

VILLAGE OF LODI

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 13, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Lodi Village Council met on the above date for a Regular Meeting with the following Council Members present: Miller, Mapes, May, Graham, Ridenour, and Jameyson. Also in attendance were Mayor Robert Geissman, Village Solicitor Irving Sugarman, Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman, Police Chief Keith Keough, and Fire Chief Chris Ridenour.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham to approve the minutes of the December 23, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Miller, Graham, Mapes, May, and Ridenour

ABSTAIN: Jameyson

A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Jameyson to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020 Council Organizational Meeting.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Graham, Jameyson, Miller, Mapes, May, and Ridenour

NAYS: None

COMMITTEE REQUESTS

MILLER – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES

Miller discussed purchasing new garland for the lamp posts in Central Park for next Christmas. There is a current sale on these items.

Discussion was held regarding the status of the signs ordered for Richman Field and Lodi Community Park. It was determined that the signs will be purchased from Tom Guggenbiller from Signgraphics as long as he can commit to having them finished by March 31, 2020.

Council Member Mapes reported that she has spoken with Alloy Fabricators and they have offered to construct a sign for the Lodi Historical Society Museum. Mapes reported that they have also agreed to construct two signs that the historical society would like to place in Lodi Community Park to commemorate Joseph Harris and other founding fathers of our community.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham to hire Tom Guggenbiller from Signgraphics to construct a sign for the fire department which will be mostly paid from by the FEMA fire grant. The grant will cover \$10,000 towards the sign purchase and the village will pay the remaining balance. Mapes commented that she did not like the design of the sign and would like the sign to look more historical. Fire Chief Ridenour explained that the design was mandated by the FEMA grant.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Miller, Graham, May, Ridenour, and Jameyson

NAYS: Mapes

MAPES– SAFETY

Village Solicitor Irving Sugerman reported that Assistant Village Solicitor Alex Quay has withdrawn his proposal to provide prosecutor services to the Village of Lodi. Mr. Sugerman reported that Thomas Morris and Bradley Proudfoot were present to discuss a proposal to provide prosecutor services to the Village of Lodi. After discussion a motion was made by May and seconded by Jameyson to approve a contract with between the Village of Lodi and Thomas J. Morris and Bradley J. Proudfoot for the prosecution of misdemeanor traffic and criminal cases committed in the Village of Lodi, commencing February 1, 2020. Kristopher Immel, who provided prosecutor services to the Village of Lodi in 2019, will be paid at the 2019 contract rate for services for the month of January, 2020, and will not continue to provide services beyond January 2020.

Upon roll call: YEAS: May, Jameyson, Miller, Mapes, Graham, and Ridenour
NAYS: None

Police Chief Keith Keough reported that he was approached by the Village of Burbank and asked if the Lodi Police Department would be interested in providing police protection services to Burbank. After discussion it was determined that Police Chief Keough will decline the offer.

A motion was made by Mapes and seconded by Graham to elect Pat Graham and Letha Mapes as board members for the 2020 Volunteer Firefighter’s Dependents Fund. Chris Ridenour and Justin Filous are the board members elected by the fire department and Melody Miller is the board member elected by the other four members. Chris Ridenour will serve as the Chairperson and Pat Graham will serve as the Secretary.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Mapes, Graham, Miller, May, Ridenour, and Jameyson
NAYS: None

A motion was made by Mapes and seconded by Miller to authorize the fire chief to apply for a USDA Grant for partial funding for: a new fire truck, the remounting of a rescue squad, and a new salt truck for the street department, with the remaining necessary funding being in the form of a USDA loan.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Mapes, Miller, May Graham, Ridenour, and Jameyson
NAYS: None

MAY - FINANCE

May thanked Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman for reviewing village finance information with her.

GRAHAM - STREETS & SIDEWALKS

A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Mapes for an expenditure of up to \$2,035 for flooring for the street department building.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Graham, Mapes, Miller, May, Ridenour, and Jameyson
NAYS: None

RIDENOUR – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ridenour had nothing to report at this time.

Council Member May reported that the Lodi Chamber of Commerce posted on Facebook that they will not be able to plan the Sweet Corn Festival this year. Audience Member David Dake reported that he attended the last chamber meeting and they indicated that they are putting their energy into developing a chamber first. With the limited resources they have they will need to forego the corn festival for at least one year.

JAMEYSON – ZONING

Jameyson reported that a Lodi Planning Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR GEISSMAN

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that as previously discussed with council, he submitted a request to Senator Larry Obhof's office for funding from the Ohio Biennial Capital Budget for the following: Playground equipment for Lodi Community Park, a splash pad for Richman Field, and fountain repairs to the Indian fountain in Lodi Central Park.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the Hawthorne Drive main improvements have been made. Sidewalk installation will occur as weather permits.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the new Village of Lodi website is scheduled to be launched tomorrow. The clerk-treasurer and office staff will be trained to provide updates to the site. Price quotations will be obtained for possible additional services from Proximity Marketing. Marketing services are also available through Proximity Marketing if council is interested.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that an economic development meeting regarding transportation in Ohio is being held by NOACA in Cleveland on the same morning as the MCDEC meeting. Mayor Geissman has additional information if any council member is interested in attending.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he will be attending a CDBG grant meeting on February 10, 2020, to discuss the future submission of a grant request for the Lodi Community Park Bridge and possible additional submissions.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the Ohio Department of Commerce has scheduled a hearing on January 16, 2020, to address violation concerns at Sunset Mobile Home Park.

There being no further business to come before council, a motion was made by Graham and seconded by May to adjourn the meeting.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Graham, May, Miller, Mapes, Ridenour, and Jameyson

NAYS: None



Robert Geissman, Mayor



Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer