

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

Also in attendance: Police Officer Denita Cadman; Water Dept: Rick Chenoweth; Chief J. Navarro arrived later.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

M. Spear motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, except for the Annual Treasurer's Report, second by J. Curtis.

1. Minutes of the November 12, 2024, Regular Trustee Meetings
2. November 2024 Financial Reports
3. December 2024 Expense Reports
4. Annual Treasurer Report (*removed from action due to pending audit report*)

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

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

One resident was in attendance and did not wish to address the board on any matters.

**Correspondence**

Fehr Graham Engineering – email from Matt Johnson offering to donate to a charity of the Village Officials' choice. *Trustees discussed and chose the Rantoul United Methodist Church Food Bank which serves residents of Ludlow.*

Champaign County Department of Planning & Zoning – notice of March 28, 2025, hearing for proposed text amendments to Zoning Ordinance authorizing battery energy storage systems as a special use.

**Reports**

**1. Mayor:** Mayor Thomas thanked Rick Chenoweth and J. Curtis for hanging the street Christmas lights. Asked the trustees to drive around town to look at the holiday decorations and choose winners for contest by December 22nd.

**2. Police:** Chief Navarro reported he had one case of criminal damage to property; followed up on a complaint of chickens; and 2 animal control calls for dogs running loose; assisted Vermilion County with a hit and run case (suspect from Ludlow) and assisted Ford County on a call of a theft at the county line.

**3. Street:** R. Chenoweth nothing to report; watching the weather for snow.

**4. Water:** Reviewed the monthly water reports.

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

**6. Clerk/Treasurer Report:** No report

**Discussion Items**

- 1. Watermain:** J. Curtis said the elementary school and four residences remain to be hooked up to new water main; doesn't know if SNC can get to them before the weather turns or not.
- 2. Distressed Properties:** Report attached. Trustees discussed the following properties: 211 E Thomas; 228 E. Thomas.
- 3. Christmas Decorating Contest** – Trustees set the prize money for 1<sup>st</sup> place \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$75, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$50, and 4<sup>th</sup> place \$25.
- 4. Online Water Billing Payment Integrations** – D. Adwell stated that she and Carol Chenoweth, get multiple calls from water customers wanting online account information and/or electronic billing / payment options. RVS Software (our billing software provider) doesn't offer these services but interface with companies who do. Trustees discussed and directed the Clerk to gather more information to bring back to the board.

**Action Items**

- 1. #2024-O-02 General Tax Levy Ordinance Beginning April 1, 2024, and Ending March 31, 2025** - motion to adopt made by T. Fultz; second by M. Spear.  
Roll Call Vote: Bina, Aye; Spear, Aye; Curtis, Aye; Fultz, Aye; Shedd, Aye; Palumbo, Aye.  
Motion carried.
- 2. #2024-R-11 Resolution Adopting Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment for Water Infrastructure Assistance Between the Village of Ludlow and the County of Champaign, IL** – motion to adopt made by T. Fultz; second by T. Palumbo.  
Roll Call Vote: Bina, Aye; Spear, Aye; Curtis, Aye; Fultz, Aye; Shedd, Aye; Palumbo, Aye.  
Motion carried.
- 3. Set Dates and Times for Calendar Year 2025 Regular Trustees' Meeting as Required by the Open Meetings Act** – M. Spear motioned to set the second Tuesday of each month in 2025, at 7:00 PM, as the Regular Trustees Meeting, except for April which will be held on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Second by T. Fultz.  
Roll Call Vote: Bina, Aye; Spear, Aye; Curtis, Aye; Fultz, Aye; Shedd, Aye; Palumbo, Aye.  
Motion carried.

**Adjourn**

B. Bina motioned to adjourn; second by J. Curtis. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm; the next regular Trustees Meeting will be January 14, at 7 P.M.

*Dawn Good-Adwell, Clerk*