

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW
TRUSTEE'S SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
LUDLOW COMMUNITY CENTER
July 20, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

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

Members of the Board Present: Brian Bina, John Curtis, Marsha Spear, and Clerk Dawn Good-Adwell. Paxton Palumbo arrived at 6:05 pm. Absent: Tom Fultz.

Also present: Attorney Marc Miller, Police Chief Joe Navarro, and Rick Chenoweth.

Public Comments

Two residents were present, there were no comments.

Discussion:

Ordinance Allowing for Water Shutoff for Non-payment and Discussion of Water System Issues:

Trustees discussed violations and asked Attorney Miller the possibility of shutting off residents' water service for non-payment of fines for ordinance violations. The attorney doesn't think this is permissible under state laws; if permissible, he doesn't think it is a good idea. He will research this.

Nuisance Issues in Town: Trustees discussed with the attorney the following nuisance ordination violations: chickens, inoperable vehicles, derelict properties, zoning issues. Miller stated the village could re-zone certain areas in the Village by passing an ordinance but have to grandfather in existing properties for a number of years to give them time to conform. It was noted that a block on N. Walnut Street was zoned light commercial, not residential.

Running Village Board Meetings: Clerk Adwell asked the attorney for clarification when more than a simple majority vote is needed. Most actions only require a simple majority except for zoning changes or spending money, then a 2/3 vote of those holding office are required. He recommended the Illinois Municipal League's publication "Municipal Official's Handbook".

(The clerk left meeting at 6:45 pm. Trustee Spear took over for the clerk.)

Questions to Village Attorney Regarding Existing Ordinances, Possible Ordinances, Enforcement of Ordinances, Meeting Issues and General Municipal Questions:

Trustees asked if offenders can receive more than one ticket for a continuing offense (attorney will check into this); if tickets have to be issued for parking on grass before going to attorney for legal action (yes tickets have to be issued). The attorney requested the clerk to send a list of names of vehicle ordinance violations and a list of derelict properties.

Adjourn

P. Palumbo motioned to adjourn, second by B. Bina; all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7 pm.

Dawn Good-Adwell, Clerk