

**VILLAGE OF LODI**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, March 9, 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, and Fire Chief Chris Ridenour.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Judge McIlvaine was present and gave an annual report outlining 2019 activity for Wadsworth Municipal Court.

Sandy Neuman was present to represent her mother regarding damage being done by semi-trucks cutting through the yard on the corner of Howe Street and Lee Street. Mayor Robert Geissman reported that council is aware of this situation and that the street superintendent has been working with the village engineer to recommend solutions to the problem. A council streets committee meeting will be held soon to discuss options.

Will Genkin was present and asked if council is willing to vote to sell the property located at 112 Medina Street. It was determined that the planning commission needs to evaluate the property first to determine if there are plans to use the property for village purposes in the future. Also, research is currently being done to determine if back taxes forfeited when the village received the property will need to be paid back upon sale of the property. A determination cannot be made until these two items are completed.

Brad Rice, of 105 Evergreen Drive, was present and thanked council for installing additional street lighting on Evergreen Drive. He stated that the residents are much appreciative.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by May and seconded by Graham to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Upon roll call: YEAS: May, Graham, Miller, Mapes, Ridenour, and Jameyson  
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, at 6:00 p.m.

Miller reported that a resident on Facebook has suggested that a portion of the income tax revenue be used to pay for the continuation of the annual Sweet Corn Festival. Miller indicated that she is not in favor of using tax dollars to fund this annual Chamber of Commerce event. Other council members indicated that they agreed with Miller.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by May for an expenditure of \$712 for annual fertilizer and weed control for Richman Field, \$370 for fertilizer and weed control for Central Park, and up to \$400 for fertilizer and weed control for the fire station property.

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

NAYS: None

#### **MAPES– SAFETY**

Mapes had nothing to report at this time.

#### **MAY – FINANCE/LEGISLATION**

May reported that a council finance committee will be held on Monday, March 23, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss permanent appropriations. May will meet with Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman on Saturday, March 21 to review everything in preparation for the March 23 committee meeting.

May reported that a council finance committee meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. to meet with representatives from Buren Insurance and the Public Entities Pool of Ohio. Village property and liability insurance will be discussed at this meeting.

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

Graham reported that a council streets committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, to discuss options to correct the truck traffic problems on Howe and Lee Streets.

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

Ridenour had nothing to report at this time.

#### **JAMEYSON – ZONING**

Jameyson had nothing to report at this time.

#### **MAYOR GEISSMAN**

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he received an email from Medina County Planning Commission Director Rob Henwood regarding our current CDBG grant project award. The restroom renovations for Lodi Community Park and village hall public restrooms will be started in the very near future.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he attended the Medina County Health Department annual meeting last week. The meeting focused on COVID 19 preparations and protocol. The health department is working with the CDC to put proper protocols in place. Village Fire Chief Chris Ridenour and Police Chief Keith Keough have both implemented proper protocols for our fire and police departments. The village will continue to follow the health department and CDC guidelines for all village departments.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he was contacted by a prospective buyer for the Grimm property but the buyer indicated that the Medina County Parks District had already purchased twenty-nine acres of the available property. Twenty acres remain but the prospective buyer indicated that it is not enough land to do what he was planning to do.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he spoke with the Commerce Department and there was no hearing held for Sunset Mobile Home Park. The Commerce Department entered into an agreement with Sunset for improvements to be made to the park. Mayor Geissman has requested a copy of the agreement.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he met with Village Solicitor Irving Sugerman and Whisper Creek Attorney Maryann Chandler regarding ongoing plans for the Whisper Creek Subdivision. Whisper Creek will be asking for a two ft. variance for the side lots. Mayor Geissman provided council with a copy of the proposed lots. Mayor Geissman visited developments in Medina with the same side lot footage and found them to be acceptable. Mayor Geissman will recommend that the Lodi Planning Commission approve the side lot variance request.

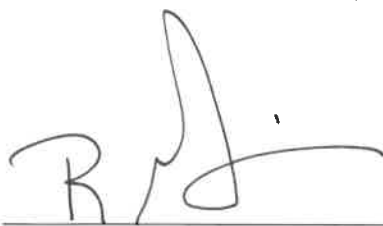
Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he was contacted by someone interested in purchasing the land beside Circle K to build a sit down pizza restaurant on the property.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he was contacted by Evergreen Estates. They are looking into adding more mobile home lots on the property they currently own. Mayor Geissman referred them to the proper zoning code sections for this request. Mayor Geissman also found that some of the Ohio Revised Code and Mobile Home Code references in our zoning code need to be updated. Some of the state code sections have changed. Mayor Geissman gave the information to Assistant Village Solicitor Alex Quay for further review and recommended changes.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that Zoning Inspector Jim Brandenburg has resigned due to health reasons. His last date of employment was February 29, 2020.

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

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



Robert Geissman, Mayor



Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer