

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW
TRUSTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
LUDLOW COMMUNITY CENTER
March 11, 2025 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: Tharla Palumbo, K. Shedd, Marsha Spear, and Clerk Dawn Good Adwell.

Members Absent: Brian Bina, John Curtis, Tom Fultz (on a fire call)

Also in attendance: Police: Officer Denita Cadman; Water Dept: Rick Chenoweth.

Approval of Consent Agenda

M. Spear motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, second by K. Shedd.

1. Minutes of February 11, 2025, Regular Trustee Meetings
2. February 2025 Financial Reports
3. March 2025 Expense Reports

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

Public Address Regarding Pending Matters Before the Board

There were no residents attending, no comments.

Correspondence

Village of Gifford – Invitation to attend their Sesquicentennial Celebration July 18-20, 2025.

Mary Roberson on behalf of Congresswoman Robin Kelly – email; will attend the Village Board meeting in May to share information about available resources to communities.

Reports

1. Mayor: Mayor Thomas noted that he wants to replace the police car, a 2009 Impala with 60,000 miles; Chief Navarro has done a good job doing as many repairs himself as he can, but more frequent repairs are happening due to the age.

2. Police: Chief Navarro was absent. Mayor Thomas reported the Chief is investigating a burglary of materials (copper, etc.) from a building on Poplar St.

3. Street: no report.

4. Water: R. Chenoweth reported a recent water sample test revealed high copper levels; working with EPA to remediate and will re-test every six months until cleared; also stated that a greater number than usual of residents reported they did not receive their water bill this month.

5. Zoning: no report.

6. Clerk Report: No report; working with the new treasurer in training.

Discussion Items

1. Watermain Project: Clerk Adwell reported she had an electronic meeting with representatives of USDA Rural Development (RD) and Matthew Johnson, Fehr Graham engineer, concerning a pay request from SNC Construction for work done in Fall 2025. Johnson stated the work done last fall and

the work yet to be done should not require change orders, contractors pay requests through RD, nor RD approval given that RD did not approve extending additional loan funds to the Village. The invoices for work done last fall will be paid with additional funding received from Champaign County. He suggested the Village work directly with SNC Construction for the remaining items to be done, which are to be paid from Village funds. Representatives from RD agreed.

2. Distressed Properties: Trustees discussed the following properties: 240 S. Orange St. property sold, and a new resident has moved in. Baize property on 228 E. Thomas St. - March 7th court hearing resulted in judge assessing a fine for the ordinance violation, and another hearing end of March.

3. Budget Meeting – D. Adwell asked for committee meeting on March 27 at 5:30 p.m. before the special meeting.

4. Mowing Bids – Two mowing bids were submitted by Chris Warner, Winks Landscaping and Parker Palumbo. Trustees discussed both bids; possibly use Warner to mow Village grounds and use Palumbo for mowing properties with ordinance violations.

Action Items

1. 2025-R2 Resolution Authorizing Diane Michaels, Village Treasurer as Signer on Village Accounts at Bank of Rantoul and Illinois Funds – T. Palumbo motioned to adopt resolution 2025-R2; second by M. Spear.

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

2. 2025-R3 Resolution Adopting the FY2026 Maintenance Estimate of Expenditures for Motor Fuel Tax Funds - T. Palumbo motioned to approve the finance committee; seconded by M. Spear.

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

Adjourn

M. Spear motioned to adjourn; second by K. Shedd. Next regular trustee's meeting is Monday, April 7, 2025 at 7 P.M.

Dawn Good-Adwell, Clerk