

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES - APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
LUDLOW COMMUNITY CENTER
May 13, 2025 6:45 P.M.**

Call to Order

Mayor Steve Thomas called the Public Hearing to order at 6:50 pm. and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Brian Bina, John Curtis, Tharla Palumbo, Karen Shedd, Marsha Spear, Mayor Steve Thomas.

Board Members Absent: Tom Fultz

Other Village Officials Present: Treasurer Diane Michaels, Clerk Dawn Good-Adwell, Police Chief Joe Navarro, and Officer Denita Cadman.

FY2026 Appropriation Ordinance

Trustees reviewed the Ordinance

Public Comment

There were no residents or public members present.

Adjournment

T. Palumbo motioned to adjourn; second by J. Curtis; meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW
TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
LUDLOW COMMUNITY CENTER
May 13, 2025 7:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Mayor Steve Thomas called the Regular Trustees' meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Board Members Present: Brian Bina, John Curtis, Tharla Palumbo, Karen Shedd, Marsha Spear, Mayor Steve Thomas.

Board Members Absent: Tom Fultz.

Other Village Officials Present: Treasurer Diane Michaels, Clerk Dawn Good-Adwell, Police Chief Joe Navarro, and Officer Denita Cadman.

Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of April 8, 2025, Trustee Regular Meeting
2. April 2025 Financial
3. May 2025 Expense Reports

M. Spear motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Roll Call Vote: Bina, Aye; Spear, Aye; Curtis, Aye; Shedd, Aye; Palumbo, Aye; Fultz, Absent. Motion carried.

Public Address Regarding Pending Matters Before the Board

Mary Roberson, Director of Constituent Services for Congresswoman Robin L. Kelly – Ms. Roberson gave an overview of services Congresswoman Kelly's office provides to residents and municipalities of her district.

Correspondence

IML Risk Management – information re: return to work policies RMA will require municipalities to pass as part of risk management coverage.

Reports

1. **Mayor:** no report.
2. **Police:** Chief Navarro reported he responded to one vandalism call involving two juveniles; and one call for assault.
3. **Street:** J. Curtis reported Rick Chenoweth was absent due to being injured earlier in the day mowing roadsides; Bina reported the township plans to oil & chip earlier this year than usual.
4. **Water:** Delinquent billing reports reviewed.
5. **Zoning:** B. Bina reported one permit requested for privacy fence on S. Orange St.
6. **Clerk:** .Reported on Safe Routes to School Grant which helps pay for rail safety crossings, cross walks and sidewalks that are on school travel routes.
7. **Treasurer:** D. Michaels stated all fees and fines should be reviewed due to projected income loss of tax distributions from State of IL; some fees may need increasing.

Discussion Items

1. **Watermain Project Closeout:** Matthew Johnson, Fehr Graham Engineer, stated the project is complete as far as:
 - USDA Rural Development has paid all but the retainage fees due to FGE & SNC Construction;
 - Champaign County has paid \$108,000 grant to SNC;
 - Remaining work to be done will be handled between SNC and the Village; this includes 5 service connections; some meter pit adjustments; 1 hydrant removed; dirt work and grass seeding; the engineer suggested having a contract between the Village and SNC.
2. **Distressed Properties:** The board discussed properties located in 200 and 300 block of E. Thomas St., and 100 block of N. Orange St.
3. **Town Cleanup Plans** – The town wide cleanup day will be June 21; notices will be posted to inform residents.

Action Items

1. **2025-R-04 Resolution Approving Mowing Services Contract With Palumbo Lawn Services -** M. Spear motioned to approve Resolution 2025-04; seconded by J. Curtis.
Roll Call Vote: Bina, Aye; Spear, Aye; Curtis, Aye; Fultz, Absent; Palumbo, Abstain; Shedd, Aye.
Motion carried.
2. **2025-R-05 Resolution To Engage Russell Leigh & Associates for FY2025 Audit** – T. Palumbo motioned to approve Resolution 2025-05; seconded by K. Shedd.
Roll Call Vote: Bina, Aye; Spear, Aye; Curtis, Aye; Fultz, Absent; Palumbo, Aye; Shedd, Aye.
Motion carried.
3. **2025-O-01 Ordinance For Annual Appropriation For FY2026** – B. Bina motioned to approve Ordinance 2025-01; seconded by M. Spear.
Roll Call Vote: Bina, Aye; Spear, Aye; Curtis, Aye; Fultz, Absent; Palumbo, Aye; Shedd, Aye.
Motion carried.
4. **2025-O-02 Ordinance Approving Changes to The Village of Ludlow Municipal Code Pertaining to Nuisance Ordinance And Unsafe Structures** – T. Palumbo motioned to approve Ordinance 2025-02; seconded by B. Bina.
Roll Call Vote: Bina, Aye; Spear, Aye; Curtis, Aye; Fultz, Absent; Palumbo, Aye; Shedd, Aye.
Motion carried.

Adjourn

T. Palumbo motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by M. Spear. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 P.M. The next regular Trustees Meeting will be June 10, 2025, at 7 P.M.

Dawn Good-Adwell, Clerk