

ARLDAC Report to the Board

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The Amateur Radio Legal Defense and Assistance Committee has been largely inactive in the second half of 2020. No new matters have arisen. Progress was made on one case, however.

This involves a ham in West Bend, Wisconsin. WB9JPH had run up against what amounted to a ban on useful towers. We committed to supplying a memo interpreting PRB-1 that could offer some help, and that was done in September, thanks to our counsel Dave Siddall. The town has rewritten its bylaws to accommodate Amateur Radio. Thanks also to Director Carlson, who served as liaison to the ham. At this point the matter is successfully closed.

Nothing has been heard on the Jan Jose ordinance situation. The ham currently has good counsel, and I'm sure we will hear if further action on our part would be useful.

The ARLDAC finances this year are:

Balance 6/30/2019	\$210,768
Expenditures	0
Contributions	7,617
Balance 12/31/2019	218,385

As pointed out in the June report, we have a rather substantial pile of money in the account. This cries out to be put to productive use. The best use would be to produce materials supportive of amateurs who become involved in municipal regulatory issues, or in related lawsuits. Some of this can be anticipated now, some should wait until we get a clearer view of the legislative picture in Washington.

And special thanks to IVP Jay Bellows, K0QB, who is stepping off the Board. Jay, thanks for all your help, encouragement, and advice over the last 20+ years, and for your well known and seminal work in the area of Amateur Radio antenna law.

Respectfully submitted,

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