

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW
TRUSTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
LUDLOW COMMUNITY CENTER
August 13, 2024 7:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Mayor Steve Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of the Board Present: Brian Bina, John Curtis, Marsha Spear, Tom Fultz, and K. Shedd, and Clerk Dawn Good Adwell.

Also in attendance: Police Officer Denita Cadman; Water Dept: Rick Chenoweth; Trustee Appointee: Tharla Palumbo.

Seating of Tharla Palumbo to Vacant Trustee Seat

Trustee Appointee Tharla Palumbo was given the Oath of Office and took her seat at the board table. A warrant for her appointment and her statement of economic interest will be filed with the Champaign County Clerk's Office.

Approval of Consent Agenda

M. Spear motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, second by T. Fultz.

1. Minutes of the July 9, 2024, Regular Trustee Meetings
2. July 2024 Bank Balances Report
3. August 2024 Expense Reports

Roll Call Vote: Bina, Aye; Spear, Aye; Curtis, Aye; Fultz, Aye; Shedd, Aye; Palumbo, Aye; Thomas, Aye. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Berns & Clancy Engineering: survey of Central Illinois communities' water and sewer rates.

Public Address Regarding Pending Matters Before the Board

There were no residents or members of the public present.

Reports

1. Mayor: Mayor Thomas reported he was contacted by Canadian National Railroad; the Thomas Street railroad crossing will be closed to traffic, August 20-21 of the following week, for repair work. Also, was contacted by Marc LeClair, the licensed operator for the Village's water dept.; he has mandatory training required by the IL EPA; the mayor offered to pay for some of his travel expense to the training site.

2. Police: No report.

3. Street: Rick reported four wheelers riding in town are throwing the rock chip off the streets.

4. Water: Water Billing Reports were discussed; four accounts identified for shut off.

5. Zoning: B. Bina reported he had two building permit applications for 106 Vine and 225 W. Ludlow.

6. Clerk/Treasurer Report: Nothing to report other than upcoming election information later in agenda.

Discussion Items

- 1. Distressed Properties:** Report given to trustees for following properties and discussion ensued:
 - 211 E Thomas – Kapan property, attorney is filing a warrant for fines & penalties.
 - 228 E. Thomas – Baize property, camper, auto now parked on the property, seek legal action to demolish unsafe structure and clean up.
 - 123 N. Orange – Optimistic Construction, owner, responded to violation notice with action plan.
 - 233 E Thomas – Auterson property, weeds, derelict structures, violation notice to be sent.
 - 240 S. Orange – Sarbaugh property, foreclosure; weeds, junk, violation notice to be sent.

- 2. Water Main Update:** Mayor Thomas reported on meeting with Matt Johnson, engineer for Fehr Graham Engineering. SNC Construction, the contractor, estimates the amount needed to complete the project at \$108,000; in addition to work completed for the water main project, they are owed roughly \$70,000 for water main break repairs. Trustee J. Curtis and R. Chenoweth will work with SNC to identify specific work to be completed and their locations.

- 3. Request to Install Water Meters in Mobile Home Park** – The new park owner requested to install individual water at each lot rather than a single meter for the entire park; he would pay for the meters and service lines. Trustees discussed how security deposits would be paid.

- 4. 2025 Municipal Elections** – Clerk Adwell stated the non-partisan consolidated election date is April 1, 2025, and the candidate petition forms are available in her office; they can be circulated beginning August 20th. The seats up for election are Brian Bina, Tom Fultz, and John Curtis (four-year terms); and Karen Shedd and Tharla Palumbo (remaining two-year terms).

Action Items

There were no action items.

Adjourn

K. Shedd motioned to adjourn, second by B. Bina; all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm; the next Trustees Meeting will be September 10, 2024 at 7 P.M.

Dawn Good-Adwell, Clerk