

VILLAGE OF LODI

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 27, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the meeting was held over the internet via Zoom. The public was invited to attend the meeting and a link was available on www.VillageofLodi.com for the public to view the meeting, adhering to Governor DeWine's directive for meetings and social distancing during the emergency pandemic.

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 Sugerman, Police Chief Keith Keough, Fire Chief Chris Ridenour, Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich, Board of Public Affairs Member Karl Hagelin, and Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Jameyson and seconded by Graham to approve the minutes of the 3-9-20 regular council meeting and the 3-23-20 regular council meeting.

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

NAYS: None

LEGISLATION

AN ORDINANCE AND JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AND THE LODI BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CARGILL SALT, FOR THE PURCHASE OF BULK WATER SOFTENING SALT FOR THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO, 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, Ridenour, and Jameyson

NAYS: None

A motion was made by May and seconded by Graham to pass the ordinance. Council chose Cargill as the lowest and best bid because of the superior quality of product compared to the lowest priced bid. The product provided by Cargill does not clog the pipes at the water plant, which has happened in the past with the lower quality product. Per Village Solicitor Irving Sugerman, it is permissible to accept Cargill as the lowest and best bid for this reason.

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

NAYS: None

COMMITTEE REQUESTS

MILLER – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES

Miller reported that the village wide annual garage sale previously scheduled for June will be cancelled due to the pandemic. The postponed Easter egg hunt will also be cancelled.

Discussion was held regarding the annual flower sale held by the Mason's in Lodi Central Park. Russ Callahan will be contacted to inquire about the group's current plan.

Discussion was held regarding a parade being held before the park festival concert this year. It was determined that a parade will be suitable for this event.

Miller reported that the signs ordered for Richman Field and Lodi Community Park should be installed next week.

Council Member Ridenour inquired about why Lodi Community Park is currently closed. She has had residents ask her. Police Chief Keough replied that he has had it closed to prevent children from congregating there during the pandemic, but hopes to open it back open soon. It was also determined that the bridge needs looked at for possible needed repairs.

MAPES – SAFETY

Mapes had nothing to report at this time.

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, Ridenour, and Jameyson

NAYS: None

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

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

NAYS: None

GRAHAM – STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Graham inquired about the status of the ODOT grant application for sidewalk crossings in the downtown area. Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that he will be receiving a decision in writing from ODOT very soon.

Graham reported that the council street committee meeting previously scheduled to discuss the Howe Street and Lee Street truck traffic problems was cancelled due to the pandemic. The meeting will be rescheduled.

RIDENOUR – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ridenour had nothing to report at this time.

JAMEYSON – ZONING

Jameyson asked if any further information has been gathered concerning the possible sale of 112 Medina Street. Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman reported that she has been in contact with the Medina County Auditor's office and they will be providing the amount of back taxes owed for the property. Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the Lodi Planning Commission has not met yet to discuss the situation due to the pandemic. He hopes to hold a meeting via Zoom very soon.

CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman reported that a request has been made by the Auditor of State's Office for a Going Concern analysis discussion to be held regarding economic impacts to the village due to COVID-19. Clerk-Treasurer Geissman distributed and reviewed a notice from the Regional Income Tax Agency with revenue projections for the rest of the 2020 fiscal year. It was determined that the village will potentially lose approximately \$66,300 in income tax revenue this year. It was determined that village income tax revenue of approximately \$196,485 will be delayed and not received until the months of August through November, 2020. After discussing this topic it was determined that this loss and delay of funds will not impact the normal operations of the village. The general fund has a healthy current fund balance and the revenue from income tax is being used for large projects. This income source will be monitored and if needed projects may be postponed.

A letter from Medina County Auditor Mike Kovack was also distributed and reviewed regarding projections for remaining 2020 property tax collections for the village. It was determined that the second half collections will be reduced by approximately two to three percent. Discussion was held regarding the fact that the first half real estate collections have already been distributed to the village. The slight projected decrease in second half revenue will not likely cause harm to the village. Again, the general fund is healthy and council does not anticipate any risk of the village not being able to pay monthly bills and operate as normal. It was also noted that any loss realized in the second half will be received at a later date when people begin to catch up on their taxes. It has not been established yet if cuts in the Local Government Funding will be made by the state. If the state does reduce the Local Government allocation it was determined that this will not have a large impact on the General Fund budget. The Local Government allocation is a small portion of the annual revenue received in General Fund.

An Auditor of State Advisory Memo regarding COVID-19 Economic and Budgetary Impacts was also distributed and reviewed. Discussion was held regarding the potential decrease in revenue from vehicle registration and license fees as well as gas tax reductions. Exact projected losses have not been determined. It was determined that a loss in these areas will not likely cause any disruption in village operations. The revenues in question are deposited into the street special revenue funds which are not large enough to be relied on for the majority of street operational needs. General Fund is used for the majority of street expenses and will not experience this particular type of revenue deduction.

Overall it was determined that the village is not at risk of reduced operations at this moment in time. The revenue situation will be closely monitored each month and budgetary adjustments may be made at a later date if necessary.

MAYOR GEISSMAN

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that final plans have received from O'Reilly Auto Parts for the store they will be building on Medina Street.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the CDBG Restroom Renovation grant project will be commencing very soon. This grant will fund the renovation of the restrooms in Lodi Community

Park as well as the public restrooms in Lodi Village Hall.

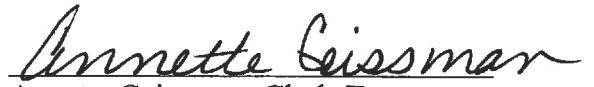
There being no further business to come before council, a motion was made by May and seconded by Graham to adjourn the meeting.

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

NAYS: None

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Robert Geissman, Mayor

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Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer