

SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 ~ REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Ladd Village Board met in regular session on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, in the Ladd Village Hall at 121 N. Main Avenue. Village President 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 Patrick Flanagan, Jan Martin, Dan Nelson, Brad Nicholson, Molly Thrasher, and Bernie Victor (6)

In attendance: Clerk, Rhonda Bezely; Deputy Clerk, Julie Koch; Engineer, Adam Ossola; Atty. Pat Barry, Superintendent, Doug Englehaupt; Police Chief, Jacob Frund, and Sammi Sarosinski, Admin Asst. & Grant Coordinator.

Nicholson motioned/Thrasher seconded to accept the September 9, 2025, regular meeting minutes as presented.

Ayes: Flanagan, Martin, Nelson, Nicholson, Thrasher, Victor - Motion carried.

Martin motioned/Nicholson seconded, to authorize payment of the bills of \$135,137.55

Ayes: Flanagan, Martin, Nelson, Nicholson, Thrasher, Victor - Motion carried.

Thrasher motioned/Victor seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report for August 2025.

Ayes: Flanagan, Martin, Nelson, Nicholson, Thrasher, Victor - Motion carried.

Correspondence: A thank-you note was read from the Brad Nicholson Family

Public Comment: None

Committee Report: None

Village Engineer: Ossola updated the council on the re-roofing of the Water Treatment Plant. They will start tomorrow and plan 3 days to finish this project. Gillan plans to start on the Main Avenue sidewalks on Thursday. Cattani asked if Gillan would be addressing the other “extra work” for the SRTS 2023 project. Cattani mentioned the house at 334 S. Brush Ave., the dirt and seed that was placed where the old sidewalk was removed is very rough. Cattani asked Ossola to make sure Gillan gets this more manageable for the homeowner. Also, the driveway at 336 E. Cleveland St. has a very rough section on the west side of the driveway entrance. Gillan will address this. Trustee Thrasher asked if Gillan would be doing the parking pad at Smith’s, and Ossola stated that yes, he should be getting to these areas, along with two other extras the Village was going to pay for that homeowners called about being damaged during tree removal. **New Business: Resolution 1198 & Engineering Agreement for the MFT, STU Funds, to repave from Route 89 to the end of the Village limits:** We need to have plans to IDOT by November 7th or December 26, 2025, to still get this project done in fiscal year 2026.

Martin motioned/Victor seconded to Pass Resolution 1198 Motor Fuel Tax Resolution & Engineering for the Cleveland Street STU Project.

Ayes: Flanagan, Martin, Nelson, Nicholson, Thrasher, Victor - Motion carried.

General Superintendent: Englehaupt had nothing to report

Police Chief: Chief Frund had nothing to report

Building Inspector: Not in attendance

Village Attorney: Atty. Barry had nothing to report

New Business: Pass Resolution 1197 to Apply for the Safe Routes to School 2025 Non-Infrastructure Grant:

Nicholson motioned/Flanagan seconded to Pass Resolution 1197 Approving & Authorizing Financial Commitment in the Safe Routes to School 2025 Non-Infrastructure Grant Program.

Ayes: Flanagan, Martin, Nelson, Nicholson, Thrasher, Victor - Motion carried.

New Business: Discussion on Fluoride in the Village of Ladd's Water System: Victor addressed the council regarding the Village's feelings on eliminating additional fluoride in the Village water system. He has done research on this subject, and he wanted to see how the council feels about this subject before he continues to do more research. Englehaupt reported that there is a level required by the IL EPA. This has been lowered in the past. Atty. Barry stated he would not recommend violating the State law unless they change it. Englehaupt spoke about a conversation he had with Joe Glynn from TEST. Discussion ensued on the pros and cons of fluoride. Englehaupt stated that we have natural fluoride in the water, but it is just not at a level that the EPA feels is adequate. It is up to the council whether they would like to eliminate the addition of fluoride to the Village water. We still have it in toothpaste and mouthwash. Victor stated he will do research to see if it has not been eliminated. Victor believes this to be true. He will bring this information back to the council.

New Business: Newstribune Holiday Life Magazine Ad: The council discussed approximately how many people this magazine reaches. There was no knowledge of this number. This magazine is something people do read. Victor asked if our goal is to make people aware of the Christmas Walk. Martin asked if Radio ads would reach more people. Bezely stated that the Christmas Walk Committee puts its advertising money into radio ads only. No print ads.

Martin motioned/Victor seconded to purchase a 1/8 1/8-page ad for the News Tribune Holiday Life Magazine.

Ayes: Flanagan, Martin, Thrasher, Victor – Motion carried.

Nays: Nelson, Nicholson

Bezely received the Non-Infrastructure Safe Routes to School Grant agreement late Friday, but she was on a vacation day. Since there was not enough time to provide 48 hours' notice, the agenda could not be amended. President Cattani asked the council for a consensus on approving the agreement for Application Services for the Illinois Safe Routes to School Program Grant on behalf of the Village of Ladd. The discussion included authorizing President Cattani and Clerk Bezely to sign the agreement, with the understanding that it would be placed on the next agenda for formal approval. All members agreed except Victor, who felt the Village should complete its own grant applications using AI.

Announcements: Bezely reported that the Village will be co-hosting with North Central Bank the King Care-A-Van, OSF's new Mobile Unit. This RV will come to the NC Bank parking lot on the 3rd Friday of the Month from 10 am to 2 pm. They will provide health education, general wellness checks, they will provide blood pressure checks, oxygen saturation, weight, temperature, blood sugar checks, and cholesterol screenings with a quick fingerstick. All of these are free of charge. They will help people navigate the

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MyChart portal, SilverCloud, and Virtual Urgent Care. This will be excellent for people with mobility issues, as it is ADA-compliant. This also helps residents who don't drive or have a way to get to the doctor.

Victor motioned/Martin seconded to adjourn the regular session and enter into executive session under the exemption 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5): *The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held to discuss whether a particular parcel should be acquired.*

Ayes: Flanagan, Martin, Nelson, Nicholson, Thrasher, Victor - Motion carried.

Upon returning to regular session, roll call was taken:

Roll Call: **Present:** Trustees Patrick Flanagan, Jan Martin, Dan Nelson, Brad Nicholson, Molly Thrasher, and Bernie Victor (6)

In attendance: Clerk, Rhonda Bezely; Deputy Clerk, Julie Koch; Engineer, Adam Ossola; Atty. Pat Barry, Superintendent, Doug Englehaupt.

Adjournment:

Martin motioned/Thrasher seconded to adjourn.

Ayes: Flanagan, Martin, Nelson, Nicholson, Thrasher, Victor - Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Rhonda Bezely, Village Clerk