

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Mayor Steve Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members Present: Trustees Brian Bina, John Curtis, Tom Fultz, Paxton Palumbo, Kay Shedd, Marsha Spear, and Clerk Dawn Good-Adwell.

Also present:

Police: Chief Joe Navarro Water: Rick Chenoweth Public/Residents: None

Mayor Thomas introduced Mark Shelden of Pavlov Media and Narendra Patel of Fehr Graham Engineering. The Mayor requested changing the agenda to move the only item of business, Resolution 2024-R1 under **Action Items** after Discussion Item 2 for Mr. Patel's convenience. No objections from Trustees.

Approval of Consent Agenda

After reviewing the consent agenda, M. Spear motioned to approve and second by P. Palumbo.

1. Meeting Minutes:
December 12, 2023, Public Hearing and Trustee's Regular Meeting
2. December 2023 Financial Reports
3. January 2024 Expense Reports

*Roll Call Vote: Bina - Aye; Curtis - Aye; Spear - Aye; Palumbo - Aye; Fultz, Aye; Shedd, Aye.
Motion carries 6-0.*

Public Comments

There were no members of the public or residents in attendance.

Correspondence

IL Department of Transportation – letter, Motor Fuel Tax Audit report.

Reports

Mayor: Mayor stated there has not been enough snow to plow yet; County Highway Department will plow East Pera, East and West Thomas Streets from US Rte. 45 to South Hickory Street.

Police: Chief Navarro reported two speeding tickets were issued; four cars were tagged for parking violations and one derelict vehicle.

Street: No report.

Water: Rick presented water reports. Reported repairs made for two water main breaks on Orange Street; IL Rural Water Association was contacted, and they sent a specialist out to locate the leak. It is a free service to members of the IRWA.

Zoning: Bina reported no permits issued in December; he will contact a resident who added a new porch that did not obtain a permit.

Clerk/Treasurer Report: no report

Discussion Items

Fiber Optic Cable Presentation: Mark Shelden from Pavlov Media presented information regarding their company's high-speed internet via fiber optic cable. The company would like to install fiber optic cable in the Village; there would not be franchise or tax revenue to the Village.

IL EPA Grant Funding for Proposed Sewage & Wastewater Treatment: Mr. Patel attended the meeting to answer any questions regarding the IL EPA Unsewered Community Construction grant or the agreement for FGE to write the grant on behalf of the Village; the fee for services is \$2,500.

Action Items

Resolution: 2024-R1 Resolution to Enter into An Agreement With Fehr Graham Engineering & Environmental for Professional Services: After discussion. B. Bina motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the Agreement; seconded by M. Spear

Roll Call Vote: Bina - Aye; Curtis - Aye; Spear - Aye; Palumbo - Aye; Fultz, Aye; Shedd, Aye. Motion carries 6-0.

THE TRUSTEES THEN RETURNED TO DISCUSSION ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

The Keeping of Chickens for Home Use: Trustee K. Shedd stated she had talked with residents on the east side of town; people were either in favor of allowing raising chickens for personal use or had no opinion. She stated it is helpful economically in feeding a family, like having a garden. Trustees discussed the negative aspects of allowing chickens in the Village.

IL DOT Motor Fuel Tax Fund Documentation Review #61 – Clerk reported the findings of the MFT audit as required by IDOT. An overpayment in 2018 for an invoice resulted in the Village reimbursing the MFT fund \$13 from their general fund.

Village Christmas Decorating Contest: Winners for Christmas 2023 are:

1st Place - \$100: Guthrie, E. Pera St

2nd Place - \$75: Rodriguez, S. Orange St.

3rd Place - \$50: Colon, S. Hickory St.

4th Place - \$25: Adkins, N. Hickory St.

Executive Session

P. Palumbo motioned to enter closed session at 8:25 PM to discuss compensation and performance of specific employees; second by M. Spear; Vote: Aye 6, Nay 0.

The Board returned to open session at 8:45 PM. The minutes of the closed session were read. B. Bina motioned to approve the minutes of the closed session; seconded by M. Spear. Vote: Aye 6, Nay 0.

Adjourn

P. Palumbo motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by J. Curtis. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM. The next Regular Trustees Meeting will be February 13, 2024, at 7 p.m.

Dawn Good-Adwell, Clerk