

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW  
TRUSTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
LUDLOW COMMUNITY CENTER  
September 10, 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: John Curtis, Marsha Spear, Tom Fultz, K. Shedd, Tharla Palumbo, and Clerk Dawn Good Adwell. Member Absent: Brian Bina.

Also in attendance: Chief Joe Navarro, Officer Denita Cadman; Water Dept: Rick Chenoweth, and three members of the public.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

1. Minutes of the August 13, 2024, Regular Trustee Meetings
2. July and August 2024 Financial Reports
3. September 2024 Expense Reports

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

**Correspondence**

None

**Public Address Regarding Pending Matters Before the Board**

Residents Bonnie Howard and Glenna Little addressed the board and Matt Johnson, Fehr Graham Engineering regarding the water main project with questions and concerns about the unfinished work on their street and the open holes waiting for water meters/pits.

**Matt Johnson, Engineer – Fehr Grahma Engineering re: Water Main Project**

Matt Johnson addressed the board and the public about the current issues with unfinished work and cost over runs. He explained some of the reasons for the delay in completion and overage in cost. The amount of overage currently at \$46,187.86, raises the contract price for construction to \$2,596,878.25.

Mr. Johnson presented a change order to align the contract price with the amount of work that has been completed; this will require board action authorizing the mayor to sign the contract change. Discussed setting date for a special meeting.

**Reports**

**1. Mayor:** Mayor Thomas reported he was contacted by the owner of a property on N. Oak needing water service installed. Also, he has received two applications for the water billing clerk position.

**2. Police:** Chief Navarro reported he was contacted by Bloomington P. D. that a 1988 GMC red pickup was involved in a hit and run there; might possibly be a Ludlow resident or friend of a resident. Also reported that he wrote an ordinance violation for inoperable vehicle.

**3. Street:** Nothing to report.

**4. Water:** Rick reported a slow leak from a hydrant near the water tower; the hydrant was damaged; will contact SNC to work on it. Water Billing Reports were discussed. .

**5. Zoning:** Nothing to report.

**6. Clerk/Treasurer Report:** Clerk Adwell reported she was contacted by a company that produces street banners including military/hometown hero; received a quote from them. If the board is interested in something like that, she will contact other companies for quotes.

### **Discussion Items**

- 1. Halloween:** the trustees discussed doing the same as in years past; hours for trick or treating will be 6 – 8 pm, October 31.
- 2. Distressed Properties:** Trustees discussed the following properties:
  - 211 E Thomas – Kapan property, the stay on the warrant was lifted, back to court on Sep. 16th.
  - 228 E. Thomas – Baize property, attorney seeking order for demolition; court date Sep. 19.
  - 123 N. Orange – Optimistic Construction, owner, garage demolished; starting to clear out trash.
  - 233 E Thomas – Auterson property, required violation notices sent; property currently uninhabited and uninhabitable as septic system has failed.
  - 240 S. Orange – Sarbaugh property, foreclosure; realtor responded to violation notice and front yard was mowed; Rick mowed back yard; septic is falling in. Bill to be sent to the realtor for the mowing.
  - 120 N. Hickory – Gerdes Estate property; abandoned; required violation notices sent.
- 3. Request to Install Water Meters in Mobile Home Park** – Nothing new, the new park owner still intends to install.
- 4. January 2025 Law Enforcement Officer Worn Body Camera Act** – Chief Navarro reported he checked prices on cameras and found two cameras for under \$500.00.
- 5. Elected Officials Compensation** – the Clerk explained the board can set a salary schedule to take effect in year 3 of the next term (year 2027); that would coincide with the next election’s term of office; that term of office would need to set a salary schedule 6 month prior as well.

### **Action Items**

There were no action items.

### **Adjourn**

M. Spear motioned to set the date for a special meeting at 6 PM Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> to act on the change order; second by T. Fultz. The clerk will post the required meeting notices. K. Shedd motioned to adjourn, second by T. Fultz; all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm; the next regular Trustees Meeting will be October 8, 2024, at 7 P.M.

*Dawn Good-Adwell, Clerk*