

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW  
TRUSTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
LUDLOW COMMUNITY CENTER  
JANUARY 13, 2026 7:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Steve Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted that the Clerk posted the meeting agenda in error with a 7 PM start time instead of the 6 PM start time scheduled for 2026 calendar year.

Members of the Board Present: John Curtis, Tom Fultz, Marsha Spear.

Members Absent: Brian Bina, Tharla Palumbo, K. Shedd.

Other Village Officials Present: Chief of Police Joe Navarro, Rick Chenoweth, Water Dept; Dawn Good-Adwell, Clerk.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes of December 9, 2025, Public Hearing and Trustee Regular Meeting Minutes
2. December 2025 Financial Reports
3. January 2026 Expense Reports

T. Fultz motioned to approve the consent agenda; second by M. Spear.

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

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

On behalf of the Ludlow FPD, Rick Chenoweth addressed the board about no passing signs and zones along the curves on US Highway 45. Mayor Thomas directed him to the appropriate department at IL Department of Transportation.

**Correspondence**

IL Rural Water Association – college scholarship opportunities for children of municipal officials and water personnel.

**Reports**

1. **Mayor:** Mayor Thomas updated the trustees on the Baize property.
2. **Police:** Chief J. Navarro reported he ticketed several autos for parking violations; also the department will receive two new tasers, free of charge, from IL Law Enforcement Agency.
3. **Street & Water:** R. Chenoweth reported a tap on for new water meter, pit and line was installed on Vine St. where water service had been removed decades ago. Also, a water leak occurred in one of the new meter pits on Katie St. resulting in interruption of water service on that block.

**4. Zoning & Building:** No report.

**5. Clerk:** Adwell asked the trustees to complete their SEI forms as soon as possible.

**6. Treasurer:** No report; the Mayor informed the trustees that D. Michaels has taken leave of absence, and the Clerk will assume her responsibilities until she is able to return.

#### **Discussion Items**

**1. Water Department Fee Increases For New Service Tap Ons and Service Outside of Village Limits** - Trustees discussed the fee for water service outside of Village Limits and left it unchanged. Trustees then discussed the recent main tap on and installation of meter, pit, and water line at a cost of \$2,000; the tap on fee is currently \$700.

**2. Zoning Map** – Trustees reviewed the Village Zoning Map dated October 1, 1991, which was not properly executed, that aligns with the existing zoning code (known as the “1991 Comprehensive Amendment to the Zoning Code of 1959 as subsequently amended”). Village Attorney will draft an ordinance to adopt at a public hearing in February.

**3. Christmas Contest Winners** – The trustees nominated residences for the Christmas display contest. The winning displays were: 213 W. Thomas St; 137 N. Poplar St; 213 S. Hickory St; 6 Young St.

#### **Action Items:**

**1. Set Date For Public Hearing On Zoning Map Approval** – T. Fultz motioned to set the public hearing date for Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 6 PM prior to the regular meeting; second by M. Spear. The Clerk will publish the required notices.

#### **Adjourn**

T. Fultz motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by M. Spear; motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The next meeting will be February 10, 2026; the Public Hearing at 6:00 pm; Trustees’ Meeting will follow at 6:15 PM.

*Dawn Good-Adwell, Clerk*