

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, January 11, 2021**

**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](http://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 12-28-20 regular council meeting.

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

NAYS: None

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Mapes to approve the minutes of the 1-4-21 council organizational meeting.

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

NAYS: None

### **COMMITTEE REQUESTS**

#### **MILLER – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES**

Miller thanked Frank Bros. for their donation of fertilizer and mulch this past summer for Central Park and the fire station. The village appreciates their donation very much.

Miller discussed the idea of placing artificial Christmas trees in groups of three around the square next year during the holiday season. Miller asked council members for input on new decorating ideas and possible sources to purchase decorations. Council Member May suggested looking at the Christmas sections of the businesses on the square. Council Member Jameyson suggested looking on GovDeals for decorations.

Miller asked if all council members voted to change the name of Letha House Field back to Richman Field when council made the change. Council members responded that everyone voted in favor of the change when it occurred.

Council Member Graham asked where the splash pad will be placed at Richman Field. Council Member Miller replied that she was thinking about placing it where the girl's ballfield is. Mayor Robert Geissman reported that another possibility is the footprint where the old field house was located. All options will be explored before a decision is made.

### **MAPES – SAFETY**

Mapes had nothing to report at this time.

### **MAY – FINANCE AND LEGISLATION**

May reported that a council finance committee meeting will be held on Monday, February 15, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss annual permanent appropriations.

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

Graham reported that the street department has been working on regular maintenance items, snow plowing of streets, storm sewer clean outs, and cold patching of streets. Graham asked council members to notify the village office if they become aware of any street repairs needed over the winter. The office will then relay the information to Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich.

Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich thanked council members for approving the pressure washers for cleaning purposes. The pressure washer order has been received.

Council Member Mapes asked if the street department roof has been replaced. Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich responded that he has gathered quotes but would prefer to wait until next year for this project since the roof was recently repaired.

### **RIDENOUR – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Ridenour had nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Robert Geissman commented that economic development is generally slow in the winter months.

### **JAMEYSON – ZONING**

Jameyson reported that the planning and zoning commission has been working on many issues. Appropriation dollar amounts for zoning needs will need to be established for this year. He also commented that Zoning Inspector Jean Houston has been working on a long list of items.

Council Member Miller reported that the small motel style apartments across from her residence appear to have a lot of cars in the parking area and asked how many people are permitted to live in the units. It was determined that the village zoning code does not limit the number of people authorized to live in dwelling units. Miller also stated that the units have a lot of junk piling up on the sides of the building. Zoning Inspector Jean Houston will need to address the junk issue.

### **MAYOR GEISSMAN**

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the Oakwood Drive underground electric upgrade project has started.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the Oakwood Drive reconstruction project grant request has been forwarded to the OPWC small government division at the state level. Mayor Geissman reported that he has concerns regarding fairness in the methodology used for scoring OPWC grant applications at the District 9 level. Mayor Geissman spoke with Abbey DeHart at the state

level regarding his concerns. District 9 will now be reviewing current methodology for small government applications in May. Mayor Geissman provided input to the committee for possible changes to the scoring methodology to make a more even playing ground for municipal villages.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that no announcement has been made yet regarding NOACA grant awards.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that Gloria Glens recently received their court order to take down a building in their community that had many zoning issues. Mayor Geissman stated that this process is very lengthy and will take time for our village to accomplish these types of projects.

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

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Robert Geissman, Mayor

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Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer