

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 14, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Steve Thomas called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. after adjourning the Public Hearing. Members of the Board Present: Trustees Brian Bina, John Curtis, Tom Fultz, Kay Shedd, Marsha Spear, and Clerk Dawn Good-Adwell. Members absent: Trustee Paxton Palumbo. Also present: Police Chief Joe Navarro, Officer Denita Cadman, and Rick Chenoweth.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

After a review of consent agenda items, M. Spear motioned to approve, second by T. Fultz.

1. Meeting Minutes:  
October 10, 2023, Trustee's Regular Meeting
2. October 2023 Financial Reports
3. November 2023 Expense Reports

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

**Public Comments**

There was one village resident in attendance, but he had no public comment.

**Correspondence**

Pace Analytical – Notice of 6% price increase in lab fees for water testing in 2024.

**Reports**

**Mayor:** Mayor Thomas reported the new Christmas streetlights are up and will be turned on the day after Thanksgiving. Also, he requested the trustees once again set the Christmas contest details on the December agenda.

**Police:** Chief Navarro stated he was notified by County Sheriff's office that the suspect of firing a gun on September 29 admitted to throwing the gun up on a roof in the Village; Navarro will fly his drone over that area to search rooftops. Also, December 7<sup>th</sup> is the next court hearing for ordinance violations on property owned by Urgur Kapa. Also, he was called to assist Ford County Sheriff Dept. on a high-speed chase.

**Street:** No report.

**Water:** Rick presented water reports. The service line repaired on S. Orange Street last month had to be repaired again.

**Zoning:** No report.

**Clerk/Treasurer Report:** The clerk will send notice to landlords re: renting to registered sex offenders and Village Code requirement to reside no less than 1,500 feet near a park or school. Also, the landlords' responsibility for unpaid water billing, including any legal and late fees. The clerk also handed information about the January 2025 police body cameras requirement; this will need to be budgeted for in the next fiscal year.

## **Discussion Items**

**Water Main Update:** J. Curtis said fourteen of the thirty-eight-meter pits arrived; no other update.

**Marguerite Walker Childrens Park:** Mayor Thomas talked with a few residents with small children about what they would like to see in the park and got some ideas. Also, some of the Navy SeaBees are licensed electricians and offered to install the electric service at the park.

**Community Center Rental Policies:** Trustees continue to discuss policies. Clerk Good-Adwell asked if the renter could be given a key for entering the building, so they aren't relying or waiting on someone to open and close the building.

**Paid Leave Policy and Ordinance:** Trustees discussed the new state law going into effect January 1, 2024, and municipalities will be subject to it if they do not have their own policy and ordinance in place by December 31.

**Tax Year 2023 Levy** – Trustees reviewed the FY2024 Levy ordinance. It will be available for public inspection and approved in December.

## **Action Items**

**Adopt 2023-R-15 Resolution to Maintain Membership with Illinois Municipal League and Approve the Annual Payment to IML Risk Management Association for 2024:** M. Spear motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-R-15; seconded by B. Bina.

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

## **Adjourn**

M. Spear motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by K. Shedd; all in favor; the meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm. The next Regular Trustees Meeting will be December 12, 2023, at 7 p.m.

*Dawn Good-Adwell, Clerk*