

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by May and seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the 7-27-20 regular council meeting.

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

NAYS: None

LEGISLATION

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2117 RELATING TO TRUCK TRAFFIC, ROUTES, AND PERMITS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LODI. A motion was made by Jameyson and seconded by Graham to declare this a first reading of the ordinance.

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

NAYS: None

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY'S 2020-2021 EMS TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT GRANT AWARD FOR THE VILLAGE OF LODI. A motion was made by May and seconded by Mapes to pass the resolution.

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

NAYS: None

COMMITTEE REQUESTS

MILLER – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES

Miller reported that she has scheduled food truck concessions to be downtown on the square for the next three weekends. Part of the proceeds from the food sales will go to Lodi parks.

Miller reported that she will clean out the summer flower pots around the square soon.

Council Member Graham reported that the street department will be painting the pickle ball lines on the tennis courts at Richland Field this week. She also reported that there have been comments on Facebook regarding how nice the baseball fields look this year. There have also been comments regarding how nice the parks look.

MAPES – SAFETY

A motion was made by Mapes and seconded by May for an expenditure of \$54,498 for annual Medina County Dispatch service fees.

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

Mapes discussed an issue that occurred with a family parking in the street on Church Street. Police Chief Keough took care of the situation. Mapes also requested that a reminder be put in the next letter to the residents about no parking on Church Street.

Fire Chief Ridenour discussed a quote of \$900 to upgrade the firehouse to be used for virtual meetings. It was determined that research will be done to determine if Coronavirus Relief Funds may be used for this purpose.

MAY – FINANCE & LEGISLATION

May had nothing to report at this time.

GRAHAM – STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Graham reported that street crack sealing and blade patching work will begin soon.

RIDENOUR – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ridenour reported that Subway is now open. The remodeled interior looks very nice.

Ridenour reported that the new art studio on Wooster Street will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony August 22, at 1:00 p.m. All are invited.

Council Member Mapes reported that she spoke with the owner of the building next to Lodi Music and he indicated that he needs to start over with the Medina County Building Department and get new permits. It has been so long since he has worked on the building he now needs new permits. She also reported that the barrier he has in front of his building is interfering with business for Lodi Music.

JAMEYSON – ZONING

Jameyson reported that letters will be sent out this week to address zoning issues with specific dilapidated properties in the village.

CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman discussed a funding proposal from Huntington Bank to finance the remounting of the two EMS squads on new chassis. A motion was made by Jameyson and seconded by Mapes to finance the project through Huntington Bank for five years with an interest rate of 2.29%. The approximate cost of the project is \$400,000.

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

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman discussed the need for storage for village records retention purposes. A motion was made by Mapes and seconded by Graham for an expenditure of \$3,200

to AODK Architecture to perform preliminary phase architectural services for a possible addition to Lodi Village Offices.

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

NAYS: None

MAYOR GEISSMAN

Mayor Robert Geissman discussed the Ohio Site Improvement grant program. This grant provides assistance to make industrial properties shovel ready. Mayor Geissman is interested in seeking this grant for industrial property on West Drive. Mayor Geissman has a conference call scheduled for August 19 to discuss this grant with the Medina County Economic Development Corporation and a representative of the available property on West Drive.

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

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

NAYS: None



Robert Geissman, Mayor



Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer