 – Bathrooms are open 24/7. Concern for this is if something is broken we are down a bathroom. A lock was discussed so they become unisex. Liebe stated they are both on the same shutoff so we can't go this route. 3 – bathrooms are only open for events or park shelter rental. Residents would come to the police for keys to open bathrooms along with rules, etc. We would still need to keep a porta potty for when there are no events or rentals. Chief Frund informed the board of the cost of porta potties and wash units at both parks. It is approximately \$100.00 per month per unit and \$150.00 per month for each wash station. This brings a monthly total to right around \$700.00. Frund mentioned a bunch of kids being confronted by an employee of the Village after a concerned resident called the clerk's office. These kids were vandalizing the porta potties. Their parents have been called by the police chief. Discussion ensued with Englehaupt and the board.

Margherio wondered about hiring someone to open and close bathrooms and clean them monthly for \$500.00 a month. People don't like the porta potties. That is the feedback board members are hearing. Cattani suggested that the public works department opens the bathrooms every day and the police close them in the evening. We will do this until November 2022 and we will re-evaluate this next spring. We will keep the cleaning person coming once a week. We will remove both porta potties at War Memorial Park. We will leave only 1 porta potty at Kennedy Park. Margherio asked Frund about a Facebook post regarding a dog. Frund stated that it has been taken care of. This incident happened in July. This is a different dog than the dog that bit Joe Bezely. Frund stated that no one came to him about the issue they opted to post it on Facebook. Frund is aware of it and it has been taken care of. The dog is being re-homed. Thrasher asked if the trailer incident on S Selby Ave has been resolved. Atty. Barry stated they have not found anything in the code. There is a difference between trailers and motor homes. There is concern about motor homes being on the Village right of way. This person is fixing it up. It will not remain on S Selby Ave. There are more campers and motor homes now more than ever. Sometimes these are blocking sidewalks and roadways. We may want to consider an ordinance to minimize this. Margherio asked why we just turned down the bid for purchasing 124 N Hennepin Ave for a person to put his motor home on. Atty. Colin Barry stated that it cannot be the main structure on a lot in a residential district.

Building Inspector: None

Village Attorney: Atty Pat Barry distributed the ordinance that finalizes raising the building inspector and treasurer position to \$150.00 a month. He reminded the board that this must be set 180 days before the election.

Martin motion/Thrasher second to Pass Ordinance Establishing the Salaries of the Village Building Inspector and Treasurer of the Village of Ladd, Bureau County, IL

Ayes: Thrasher, Nelson, Manning, Martin, Margherio, Urbanowski, Cattani - Motion carried 7-0

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The only other item Atty. Barry mentioned was the sale of 336 S Main Ave is not moving forward just yet. The lender is having some issues. The lender is Spring Valley City Bank and the loan has not been approved yet. Kevin Bauer reached out to Bezely asking to get help with the remediation documentation. Atty. Barry told the board that he provided all the documentation when we purchased the property. This indicated the tanks had been properly removed back in the 1990s. There wasn't any evidence of leakage which meant it did not have to be reported as a leaking underground storage tank which is the only time you get a LUGST number from the fire marshall and is the only time you'll get a no further remediation letter is once it's been reported as a problem and that station was never reported as having been a problem. We have all the documentation to prove that they applied for a permit and they were removed according to the rules back in the 1990s. Atty. Barry will work with Atty. Tracy to get whatever is needed by Spring Valley City Bank to get this purchase completed.

Old Business: 124 N Hennepin Ave lot: Bezely reported lots of "views" on Zillow but no bids have been received. We will continue the ad on Zillow.

New Business: CD Renewals: Discussion ensued regarding adding funds to the 5 CDs coming due in the next 10 days. Interest rates have increased and we decided to invest for 6 months. Manning motion/Urbanowski second to renew CD's for 6 months at a rate of _____% APY (Bezely to discuss rate with NCB) Garbage Fund add \$100,000.00 to CD, Motor Fuel add \$40,000.00 to CD, IMRF add \$50,000.00 to CD, Social Security Fund add \$150,000.00 to CD, and Audit Fund.

Ayes: Manning, Margherio, Martin, Nelson, Thrasher, Urbanowski - Motion carried 6-0

Announcements: Margherio informed the board that the Ladd Men's Club has dissolved. All monies were divvied out. \$1,000.00 was given to Music in the Park, \$1,500.00 plus their big grill was given to the Ladd Fire Department, and \$1,500.00 was set aside to purchase a bench for Main Avenue to be located near Dick's Tap in memory of Randy Schumacher, and \$3,000.00 was donated to LCCS PTO with the hope that Pioneer will match this donation and a new scoreboard can be purchased for the gym. The existing scoreboard is original from the 1960s. The bench they would like up by Dick's Tap which used to be owned by Randy Schumacher. Ladd Men's Club ~ In Memory of Randy Schumacher. The exact location will be determined. Bezely will work with Men's Club to get this done.

Manning asked about the Façade Grant. He asked if we required prior approval from the board. I said yes applications get completed and then brought to the board for approval. Bezely stated that no one has requested an application or turned one in. Grant applications were mailed with the August utility bills to Main Avenue businesses. Any applicants will come before the board once they are completed.

Bezely mentioned getting a grand opening set for Charro Taco and Rockerbye Boutique as soon as we get a firm opening date. Bezely will contact Shaw Media and WLPO/WAJK for a possible remote radio broadcast from Ladd if they would consider doing so. Bezely asked if she could spend \$50-75 for a grand opening gift. Bezely will talk to Martin and Thrasher to come up with an idea. The fence on the tennis court/pickleball courts is curled up and the balls are going underneath it. BJ will take a look at it and see if it can be repaired. Dick Ajster came in last week with 2 new park closes at 10 pm signs since he noticed our signs are looking rough. He kindly donated these signs. Bezely told the board that she received the Scholarship for MCI's 1st year of Clerk's Training. Survey for Fiberoptic Broadband okay to put in the next utility bills. Yes, the board wants to move forward. Carbon Solutions are looking for an update on the Village's feeling about putting in EV Charging stations. The board told Bezely to contact them and say we are not moving forward at this time but would like to see a truck stop providing EV Charging stations soon and we need to work out some issues with IMEA. NCICG

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made us aware of a park grant. \$2,000.00 for NCICG to administer the grant and a 50% match by the Village. Bezely asked if she should apply for this grant. Fencing and tennis courts are a problem. Manning felt that if we could get a grant to replace the tennis courts and the fencing the Village would kick in ½. Bezely will contact Braboy and see if this is a possibility. Bezely officially thanked Julie Koch for holding down the fort while she was gone. She was very appreciative of her help so she could go to her son's white coat ceremony in San Antonio, TX.

Thrasher asked how new employee Colton Corsolini was doing. He started today.

Nelson asked Englehaupt and Liebe if anything can be done to help with the sewer smell that radiates out of the manhole by Charro Taco. There are holes in the manhole and Nelson wondered if it would be possible to put a solid lid on it. Englehaupt stated that because the Village has a combined sewer system and you have to have a vent. He will take a look at it. Margherio mentioned the manhole by Rip's also stinks. Englehaupt feels this is due to the collection system collecting rainwater. Nelson doesn't want to deter people due to the odor emanating from the manhole.

Nelson motion/Martin second to adjourn.

Ayes: Manning, Margherio, Martin, Nelson, Thrasher, Urbanowski - Motion carried 6-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm

Rhonda Bezely, Village Clerk