

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 14, 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 11-23-20 regular council meeting with the following change: May made the motion to pass the pay ordinance with a 2% increase and Mapes seconded the motion.

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

ABSTAIN: Jameyson

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Madelynn and Jen Crist were present along with Madelynn's teacher, Rene Glese McQuate, to discuss a community library project Madelynn would like to do in Lodi Central Park. Madelynn would like to place a small structure in Lodi Central Park across from the Books and Brew store. The structure will hold books that people are welcome to take. It is hopeful that when a book is taken the recipient will also leave a book for someone else to enjoy. Madelynn would like to provide books for elementary school children, middle school children, and teenagers. Madelynn indicated that she hopes to raise \$300 to start this project. Council members gave permission for the structure to be placed in the Central Park location. Madelynn will work with Parks Chair Melody Miller on details. Various elected officials pledged to individually donate startup money for the project.

LEGISLATION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, REQUESTING THE AUDITOR OF MEDINA COUNTY OHIO, TO MAKE TAX ADVANCES FOR THE 2021 YEAR PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 321.34 AND 321.341 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, 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 Graham and seconded by May to pass the ordinance.

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

NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY OHIO, FOR THE VILLAGE OF LODI, TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION SERVICES AND FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT TO HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by May and seconded by Mapes to suspend the three reading rule and pass the ordinance as an emergency.

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

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

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY OHIO, FOR THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO, TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by Mapes and seconded by Graham to suspend the three reading rule and pass the ordinance as an emergency.

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

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

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, ADOPTING AND APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE AGREEMENT FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE MEDINA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR CERTAIN CASES IN THE WADSWORTH MUNICIPAL COURT. A motion was made by Jameyson and seconded by May to pass the resolution.

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

COMMITTEE REQUESTS

MILLER – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES

Miller reported that the Christmas tree has been decorated in the gazebo in Central Park. Miller thanked the Daugherty family for the donation of the tree and thanked Pine Tree Barn for their 50% discount on the price of the tree. The Daugherty family helped decorate the tree and placed a memorial ornament on the tree in honor of Mr. Daugherty.

Miller reported that the Lodi Methodist Church would like to hold a socially distanced candle light service in Central Park on Christmas Eve. Council members agreed to this.

Council Member Mapes reported that the Eagle Scout game project has been built in Lodi Community Park.

Miller commended and thanked village employees for the great job they did decorating Central Park and the downtown area.

MAPES – SAFETY

Mapes thanked the fire department for driving Santa around the residential streets in the village. Many families enjoyed this.

Council Member Miller reported that she read on the police blotter that someone was behind village hall looking into police vehicles. It was determined that “Secure Area – No Trespassing” signs need to be posted in the area.

MAY – FINANCE AND LEGISLATION

May reported that she spoke to Westfield Fiscal Officer Debbie Runser about a public shredding day that was held in Westfield. A shredding company was hired for \$550 and the public was able to bring any documents that required shredding. May would like to hold an event like this in Lodi in the spring. May will gather more information.

GRAHAM – STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Graham reported that leaf pickup has finished. The street crew has been working in Lodi Community Park cleaning up tree debris from the recent wind storm. The snow plow equipment is working well and winter duties are resuming.

Council Member Mapes reported that the parking area next to the hardware store on Church Street needs to be re-painted. Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that this task is on the schedule for spring. Graham reported that the curbing in the area may also need to be repaired.

RIDENOUR – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ridenour reported that the new Bucket List restaurant has opened.

Council Member Mapes commented that the Whitefeather Meats property looks great.

JAMEYSON – ZONING

Jameyson reported that the next planning and zoning commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at 7 p.m.

CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman reported that an additional \$895.11 has been received in Coronavirus Relief Funds. Council will need to increase the appropriations at the next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Lodi-Harrisville Historical Society to declare February 14 as Founders Day. A resolution will be prepared for the next meeting.

MAYOR GEISSMAN

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he attended the Small Government Meeting for the CDBG

Grants and the Oakwood Drive reconstruction project has been ranked #5 on the Small Government Application list from District 9 that will be sent to the state. The Lakeview Drive reconstruction application was not on the list for recommended funding. Mayor Geissman requested the scoring sheets and methodology used for scoring. He will be attending the executive committee and integrating committee meeting in the near future. He will be speaking to the committee about updating scoring methods to mirror what the state uses. Council Member Jameyson thanked Mayor Geissman for all of his work on these projects.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he was contacted by a construction company notifying him that the old Hob Nob Restaurant will be torn down around the first of the year. The company will be bringing in a rock crusher as part of the process. It is not certain what will be built in its place.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he distributed CIC information to council members for review. Mayor Geissman will be contacting Larry Long, who wrote the power point presentation for the state, regarding input for a CIC in Lodi. Mayor Geissman will ask if a CIC may act as a land bank for municipalities and find out exactly what the CIC can and cannot do in a village, especially regarding residential properties. Mayor Geissman will report more at upcoming council meetings.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the local district has voted to send the Medina County Park District Grimm Property grant request to the state OPWC grant committee.

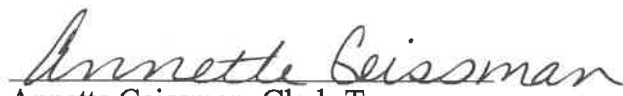
There being no further business to come before council, a motion was made by Graham and seconded by May to adjourn the meeting.

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

NAYS: None



Robert Geissman, Mayor



Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer