

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW
TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
LUDLOW COMMUNITY CENTER
July 11, 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.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

1. Meeting Minutes:

June 13, 2023 Trustee's Regular Meeting

May 9, 2023 Trustee's Regular Meeting **Correction the following was added after Roll Call and before Public Comments):**

The Clerk read the Certification of Results from the April 4, 2023 Consolidated Election. Village President Steve Thomas, and Trustees Paxton Palumbo and Marsha Spear were re-elected for four-year terms. Trustee John Curtis was elected for two-year term for the vacated seat. The President and Trustees were sworn in by Clerk.

2. June 2023 Financial Reports

3. July 2023 Expense Reports

Roll Call Vote: Bina - Aye; Curtis - Aye; Spear - Aye; Palumbo - Aye; Fultz, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence

- U.S Bank & Trust – lis pendens notice for property located on S. Orange St.
- NICOR – letter re: reporting municipal annexations and new addresses

Public Comments

See attached list of names of residents who commented on: ordinance prohibiting chickens; parking violations, water line issues; buckling sidewalks; want to help and contribute to the Village.

Reports

Mayor: Mayor Thomas reported some of the park benches have been installed; more are coming. He also suggested the trustees meet with Village attorney Marc Miller to discuss ordinance and zoning issues. The trustees discussed and set a date for a special meeting on July 20, 2023. If agreeable with the attorney, the clerk will post notice of meeting and agenda two days in advance.

Police: Chief Navarro reported one arrest on two outstanding warrants; complaints of noise; and he has been in contact with the attorney regarding the Cuevas and Kapan properties.

Street: Rick had nothing to report

Water: Carol presented water reports; four of the eleven delinquent accounts have paid or made payment arrangements. Rick reported he is waiting for the tower inspection report.

Zoning: Brian reported he issued one permit for pole building shed to be built on Orange St.

Clerk/Treasurer Report: D. Adwell requested the August meeting date to be changed to August 15,

due to her being out of town the 8th of August. A change in dates requires notice of change posted 10 days in advance.

Discussion Items

Water Main Update: No update; Mayor Thomas stated he would contact the engineers and request a meeting with the Fehr Graham engineers and Shane Moline of SNC Construction.

Fourth of July Recap: Mayor Thomas recapped the July 4th festivities and thanked Alan Thomas and John Curtis for placing all of the flags along the parade route. Trustees commented on the activities; there was good participation with Laser Tag activity, maybe longer play time next year? Perhaps a local band vs. a disc jockey?

Penalties For Unpaid Fines and Water Service Shut Offs: Trustees discussed the possibility of shutting off water service for unpaid fines for other ordinance violations. Mayor Thomas stated he contacted attorney Marc Miller; it would require passing an ordinance. This topic needs further research and discussion.

Ludlow Co-op Request Regarding Vacated Alleys and Streets in Block 13 & 20: The Co-op requests that the Village pass an ordinance re-vacating certain alleys and a portion of street that were vacated decades ago. They are purchasing the Marguerite Walker property and Chicago Title Company has taken issue with the vacated alley on the north side of the property. Chicago Title could not find a record of the vacation ordinance at the County Recorder's office. Attorney Marc Miller suggested two options: do nothing and let the seller's attorney figure it out as the burden of proof is on them; or send a letter to the seller's attorney stating the Village searched their records and cannot find the ordinance but believe the alley to be properly vacated. Trustees directed the Clerk to send the letter.

Action Items

Change August Meeting Date to August 15, 2023: Motion to change the meeting date to August 15th made by T. Fultz; second by P. Palumbo.

Roll Call Vote: Bina, Aye; Curtis, Aye; Spear, Aye; Palumbo, Aye; Fultz, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn

P. Palumbo motioned to adjourn, second by T. Fultz; all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm. The next Regular Trustees Meeting will be July 11, 2023, at 7 p.m.

Dawn Good-Adwell, Clerk