

## **VILLAGE OF LODI**

### **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, February 24, 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, and Ridenour. Jameyson was absent. Also in attendance were Mayor Robert Geissman, Village Solicitor Irving Sugerman, Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman, Police Chief Keith Keough, and Fire Chief Chris Ridenour.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Will Genkin was present and discussed his desire to purchase the piece of village owned property beside the 108 Medina Street parcel he owns. Discussion was held regarding the need to sell the property by advertised sealed bids if council chooses to sell the property. Village Solicitor Irving will look into the process and the topic will be addressed again in an upcoming meeting.

#### **MINUTES**

A motion was made by May and seconded by Graham to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

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

NAYS: None

#### **LEGISLATION**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A PETITION PURSUANT TO R.C. 709.022 FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 1.60 ACRES OF LAND, NOW OR FORMERLY KNOWN AS MEDINA COUNTY TAX PARCEL NO. 013-14D-03-001, FROM HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP, TO THE VILLAGE OF LODI, AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by Graham and seconded by May to suspend the three reading rule and pass the ordinance as an emergency.

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

NAYS: None

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

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

NAYS: None

#### **COMMITTEE REQUESTS**

##### **MILLER – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES**

Miller reported that the annual Easter egg hunt will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2020.

Volunteers are needed to fill eggs on Friday evening, April 10, 2020.

##### **MAPES– SAFETY**

Mapes expressed congratulations to Officer Ashlee Miller and Officer Bret Haven for receiving award citations as police officers.

Police Chief Keith Keough provided an annual report to council outlining 2019 expense activity for the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

Police Chief Keough reported that part time officer Richard Baker has started his field training. He also reported that Officer Baker has prior law enforcement experience and should do well in the position.

Mapes asked Fire Chief Ridenour about a fire truck that is currently sitting out at the fire station. Chief Ridenour reported that the truck is old and beyond repair and will be able to be sold at the next auction.

#### **MAY – FINANCE/LEGISLATION**

A motion was made by May and seconded by Graham to approve the monthly bills.

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

NAYS: None

A motion was made by May and seconded by Ridenour to approve the monthly financial report.

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

NAYS: None

#### **GRAHAM - STREETS & SIDEWALKS**

Graham reported that she met with Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich, General Foreman Brian Yost, Fire Chief Chris Ridenour, and eight ODOT representatives regarding the grant application for cross walks in the downtown area. A few adjustments will be made to the grant application and then it will be sent to the Ashland ODOT office for preliminary approval. If approved at the Ashland office the grant will then be sent to the state for final approval.

Graham reported that the Hawthorne Drive rough grading work has been completed. Seeding will be done as weather permits.

Graham reported that one additional street light has been installed on Evergreen Drive. One more additional light will be installed soon.

Graham reported that the street department flooring project will begin on Wednesday. The project should take three days.

#### **RIDENOUR – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Ridenour had nothing to report at this time.

#### **JAMEYSON – ZONING**

Jameyson was absent.

Miller reported that properties on Mill Street and Academy Street are in need of repairs. She will forward the information to Zoning Inspector Jim Brandenburg or Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman.

May asked Village Solicitor Irving Sugerman about the status of proposed changes to the RV legislation. Irving Sugerman will finish the draft of the proposed changes.

**CLERK-TREASURER**

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman suggested a meeting be scheduled with the Public Entities Pool of Ohio to discuss current property and liability insurance coverage and provide council with the opportunity to ask any questions they may have. Annette will find out what meeting times and dates are available and report back to council.

**MAYOR GEISSMAN**

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he attended a second Community Development Impact Strategy Meeting regarding Community Development Block Grants. The ideas for park improvements Mayor Geissman submitted at the last CDBG meeting were on the list of projects to be considered. Grant applications will need to be submitted in April. The village may submit additional ideas if council wishes.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he met with Village Solicitor Irving Sugerman and Whisper Creek Attorney MaryAnn Chandler to review final proposed details of the Whisper Creek Development plans for Phase II. The plan includes a proposed total of 150 single family homes. A continuance of a public hearing for this request will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in Lodi Council Chambers. The Lodi Planning Commission will review all information at that meeting.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that Lodi Planning Commission Member Jean Houston provided planning commission members with a draft of suggested changes to the Lodi Zoning Code and Lodi Property Maintenance Code. The commission members will review the information.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that at the last Lodi Planning Commission Meeting plans were reviewed for a new O'Reilly Auto Parts store to be built at 454 Medina Street.

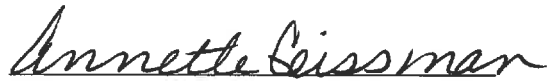
There being no further business to come before council, a motion was made by Graham and seconded by May to adjourn the meeting.

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

NAYS: None



Robert Geissman, Mayor

  
Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer