

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 13, 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, Kay Shedd, Marsha Spear, and Clerk Dawn Good-Adwell.

Board Members Absent: Trustee Paxton Palumbo

Also present:

Police: Officer Denita Cadman      Water: Rick Chenoweth      Public/Residents: Two persons

Trustee Kay Shedd requested to continue discussion at this meeting about keeping chickens within the Village; general consent given by Mayor and trustees.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

1. Meeting Minutes:  
January 16, 2023, Public Hearing and Trustee's Regular Meeting
2. January 2023 Financial Reports
3. February 2024 Expense Reports

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

**Public Comments**

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

**Correspondence**

Rick Bingenheimer, IL Environmental Protection Agency – letter and information re: ILEPA loan programs; requesting timeline for completion of proposed sewage treatment project.

Julie Beer, Rural Development Specialist, US Department of Agriculture – letter requesting end of fiscal year financial reports and governing board information.

**Reports**

**Mayor:**

- Mayor Thomas had M. Spear report on other communities “Chicken Ordinances”. She shared information she received from Rantoul and Urbana. Discussion followed; discussion of this topic will continue at future meetings.
- Mayor also reported meeting Ryan Fleming, the new owner of the Ludlow Mobile Home Park.

**Police:** Chief Navarro was absent; no report.

**Street:** No report.

**Water:**

- Rick presented water reports; delinquent accounts were discussed.

- Reported the Water Source Assessment Report due in July must be reviewed by a committee of the board and asked for trustees willing to do that.

**Zoning:** B. Bina reported no permits issued in January; language barriers hindered explaining to a resident on Pera St the requirement for construction permit; still working on that.

**Clerk/Treasurer:** Clerk reported:

- received an application for a business license from the new mobile home park owner.
- FY2025 budget preparation; she requested help from at least two trustees; M. Spear and B. Bina volunteered.
- proposal from AT&T Wireless for broadband, high-speed internet.
- Carol Chenoweth, the water clerk, has moved her office into the village clerk's office.
- the corrected annual audit report from Russell Leigh & Assoc. was received in January.
- Illinois Public Treasurer Funds are still averaging 5.5% net yield; suggested moving more monies into IL Funds.

### **Discussion Items**

**Marguerite Walker Childrens Park:** Mayor Thomas stated he would like for a committee of a few trustees to study and have some ideas for the park including play equipment and a sign for the park. Trustees asked the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare an income and expense report for the park since inception for the March meeting.

**Motor Fuel Tax Funds Spending Plan:** Trustees discussed street projects for MFT spending; oil & chipping streets, culverts, and tree trimming. Resolution will be presented at the March meeting.

**AT&T Proposal for Wireless Broadband Service for Village Offices:** The proposal from AT&T is a 36-month contract and includes Unlimited data, upload speed 100 mbps, and router not exceeding \$215.54 per month. Trustees asked the clerk to check with other providers.

**2024 Calendar Year Mowing Services** – Mayor Thomas stated Chris Warner of Winks Mowing sent an offer for mowing this year. The annual amount would be below the amount required to formally let bids. Trustees discussed; action on a contract will be taken at the March meeting.

### **Action Items**

**No Business Items for Action**

### **Adjourn**

K. Shedd motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by B. Bina. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM. The next Regular Trustees Meeting will be March 12, 2024, at 7 p.m.

*Dawn Good-Adwell, Clerk*