

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW
SPECIAL TRUSTEE'S MEETING MINUTES
LUDLOW COMMUNITY CENTER
APRIL 25, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Mayor Steve Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

Also present: Rick Chenoweth, Mike and Tharla Palumbo, Jim Bina, Galen Litwiller, Naren Patel – Fehr Graham Engineer.

Discussion Items

Sewer and Wastewater Treatment Plant: Naren Patel, engineer with Fehr Graham Engineering presented a proposal for sewage and wastewater (SWW) treatment plan for the Village. The plan includes three options for collecting and treating SWW:

1. Install pipe to collect SWW into pumping stations and sending to the Rantoul SWW facility.
2. Install pipe to collect SWW into pumping stations and sending to the Paxton SWW facility.
3. Install pipe to collect SWW and build a treatment facility for Ludlow, the most cost effective.

The estimated \$9.9 million preliminary proposal to build a treatment facility includes three financing options:

1. finance the full amount (bonded debt)
2. apply for and receive 45% loan principal forgiveness from IL EPA and finance the remaining \$5.5 million; and
3. apply for and receive \$5 million Unsewered Community grant, apply for and receive 45% loan principal forgiveness, and finance the remaining \$2.7 million.

The trustees and public members present discussed and asked questions of Mr. Patel. The next step, submitting the proposal to the Illinois EPA, is necessary for the Village to receive the remaining \$15,000 of the \$30,000 planning grant. Application for grant funds would follow to determine the financing options. The Village can opt out at any time.

Action Items

Resolution 2023-R_ Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Funding Nomination Form, the IEPA Environmental Checklist, and the IEPA Planning Submittal Checklist – Motion to adopt made by P. Palumbo and seconded by M. Spear.

Roll Call Vote: M. Spear - Aye; P. Palumbo - Aye; M. Moore - Absent; B. Bina - Abstain; J. Curtis - Abstain; T. Fultz - Abstain; S. Thomas - Aye. Motion carried.

Adjourn

P. Palumbo motioned to adjourn, second by T. Fultz; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Dawn Good-Adwell, Clerk