

VILLAGE OF LUDLOW BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 12, 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, Marsha Spear, and Clerk Dawn Good-Adwell.

Board Members Absent: Trustees Kay Shedd and Paxton Palumbo.

Also present: Police Officer Denita Cadman, Water: Rick Chenoweth, Public/Residents: None

Approval of Consent Agenda

After reviewing the consent agenda, M. Spear motioned to approve and second by T. Fultz.

1. Meeting Minutes:
February 13, 2024, Trustee's Regular Meeting
2. February 2024 Financial Reports
3. March 2024 Expense Reports

*Roll Call Vote: Bina - Aye; Curtis - Aye; Spear - Aye; Palumbo - Absent; Fultz, Aye; Shedd, Absent.
Motion carries 4-0.*

Public Comments

There were none.

Correspondence

- Marc Miller, MH Law Office – notice of rate increase from \$210 to \$230 hourly beginning May 1st.
- John Hall, Zoning Admin. Champaign Co. Dept. of Planning & Zoning – notice of text amendment to the County Zoning Ordinance re: battery energy storage systems; Public Hearing 7 p.m. March 28th.
- Kathy Larson, Champaign Co. Regional Planning Comm. – 2023-year end statement of building loan; principal loan balance \$90,783 as of December 31, 2023.
- Julia Reynolds, IL Municipal League RMA – letter re: liability coverage for fireworks at events.

Reports

Mayor:

- Along with J. Curtis, R. Chenoweth, the Clerk, met with Shane Moline, SNC and Linnel Ballesteros, Fehr Graham Engineer for update on the water main project; needed yet are installation of new meters, grass seed and 6 trees to be planted; replace some sidewalks.
- Cleaning of Community Center: the Glaziks clean twice monthly; Senior Comm. has paid for this but afford to only pay for half. Mayor suggested the Village consider paying half or have the building cleaned only once per month.
- Mayor reminded the trustees of their obligation to attend meetings as per Village Code.

Police:

- Chief Navarro was absent but informed Mayor that he spoke to Mr. Kapan of the March 31 deadline to rectify the property ordinance violations or appear in court; discussion followed. Trustees also discussed the property on E. Thomas St. destroyed by fire.

Street: R. Chenoweth and B. Bina reported

- Trees needing trimmed and removed on Walnut St.; Johnson Tree Removal estimated \$2,800.

- Culverts needing replaced at 113, 116, and 117 Church Streets; Schoony's Custom Service estimated \$1,796.

Water:

- Monthly water reports; delinquent accounts were discussed.

Zoning: B. Bina reported no permits issued in February.

Clerk/Treasurer: Clerk reported:

- Freedom of Information request re: the Community Center building and water main project.
- A zoning and permit inquiry from an individual interested in purchasing a dilapidated property on N. Orange St; referred them to B. Bina.
- Eastern IL Mobile Food Bank will distribute food monthly in Ludlow at Community Center.

Discussion Items

Marguerite Walker Childrens Park – Report of Revenues and Expenses: tabled until next meeting.

Wireless Broadband Service for Village Offices: nothing new to discuss.

Investments in the Illinois Public Funds: The trustees discussed amounts from General and Water Funds to invest. Also discussed paying additional money on the building loan each month.

Donation of Solar Eclipse Glasses to Ludlow School – the Clerk suggested the Village donate disposable safety glasses to students for safe viewing of the solar eclipse occurring April 8th.

Carle Mobile Health Clinic Community Care – Carle Clinic wants to bring their mobile clinic to Ludlow, once if not twice a year, to provide health services; possible dates are mid-October or mid-November. They only ask that the Village to promote it.

FY2025 Budget Proposal – the Clerk submitted FY2024 Total Expense Report to trustees for discussion; an open meeting was set for 4:30 pm March 20th to draft the final budget document.

Action Items

Resolution #2024-R2 Contract for Mowing With Winks Lawn Services – motion by T. Fultz to adopt resolution; second by M. Spear.

Roll Call Vote: Bina - Aye; Curtis - Aye; Spear - Aye; Palumbo - Absent; Fultz, Aye; Shedd, Absent.

Motion carries 4-0.

Resolution #2024-R3 Maintenance Under IL Highway Code – motion to adopt resolution by T. Fultz; second by B. Bina.

Roll Call Vote: Bina - Aye; Curtis - Aye; Spear - Aye; Palumbo - Absent; Fultz, Aye; Shedd, Absent.

Motion carries 4-0.

Adjourn

M. Spear motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by T. Fultz. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM. The Trustees will hold a Budget Meeting, March 20 and 4:30 pm and the next Regular Trustees Meeting will be **Monday**, April 8, 2024, at 7 p.m.

Dawn Good-Adwell, Clerk