

## **May 26, 2026 ~ REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The Ladd Village Board held a regular session on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at the Ladd Village Hall, 121 N. Main Avenue. Village President Frank Cattani called the meeting to order at 6:32 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:** Engineer, Adam Ossola; Village Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Julie Koch, Atty. Patrick Barry

### **Approval of Minutes and Financial Transactions**

Trustee Thrasher motioned, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2026, regular meeting as presented.

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

Trustee Nicholson motioned, seconded by Trustee Nelson, to authorize payment of bills totaling \$109,804.29.

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

Trustee Flanagan motioned, seconded by Trustee Nelson, to authorize the Treasurer's Report for April 2026.

Trustee Martin mentioned that when John Kopina was the treasurer that he used to read the treasurers report out loud at the meeting. She was ok with it not being read but was just wondering why it wasn't done anymore. Atty Barry stated that he doesn't ever remember a time that it was read out-loud.

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

### **Correspondence and Public Comments**

None

### **Committee and Department Reports**

Trustee Victor mentioned that Andy Ruggerio called him regarding some Pine trees out on East Cleveland that he believes are on the Villages Berm that are dying. President Cattani was going to ask Doug Englehaupt to take a look at them.

**Engineer Adam Ossola** Reported that he was able to get in touch with IDNR since that last meeting about the dump property. Talked to a guy that was part of the reclamation of the property. He said that there are no restrictions on the property being IDNR was involved we would be free to do what we want with the property. After the reclamation they ask that the property owners maintain the property. They did a lime stabilization of the top of the cap to try to help acid mine drainage. They recommend us mowing it at least once a year to keep the roots of trees getting into that cap and destroying that

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stabilized surface, which if it is not kept up with, it could cause water to get into there and cause problems. The guy from IDNR also stated that just because they came in once doesn't mean they are completely done with the property and won't ever touch it again. He said if we have problems like a sink hole or something to definitely call them and they could come back out and possibly help the Village with taking care of that. IDNR also stated that if we have a project that we are looking to do that there is a possibility that they may have funding to help us out with that as long as it isn't mine relating.

**CDBG Grants:** NCICG has been reaching out to Adam to see if he had any projects that we are looking to submit at the end of August this year. Discussion was held regarding potential replacement and/or lining of sewer. Concerns were raised about a \$3600 survey fee and the lengthy timeline for obtaining required permits from the railroad company and IDOT. The board decided to put moving forward with the survey on hold until all permits are submitted and accepted. They directed Adam to move forward with getting the applications submitted for the permitting from the railroad and IDOT. We will look at this grant again next year.

**SRTS 2026:** President Cattani asked Adam if he has heard anything from Gillans as to if when they will be back to finish up the dirt work and Smiths pavement. The council is stating that Smiths will get the contract with Gillans and then we will pay Gillans the \$1000 that the Village is putting towards the cement pad.

**Village Attorney:** Stated that he was hoping to have the acquisition back from the Palmeri property but hasn't heard from their attorney yet. He will reach out to them again and see if he can get that paperwork from them.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS: Next Level Technology Wireless Tower Attachment Lease:** The current contract with them is due to expire on August 9, 2026. If we wanted to cancel the contract we would have had to cancel it by February 2026. Pat Barry will reach out to Robert from Next Level Technology. He is currently still paying us a fee of \$275.00.

**Summer Help:** The board discussed hiring summer help workers. They decided that they would rehire the three that reapplied that were here last summer. Zavery Zrust, Ryan Bosi and Alyssa Torchia. They would also like to add Riley Coble to the summer help crew. The Board discussed the hours of work for the summer employees. They decided on 6 hours per day, 5 days a week, with the requirement to be available on the weekend of Ladd Daze Event to help clean up the parks in the mornings for a few hours. Trustee Victor motioned that we hire 4 temporary employees for summer help, working 6 hours a day 5 days a week and additionally on the weekend of Ladd Daze. Riley Coble, Zavery Zrust, Alyssa Torchia and Ryan Bosi. Trustee Nelson Seconded.

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

**Request for Donation Gateway Services Phone-A-Thon Fundraiser:** Trustee Martin Motioned to donate \$50.00 for Gateway Services Phone-A-Thon Fundraiser. Seconded by Trustee Thrasher.

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Ayes: Martin, Thrasher, Nicholson, Nelson, Flanagan - Motion carried (5)

Nay: Victor (1)

### **Pass Resolution #1205 Declaring Fanano Modena Italy, A Sister City of the Village of Ladd, Bureau County, Illinois:**

Trustee Victor motioned and Trustee Nelson Seconded to Pass Resolution #1205 Declaring Fanano Modena Italy, A Sister City of the Village of Ladd, Bureau County, Illinois

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

## **Announcements and Future Initiatives**

Freezer at the Community Center wasn't working. We had Grassers come and fix it at the cost of \$120.00.

The A/C at the Community Center was down another 25# of NU22b. Cost was \$1125.00 to have that topped off for the year. Explained to the board that it has 2 huge horizontal coils that are leaking. To repair that is a big task. We would have to remove they coils and replace them. The cost of that would be quite expensive.

Patrick and Barry Flanagan noticed that the plumbing under the sink in the kitchen of the Community Center is really bad and is needing to be replaced. Patrick told them that if he needed to shut off the water that the shut off valve would probably break because it's very highly corroded.

Trustee Nicholson asked the council if we could consider a donation to Sno n Mo for the donation of, and application of mulch around the monument. We will put that on the next meetings agenda.

## **Adjournment**

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:23.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Koch

Deputy Village Clerk