

September 27, 2022 ~ REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Ladd Village Board met in regular session on Tuesday, September 27, 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: Clerk Bezely, Treasurer Julie Koch, & Engineer Adam Ossola

Urbanowski motion/Martin second to accept September 13, 2022, regular meeting minutes as presented.

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

Thrasher motion/Urbanowski second to authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$132,678.51.

Ayes: Manning (abstained from Springfield Electric bill due to position with company), Margherio, Martin, Nelson, Thrasher, Urbanowski - Motion carried 6-0

Margherio motion/Nelson second to accept the Treasurer's Report for August 2022

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

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: Old Business: 336 S. Main Ave Environmental Testing Phase I & II: Kevin Bauer spoke to the board. He is requesting Phase I & Phase II environmental testing after speaking with Randy Safranski from Midwest Testing. The fuel tanks at this property were removed in 1994 and the IL EPA has had updated changes to their testing requirements. After an explanation of fees, concerns by the buyers, and a lengthy discussion, the council asked to table this decision until they can get some questions answered. Bauer understood and requested to obtain a follow-up in the next several days.

Committee Reports: Nelson addressed the council on how bad the weeds look growing out of the curbs on East Cleveland Street. He asked if Round Up couldn't be used to control the weeds. He was asked this by a resident. After discussion President Cattani asked to place this on the agenda in February of next year. Bezely will place it on the February 28, 2023 agenda for discussion.

Engineer's Report: Ossola informed the board that Superior will begin work this week on the water main project. Cattani asked if they will begin with the sewer by the Post Office. Ossola said yes. Superior is to let the Post Office know. Nelson asked about the completion date and Ossola stated the end of November. Ossola spoke with them today and they don't seem too worried about getting it done. There is a daily fine if this isn't done in the timeframe agreed upon.

Superintendent's Report: None

Police Chief: Bezely told the council that Frund said everything is going well. They are to contact him at any time with questions or concerns. He had a sporting event with his boys.

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Building Inspector: None

Village Attorney: None

Old Business: Class B CDL for New Employees: Cattani told the council that CDL rules have changed as of March and now you have to take the class at the college for 3 weeks for approximately \$4,000.00. The union feels this is the Village's responsibility to pay for new employees to attend this class and obtain their license. It is Monday-Friday for 8 hours a day for 3 weeks. The board feels a letter outlining a 4-year commitment to employment with the Village of Ladd once CDL is obtained would be in order. Discussion ensued about all the laws that surround a CDL. The board feels we need to discuss this all with our Attorney. We will hold off on a decision until we speak with our Attorney. The board wants to make sure in the letter we will outline that if a 2nd test is needed due to failing the first the Village would not pay. The biggest concern is paying for obtaining a CDL for any new employee and then them taking another higher-paying job since there is so much demand for truck drivers.

Announcements: Bezely told the council that we received our 2nd American Rescue Plan Act check in the amount of \$81,310.57. This was receipted into the general fund for use on the Safe Routes to School Project. Bezely told the council that she had Covid last week and that Julie Koch kept the Village going. Koch was thanked for all her help. Bezely announced that we have our first Net Metering customer who has solar panels. Their bi-directional meter was installed yesterday 9/26/2022. Bezely announced there are 3 trustee positions open in the Village of Ladd. Martin, Urbanowski, and Manning's positions are all up for reelection. Petitions and Election packets are available in the Clerk's Office for anyone interested in running. Bezely told the council that 50/50 tickets will be sold for the Ladd Christmas Walk 2022. Bezely asked the trustees to commit to selling \$50.00 worth of tickets. They will be (6) tickets for \$5.00. The money will be placed into the Ladd Christmas Walk account to help pay for future entertainment in upcoming years. Right now the businesses are asked to help out with paying for entertainment and we'd like to assist also by raising money. Bezely told the council the bench in Memory of Randy Schumacher is in place by Dick's Tap. Thrasher announced the nice article in the News Tribune about Supporting our Soldier. Bezely thanked Martin for designing the insert that was put in the paper, on Facebook, and on the website along with being placed into the next utility bills. Bezely told the board that Sandy Galetti volunteered to cut the inserts which worked out great.

Nelson motion/Urbanowski second to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm

Rhonda Bezely, Village Clerk