

## VILLAGE OF LODI

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 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](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, May, Graham, Ridenour, and Jameyson. Mapes was absent. Also in attendance were Mayor Robert Geissman, Assistant Village Solicitor Alex Quay, Police Chief Keith Keough, Fire Chief Chris Ridenour, and Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman.

#### MINUTES

A motion was made by May and seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the 7-13-20 regular council meeting.

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

NAYS: None

#### PUBLIC HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO CHAPTER 1250.15 OF THE LODI PLANNING AND ZONING CODE REFERRING TO THE REGULATION OF SWIMMING POOLS. Mayor Robert Geissman opened the public hearing. There were no public comments or council comments. Mayor Geissman then closed the public hearing.

#### LEGISLATION

THIRD AND FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1961 AND ZONING CODE CHAPTER 1250.15 RELATED TO THE REGULATION OF SWIMMING POOLS LOCATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO. A motion was made by Jameyson and seconded by Graham to pass the ordinance upon this third and final reading.

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

NAYS: None

A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH THE SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A RENEWAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN (10) MILL LIMITATION TO ENSURE SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO

(R.C. 5705.03, 5705.19 (I), 5705.191, 5705.192, and 5705.25). A motion was made by May and seconded by Graham to pass the resolution.

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

NAYS: None

## **COMMITTEE REQUESTS**

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

Miller reported that she discussed the annual Park Stock concert event with Tim Samples. Due to COVID-19 concerns they made the decision to move the event to June 4 & 5, 2021.

### **MAPES – SAFETY**

Mapes was absent.

Police Chief Keough discussed two near miss traffic accidents at the intersection on the square where the car repair shop is located. Officer Miller witnessed the events and discussed the matter with Chief Keough. It was determined that a right turn only sign will be placed in the area where cars pull out of the car repair shop parking lot. Police Chief Keough will ask the business owner to make his customers of the change.

Police Chief Keough reported that the village received a donation of \$1,200 from the support raffle event held for the safety services. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham to accept the \$1,200 donation to the village for the police department.

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

NAYS: None

Fire Chief Chris Ridenour reported that the Lodi Fire and Rescue Association also received a donation of \$1,200 from the safety services support raffle.

### **MAY – FINANCE & LEGISLATION**

A motion was made by May and seconded by Miller to proceed with the Ohio EPA loan application for the Village of Lodi Water Improvement Project. The loan will be for a term of twenty years with a .87% interest rate. The exact amount of the loan will be determined once bids are received for the project and once the CDBG Grant awards are known. The total estimate is currently \$2,612,519.

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

NAYS: None

A motion was made by May and seconded by Miller to accept a donation of \$100 from Joyce Daugherty in memory of her husband, John A. Daugherty. The donation amounts are \$25 for police, \$25 for fire, and \$50 for parks. Council Member Miller will work with Mrs. Daugherty to determine her wishes for the parks portion of the donation.

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

NAYS: None

A motion was made by May and seconded by Jameyson to approve the monthly bills.

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

NAYS: None

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

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

NAYS: None

### **GRAHAM – STREETS & SIDEWALKS**

Graham reported that an additional street light has been placed on Redfield Street as requested at the last council meeting.

### **RIDENOUR – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Ridenour reported that Subway and the new art studio should be opening this week.

Council Member Miller reported that the new gift shop beside the car repair shop on the square has opened.

### **JAMEYSON – ZONING**

Jameyson reported that the Lodi Planning and Zoning Commission has been working on issues with dilapidated properties and working on remedies for unresolved zoning violations associated with the properties. It may be necessary to declare some properties nuisances and have them torn down. The village solicitor will be sending letters to the property owners soon regarding next steps. Discussion was held regarding the status of particular properties.

### **CLERK-TREASURER**

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman discussed possible USDA funding for the remounting of two village EMS vehicles onto new chassis. The USDA requires the village to create a bond which they will purchase to be used as the loan for the project. The village would need to pledge inside tax millage for the project. The USDA also requires individuals to be bonded for the amount of the loan payment. It was determined that the village is not interested in this funding source. Fire Chief Chris Ridenour and Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman will gather more funding option information for council review.

### **MAYOR GEISSMAN**

Mayor Robert Geissman discussed potential changes to the village truck route ordinance. He suggested that Howe Street be removed as a truck route. If this change is made letters will be sent to businesses directing them that trucks will be required to turn around at the business location so that they exit on Lee Street. "No Truck" signs will need to be placed on Howe Street. Assistant Village Solicitor Alex Quay will prepare the necessary legislation. Council Member Graham suggested blocking off specific driveway exits at some businesses so truck traffic cannot use Howe Street. Mayor Geissman also suggested creating an ordinance prohibiting trucks from idling, especially overnight near a residential district. Mayor Geissman will obtain a sample ordinance for Assistant Village Solicitor Alex Quay to review.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he met with the Medina County Economic Development Corporation today to update them on progress in Lodi and to discuss possible future plans. He discussed the availability of property on West Drive for industrial purposes. He also discussed struggles the village has had with the Ohio Department of Commerce regarding enforcement of regulations within mobile home parks. MCDEC offered assistance with reaching out to individuals who may be able to help with the Ohio Department of Commerce issue. Mayor Geissman reported that Village Solicitor Irving Sugarman is also reaching out directly to the Ohio Department of Commerce.


Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the Lodi Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed Appendix E from the Lodi Comprehensive Plan which outlines changes needed to the Lodi Planning and Zoning Code. Some of the recommended changes have already been made. Mayor Geissman will compile a list of remaining items for council review. Mayor Geissman also reported that he spoke with Susan Hirsch, who helped write the comprehensive plan, and she is interested in helping the village re-write the zoning code. Mayor Geissman will have her attend the next planning meeting to discuss possible services.


Mayor Robert Geissman reported that a letter was sent to all businesses in the village to notify them of the availability of the County Wide Small Business Grant Program. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to Medina County small businesses to cover expenses related to COVID-19. The grants are a one-time payment for reimbursable expenses and do not have to be paid back. Lodi businesses were encouraged to apply for the grant.

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, Ridenour, and Jameyson

NAYS: None

  
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Robert Geissman, Mayor

  
Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer