

VILLAGE OF LODI

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 10, 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, Assistant Village Solicitor Alex Quay, Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman, Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich, Police Chief Keith Keough, and Fire Chief Chris Ridenour.

MINUTES

A motion was made by May and seconded by Graham to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

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

A motion was made by May and seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

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

LEGISLATION

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING THE 2020 EDITION OF THE OHIO BASIC CODE, PUBLISHED BY THE AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING CORPORATION, FOR THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO; PUBLISHING THE ENACTMENT OF NEW MATTERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham to suspend the three reading rule and pass the ordinance as an emergency.

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

A motion was made by Graham and seconded by May to pass the ordinance.

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

COMMITTEE REQUESTS

MILLER – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES

A motion as made by Miller and seconded by Graham to purchase signs from Signgraphics for Lodi Community Park and Richman Field. An additional expenditure of \$242 per sign will be made to purchase thicker aluminum if it is available for both signs. The signs will need to be in place by April 30, 2020.

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

MAPES– SAFETY

A motion was made by Mapes and seconded by Miller for an expenditure of \$1,250 for electrical

work needed at the fire station. Mapes asked if Fire Chief Ridenour obtained more than one quote for the work. Mapes mentioned an individual who did electrical work at her home and at the historical society home and indicated that she would prefer to get more quotes. After discussion regarding the urgent nature of the work needed, council determined that additional quotes are not necessary at this time.

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

Police Chief Keith Keough reported that the security cameras have been installed at the police station. A few of the cameras still need to be adjusted. The security cameras have also been installed in the utility office and in Central Park.

Police Chief Keough reported that there has been scam activity within the village. He has contacted the Ohio Attorney General's Office about the activity. Chief Keough would like to begin a public outreach program to educate the public about scams.

Upon the recommendation of Mayor Robert Geissman a motion was made by Mapes and seconded by Miller to hire Rick Baker as a part time patrolman upon the successful completion of necessary pre-employment testing requirements.

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

MAY – FINANCE/LEGISLATION

May had nothing to report at this time.

GRAHAM - STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Graham reported that she received an inquiry about uneven sidewalks where ODOT performed work on the State Route 83 bridge. Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich will look into the situation.

Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that the Hawthorne Drive sidewalks have been poured. Fine grading and seeding will occur in the spring.

Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that the CSX Railroad will be making repairs to a culvert they own on Archer Street.

RIDENOUR – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ridenour had nothing to report at this time.

Mapes reported that a LHEDO meeting was held this morning. She also reported that Karen Glass and she are planning to meet with Will Genkin to inquire about progress with the old Hower Building.

Pastor David Dake was in attendance and reported that he has been attending Lodi Chamber of Commerce meetings. The meetings will be held the first Monday of each month at the Lodi Congregational Church. The chamber would like to focus on building the business community

and bringing more activity to the square. Chamber members are speaking with other organizations in an attempt to seek volunteers to take over the annual sweet corn festival.

Miller reported that the Air B&B property on Church Street is currently for sale.

JAMEYSON – ZONING

Jameyson had nothing to report at this time.

CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman shared renewal information with council for the village employee life insurance and short term disability policies. After review, a motion was made by Mapes and seconded by May to switch to the Standard Insurance Company for these coverages. Upon roll call: YEAS: Mapes, May, Miller, Graham, Ridenour, and Jameyson
NAYS: None

MAYOR GEISSMAN

Mayor Robert Geissman reported the Letha Mapes and he attended the Community Development Impact Strategy Meeting regarding Community Development Block Grants. He submitted ideas for the park improvements council discussed in the past. Grant applications will need to be submitted in April. The village may submit additional ideas if council wishes.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that grant funding is available for economic development purposes. He will be receiving a power point presentation regarding these grants and will share the presentation with council.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the Oakwood Drive OPWC grant approval at the local level was put on the contingency list at the state level. The state originally overestimated the amount of money available for this round of funding. There is still a chance the grant may be funded with contingency money or as a contingency project at the small government level. The village will still be able to proceed with the project this year, even if the grant is not received.

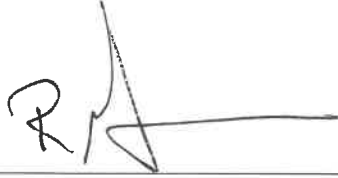
Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he received a new map from Whisper Creek for development plans that will be taken to the Lodi Planning Commission. Mayor Geissman and Village Solicitor Irving Sugerman will be meeting with Whisper Creek Attorney MaryAnn Chandler to discuss the plan in detail. The plan will be voted on by the planning commission. Mayor Geissman will share all information with council as it is received.

Mayor Robert Geissman reviewed a website maintenance quote from Proximity Marketing. Mayor Geissman does not feel the village needs to incur the expense at this time because the village office staff is performing updates to the site as needed.

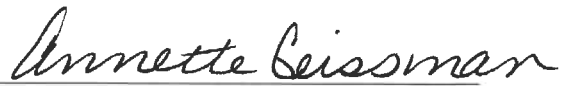
Audience Member Larry Saal reported that the Akron Fire & Widows Association recently lost nine fireman and one widow, some due to cancer. Mr. Saal indicated that if our department needs protective gear he feels we need to provide it for them. Fire Chief Chris Ridenour reported that our department has protective gear.

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

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Robert Geissman, Mayor

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Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer