

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 24, 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, Police Chief Keith Keough, Fire Chief Chris Ridenour, and Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich.

MINUTES

A motion was made by May and seconded by Ridenour to approve the minutes of the 8-10-20 regular council meeting.

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

LEGISLATION

SECOND 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 second reading of the ordinance.

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

COMMITTEE REQUESTS

MILLER – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES

Miller reported that she has cleaned out the flower pots around village square.

Miller reported that \$800 has been received for parks so far from the proceeds of food vendor sales on village square.

Miller reported that a resident asked if lighting is available at Richman Field to play pickle ball at night. Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that lighting is currently available and he will place a sign near the lighting to notify people where the switch is.

Discussion was held regarding the need for more picnic tables at Richman Field. Council Member Mapes volunteered to contact the Lodi Ruritan's about a possible donation of picnic tables.

MAPES – SAFETY

Mapes reported that Fire Chief Chris Ridenour provided a monthly fire department report to council.

Mapes asked about fire hydrants by Triple O and the outlet mall that have bags covering them. Fire Chief Chris Ridenour reported that the hydrants near Triple O are not working and Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich will have them repaired soon. The fire hydrants near the outlet mall are privately owned.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he asked Fire Chief Chris Ridenour to obtain a quote for an automatic CPR device with an AED monitor which may be purchased with Coronavirus Relief Funds. Chief Ridenour obtained a quote in the amount of \$44,210 from Zoll. A motion was made by Mapes and seconded by May to purchase the CPR device and monitor to assist the Fire/EMS department with COVID-19 safety measures.

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

A motion was made by Mapes and seconded by Miller for an expenditure of \$900 to Astro Computer Systems to install necessary equipment at the fire house to assist with virtual meetings. This is an allowable expenditure for Coronavirus Relief Funds.

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

Police Chief Keough reported that the awning above the police department entrance has been replaced. The old awning had deteriorated.

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 Miller to approve the monthly financial report.

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

GRAHAM – STREETS & SIDEWALKS

A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Miller for an expenditure of up to \$550 for repairs to the street department F750 truck.

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

Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that the public restroom renovation projects are completed.

Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that he received a complaint about people parking on the grass at Richman Field. Tracy will replace faded park rules signs in the area.

Police Chief Keough will also have the police officers monitor the situation.

Graham thanked Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich for assistance given to the Lodi-Harrisville Union Cemetery. The cemetery board appreciated it very much.

RIDENOUR – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ridenour reported that the new art studio on Wooster Street held a ribbon cutting ceremony August 22, at 1:00 p.m. The event was well attended.

JAMEYSON – ZONING

Jameyson reported that he feels the police and fire departments should look into the possibility of using Coronavirus Relief Funds to purchase protective gear including face shields and other protective items.

Jameyson reported that he missed the last zoning meeting due to being on vacation.

MAYOR GEISSMAN

Mayor Robert Geissman discussed more possible options for the use of Coronavirus Relief Funds. A local community nearby has created a grant to distribute \$400 to residents who have been affected by COVID-19 through job loss, etc. Mayor Geissman will gather more information regarding this possibility. Another possibility is to help fund food banks that serve the village residents. Mayor Geissman asked council members to share any ideas they may have. Coronavirus relief funds must be encumbered by the middle of October.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the underground electric lines will need to be replaced on Oakwood Drive before the street construction project occurs. Engineering plans are currently being developed to bid the electric portion of this project.

Mayor Robert Geissman discussed OPWC grant applications for this year. The Lakeview Drive reconstruction project will be submitted. The village may also wish to resubmit the Oakwood Drive reconstruction project.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he met with the Medina County Economic Development Corporation and a representative from the Dellagnese property on West Drive to discuss 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. The representative from the Dellagnese property indicated that they are not interested in providing matching funds for this type of endeavor. A Phase I environmental study would need to be completed as part of the grant application. Mayor Geissman will be in further contact with the representative regarding funding options.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he met with Village Solicitor Irving Sugerman and the Ohio Department of Commerce regarding inspections for the Sunset Estates and Meadowview Village mobile home parks. Mayor Geissman also spoke to one of the owners of Meadowview Village. The owner indicated that he would like to re-develop the park into an age 55 and over retirement community. Mayor Geissman will be in further contact with the Ohio Department of

Commerce regarding inspection findings.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that Susan Hirsch attended the last Lodi Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to discuss possible services to the village. Susan is highly qualified in planning and zoning and is interested in helping re-write the village zoning code and assisting with other needed zoning and planning tasks. Other needed tasks include updating the I-2 zoning code section, working on the comprehensive plan appendix list, re-writing the subdivision regulations, writing standard operating procedures for zoning procedures, and other work as needed. A motion was made by Jameyson and seconded by May to authorize a contract with Susan Hirsch to be paid \$50 per hour to perform zoning and planning tasks as needed, with a maximum contract amount of \$5,000. The contract is subject to being extended if council wishes to have further work completed beyond what the \$5,000 will cover.

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

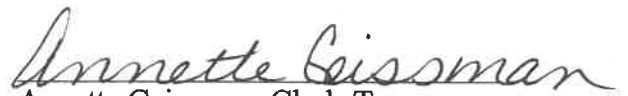
Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he will be contacting Spectrum regarding running an internet connection into Lodi Community Park for camera purposes.

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



Robert Geissman, Mayor



Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer