

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW  
REGULAR TRUSTEE'S MEETING MINUTES  
LUDLOW COMMUNITY CENTER  
January 10, 2023, 7:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Steve Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members of the Board Present: Brian Bina, John Curtis; Tom Fultz, Paxton Palumbo, Marsha Spear; Clerk Dawn Good-Adwell. Members absent: Miranda Moore.

Also present: Police Chief Joe Navarro; Officer Denita Cadman; Rick and Carol Chenoweth.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve consent agenda made by M. Spear, second by T. Fultz.

1. Meeting Minutes:  
December 13, 2022 Regular Trustee's Meeting Minutes
2. Financial Reports
  - A. November Statement of Activity
  - B. November Bank Balance Report
3. January 2023 Expense Reports  
Roll Call Vote: Bina, Aye; Curtis, Aye; Spear, Aye; Palumbo, Aye; Moore, Absent; Fultz, Aye  
Motion carried 6-0.

**Correspondence**

- Letter of resignation from Jerow Scheel from the Ludlow Police Dept.
- Letter from Shari Lannon, USDA – RD Specialist.
- Email from Central IL Municipal Officials Assn. re: quarterly officials dinner meeting January 26<sup>th</sup> at Savoy Rec Center.
- Hearing notification from Champaign County Regional Planning Commission regarding county ordinance changes on wind farm requirements.

**Public Address Regarding Pending Matters Before the Board**

Becky and Greg Hardy addressed the trustees regarding the vacant lot on Church St. they purchased . They were told by the realtor they could park their recreational vehicle camper on the lot and reside in it with city water hookup. The mayor and trustees explained neither is allowed under Village ordinance.

**Reports**

**Mayor:** Mayor Thomas informed the board of the passing of Kevin Moore, father of Trustee Miranda Moore. Thomas thanked John Curtis, Rick Chenoweth, and Al Thomas for taking down the street Christmas lights. He asked the trustees to consider budgeting and replacing the existing lights with newer lights for next Christmas; he asked Carol Chenoweth to look into the matter and report to the board. He also updated the board on the subdivision issue of the Jack Young property on South Oak St.

**Police:** Chief Navarro reported he responded to calls for: theft; unregistered vehicle driving in town; welfare check on resident on Walnut St.; a civil dispute; and two in-operable vehicles. Also, the computer in the police car isn't working and he is looking into cost of replacing or repairing.

**Street:** No report.

**Water:** Rick reported a boil alert went out in December, the day after the EPA inspected and tested the water tower; the alert was in effect for nearly a week. He commended Parker Palumbo for helping with

needed work on top of the water tower; asked if he could give him a gift card for helping rather than paying him; trustees agreed. A water leak at a residence on Young St. was reported.

Carol presented the December water reports; there were twelve delinquent accounts; five have since paid, one has made payment arrangements.

**Zoning:** B. Bina reported has not issued any permits; still talking with Mr. Bill Davis re: electronic sign he wants to put up.

**Clerk/Treasurer Report:** D. Adwell reported the Champaign County RPC will be at the community center January 11 to sign up qualifying households for assistance with power bills through the Low Income Households Energy Assistance Program. She also stated that all Village employees including elected officials, must complete annually a sexual harassment training as mandated by State statute and the Village code. This will be done in February.

### **Discussion Items**

**Water Main Update:** Fehr Graham sent a revised Phase 2 project plan; J. Curtis, R. Chenoweth, B. Bina and S. Thomas plan to meet with FGE engineer the following day.

**Tiling Project:** Hendricks Warner Contracting plan to start in the spring. The Clerk stated that she just received confirmation from IDOT engineers signing off on the use of MFT funds for this project.

**Village Investment Policy:** The Clerk presented an Investment Policy for review. An investment policy is mandated by State statute.

**Wages and Salaries:** Mayor Thomas stated that pay for the Trustees (\$30 per month) and Mayor (\$100 per month) have not changed in twenty years or more. He also stated that Medicare, Social Security, and state income tax will now be deducted from pay. He wants to increase the pay enough to cover the tax deductions; this will be on the February agenda for action.

**Christmas Decoration Contest:** The trustees nominated several residents. Winners were:

- First Place – Guthrie; 301 E. Thomas St.
- Second Place – Rodriguez; 421 S. Orange St.
- Third Place – Funkhouser; 137 N. Poplar St.
- Fourth Place – Butler; 101 E. Pera St.

### **Action Items**

There were no items of business for action.

Mayor Thomas also noted the recent passing of Charles Earle; he was a former water department clerk.

### **Adjourn**

P. Palumbo motioned to adjourn, second by T. Fultz; all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm. The next Regular Trustees Meeting will be February 14, 2023, at 7 P.M.

*Dawn Good-Adwell, Clerk*