

April 14, 2026 ~ REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Ladd Village Board met in regular session on Tuesday, April 11, 2026, at the Ladd Village Hall, 121 N. Main Avenue. Village President Frank Cattani called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Roll Call and Attendance

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

In Attendance: Deputy Clerk/Billing Clerk Julie Koch; Engineer Adam Ossola; Administrative Assistant Sammi Sarosinski

Absent: Village Clerk Rhonda Bezely

Approval of Minutes and Financial Transactions

Trustee Flanagan motioned, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2026, regular meeting as presented.

Ayes: Nelson, Nicholson, Thrasher, Victor, Flanagan, Martin– Motion carried (6)

Trustee Nelson motioned, seconded by Trustee Nicolson, to authorize payment of bills totaling \$51,982.74

Ayes: Nelson, Nicholson, Thrasher, Victor, Flanagan, Martin – Motion carried (6)

Correspondence and Public Comments

A thank you note was read from Jan Martin with Hall Township Food Pantry for the donation towards Easter Food Baskets for our local families in need.

Committee and Department Reports

Trustee Nelson reported that he went to look at trees that were reported at 201 N Chicago Ave by the resident that there are multiple trees on the berm that have dead limbs and she is concerned that they will fall and hurt the neighbor kids that play on the sidewalk. Nelson stated that the tree was blossoming and that he didn't see any dead limbs. Cattani stated that he will talk to Doug and have the guys trim up any branches that they see dead or hanging to low.

Trustee Thrasher reported that the Easter Egg Hunt was very successful and all of the kids had an absolute great time.

Engineer Adam Ossola - Ossola just wanted to update the board that Gillan Construction will be back in town by the end of the month to fix the grass and dirt work for the residents that are asking about it

OLD BUSINESS: Donation request from Events Committee for Ladd Daze and American's 250th birthday celebration on July 17-19, 2026. Flanagan stated that as of right now we have about \$15,000 raised for the celebration and to do everything and the fireworks we will need approximately \$33,000 total. Flanagan stated that we are borrowing two 20x40 tents from LaMoille Buffalo Days for the weekend so we will save some money there. Flanagan stated that we need to the Anthony Lovegren know by June 1, 2026 if we will be doing the fireworks so that he can buy the fireworks and design the show. He also stated that we still have two more fundraisers that they are hoping to bring in approximately \$5,000 to go towards the event. Fireworks will be set off at Kennedy Park on that Friday. Martin suggested that we donate \$5,000 right now to go towards the Celebration.

Trustee Victor motioned, seconded by Martin to donated \$5,000 towards the Ladd Daze and America's 250th Birthday Celebration to be held on July 17-19, 2026.

Ayes: Victor, Martin, Nicholson, Nelson - Motion carried (4)

Abstain: Flanagan, Thrasher

NEW BUSINESS: Request from Ladd Daze Committee to waive \$50 fundraiser fee for Community Center to Host Card Show during Ladd Daze on 7/18/26 and Mother's Day Bingo on 5/10/26.

Trustee Nicholson motioned, seconded by Trustee Victor

Ayes: Victor, Martin, Nicolson, Nelson – Motion carried (4)

Abstain: Flanagan, Thrasher

Donation Request from IL Valley Youth Football: No action taken

Donation Request from Meals on Wheels for their Annual Taco Night: No action taken

Discuss getting signs for all Village of Ladd Vehicles/Equipment – Quote from Sheet Wise Printing:

Discussion ensued regarding putting decals on all of the Village of Ladd Equipment and Vehicles. We got a quote for 11 decals at \$15.45 each. Decals will be placed on the driver's side door. Cattani stated that it would be good to put the decals on both sides.

Trustee Victor motioned, seconded by Nelson to by 22 decals for a total of \$340.00 for all of the Village of Ladd Vehicles/Equipment.

Ayes: Nelson, Nicholson, Thrasher, Victor, Flanagan, Martin – Motion Carried (6)

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Discussion about adding another Class A Liquor License and Video Gaming License. Inquiry about possible purchase of Lanuti's Restaurant at 302 N Main Ave – requests Liquor and Gaming License or they are not interested: Discussion ensued. The board stated they would add them both to accommodate for this new establishment and allow for the video gaming if the transaction is completed. Trustee Nicholson motioned, seconded by Trustee Thrasher to conditionally authorized the granting of a Class A Liquor License and a Video Gaming License for a new establishment at Lanuti's if the acquisition is accomplished at 302 N Main Ave.

Ayes: Nelson, Nicholson, Thrasher, Victor, Flanagan, Martin – Motion carried (6)

Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes for October 28, 2025 and March 10, 2026:

Trustee Victor motioned, seconded by Trustee Nelson to approve the Executive session meeting minutes for October 28, 2025 and March 10, 2026.

Ayes: Nelson, Nicholson, Thrasher, Victor, Flanagan, Martin – Motion carried (6)

Possible Release of Executive Session Minutes after 6-Month review:

Trustee Nicholson motioned, seconded by Trustee Thrasher to not release the Executive Session Meeting minutes for 9/23/2025, 10/14/2025, 10/28/2025 or 3/10/2026.

Ayes: Nelson, Nicholson, Thrasher, Victor, Flanagan, Martin – Motion carried (6)

Announcements and Future Initiatives

- Cattani wanted to let the board know that Deb Loenzi has come to us asking what we are going to do about her front yard because it still isn't like it was before we did the water main project. Cattani stated that we had D&M come and try to get it back to where it was and then the summer help last year. She still isn't satisfied with how it looks. Lorenzi got a quote from Taylors Way for \$275.49 to aerate, oversee the front in the fall with tall fescue. She is asking that the Village pays for this. Cattani stated that he thought we should give her \$150 towards it and then we are done with it after this. Discussed ensued and the board came to an agreement that we will pay the whole \$275.49 and Attorney Barry will draft a release that the Village will pay for this and then it will be her responsibility from here on out.
- Cattani brought to the boards attention that Shawn Jeppson called with concerns that he is having to pay so much money for having the Video Gaming Machines in his establishments. he has 6 machines that cost \$1500 annually to the Village. The establishment owner is then reimbursed half of that cost by the gaming company. The board said that the fees will stay where they are at.
- Koch announced that North Central Bank is getting all new furniture with their remodel and getting rid of what they have currently. We are getting new desk from them for the clerk's office. Clerk Bezely sent them a thank you for thinking of us.

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- Ax Church came last week to go over some projects that they can do for HOPE week. We are excited to announce that they will be remodeling the concession stands at Kennedy Park. Other ideas for them to do is Paint the tic tac toe board on the play ground equipment at War Memorial Park, paint the bathrooms at Kennedy Park and paint the park equipment at Kennedy Park.
- Cattani wanted to let the council know that he is wanting to do the \$10,000 in sidewalks for 2026 year. He is going to look through town and figure out what sidewalks need attention the most and then he will bring it back to the board. He I wanting to do some on both sides of town like we did last year.
- John Kohr and Andy Ruggerio trimmed the rose bushes and Stewey will place new mulch at the Veteran's Monument. Thank you, card was sent.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Trustee Flanagan motioned, seconded by Trustee Nicholson, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Nicholson, Thrasher, Victor, Flanagan, Nelson, Martin – Motion carried (6)

The meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Koch

Deputy Village Clerk