

## VILLAGE OF LODI

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 8, 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, Mapes, May, Graham, Ridenour, and Jameyson. Also in attendance were Mayor Robert Geissman, Assistant Village Solicitor Alex Quay, Police Chief Keith Keough, Fire Chief Chris Ridenour, Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich, and Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman.

#### MINUTES

A motion was made by May and seconded by Jameyson to approve the minutes of the 5-11-20 regular council meeting with the following correction: The word lower needs to be changed to flower in the motion to waive the assemblage permit fee for the Mason's.

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

NAYS: None

#### LEGISLATION

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1725 AND ZONING CODE CHAPTER 1260 RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF MOBILE HOME PARKS AND MOBILE HOME PARK DISTRICTS LOCATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO. A motion was made by May and seconded by Graham to declare this a first reading of the ordinance.

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

NAYS: None

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1250.04 OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO. A motion was made by May and seconded by Mapes to declare this a first reading of the ordinance.

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

NAYS: None

A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO LEVY 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, TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTION (R.C. 5705.3, 5705.19(I), 5705.191, 5705.192, and 5705.25). A motion was made by Graham and seconded by May to pass the resolution.

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

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING AND ACKNOWLEDGING THAT FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO, FROM THE COUNTY DISTRIBUTION FUND ESTABLISHED BY THE "CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT" IN SENATE BILL 310 OF THE 133RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SHALL BE USED ONLY IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 5001 OF THE "CARES ACT" AS SET FORTH IN 42 U.S.C. 601(D), AND ALL OTHER APPLICABLE REGULATIONS. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham to pass the resolution.

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

### **COMMITTEE REQUESTS**

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

Miller reported that she and her husband planted flowers in the pots around village square. Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich confirmed that the flowers are being watered.

Discussion was held regarding the need to close the restrooms in Lodi Community Park while the restrooms are being renovated. Signs will be posted at the park to notify residents.

#### **MAPES – SAFETY**

A motion was made by Mapes and seconded by Jameyson to approve a fireworks agreement for 8525 Richman Road.

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

Upon the recommendation of Mayor Robert Geissman a motion was made by Mapes and seconded by Graham to hire Jacqueline Rowland and Diana Fulk as part time members of the Fire and EMS department upon successful completion of pre-employment testing requirements and background checks.

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

Council Member Graham asked if there is a law against setting off fireworks in the village. Police Chief Keough responded that fireworks are not permitted to be set off in the village. It was determined that a reminder to residents will be included in the next letter mailed with the utility bills.

Police Chief Keough reported that he applied for the annual MCDAC grant to cover the wages of the K-9 officer. He will report grant results when he receives them.

Council Member Miller reported that she feels we need to show support for our first responders during these difficult times.

### **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 Ridenour to approve the monthly financial report.

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

Discussion was held regarding funding for a new fire truck. Proposals from the USDA and Huntington Bank were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by May and seconded by Jameyson to enter into a five year lease agreement with Huntington Bank with a 2.23% interest rate for the new fire truck. Nothing will be owed at the end of the lease and the vehicle will be the property of the village. The EMS vehicle project may also be funded through Huntington Bank depending on USDA grant clarification for the EMS vehicle.

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

### **GRAHAM – STREETS & SIDEWALKS**

A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Jameyson to authorize the clerk-treasurer to advertise for bids for the Oakwood Drive Reconstruction Project.

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

Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that the Hawthorne Drive reconstruction project is finished. Tracy has a meeting scheduled with a resident at 650 Hawthorne Drive to discuss a concern.

### **RIDENOUR – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Ridenour reported that she hopes to have more to report soon since businesses are opening back up from being closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **JAMEYSON – ZONING**

A motion was made by Jameyson and seconded by Mapes to approve a tree lawn parking permit renewal for 116 High Street.

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

Discussion was held regarding a tree lawn parking permit renewal application for 104 High Street. It was determined that the issue will be tabled until a proper application is received.

A motion was made by Jameyson and seconded by Miller to approve tree lawn parking permit applications for 145 and 145 ½ Harris Street.

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

The next planning and zoning commission will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom.

Council Member Ridenour discussed the possibility of setting up a borrowing system where residents in need of equipment for home repairs may contact residents who are willing to lend equipment for these purposes. After discussion it was determined that Ridenour will begin something of this nature on Facebook.

Council Member Miller asked about ongoing zoning/property maintenance issues at 106 Prospect Street. Mayor Robert Geissman reported that additional notices of correction with photos are being sent to the property owner. Mayor Geissman is working with Village Solicitor Irving Sugarman to determine next steps for this property.

Council Member May discussed the parking of vehicles at the corner of Railroad Street and Bank Street. It is believed that no parking permits exist for these vehicles. The issue will be looked into.

Council Member Mapes discussed the state of the old restaurant at the Triple "O" location. The property is in disrepair and does not look good. Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he will speak with the owner.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he is working with the zoning inspector to write up issues with all of the vacant properties in the village so prospective buyers may be made aware of items that need to be corrected.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the Lodi Zoning and Planning Commission members discussed the potential sale of the property located at 112 Medina Street at their last meeting. The commission is recommending that council keep this parcel of property and not sell it. They have determined that the property may be of value to the village in the future, especially when further downtown renovation plans are made. Council members agreed with this analysis. A motion was made by Graham and seconded by May to keep the property and not sell it. Upon roll call: YEAS: Graham, May, Miller, Mapes, Ridenour, and Jameyson  
NAYS: None

### **MAYOR GEISSMAN**

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the village will be receiving CDBG grant funding in 2021 for playground equipment for Lodi Community Park and for repairs to be made to the fountain in Lodi Central Park.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he will obtain price quotes for security cameras to be placed in Lodi Community Park.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he received an email from ODOT stating that they have elected not to perform the study of the Route 83 intersection because of funding cuts. However, they are still planning to fund the crosswalk signal project.


Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he has had further discussion with the developer who is interested in purchasing the remaining acreage of the Grimm property to put in a housing development. The developer indicated that they would like to build smaller homes, but was told that the property is zoned R-1 and the homes will have to be larger to comply with the zoning code requirements.

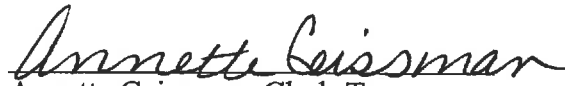
Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he is gathering information to provide to a marketing representative who is working on a flyer for available industrial property on West Drive. Mayor Geissman is providing information on available village utilities, etc.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he has again contacted the Ohio Department of Commerce regarding the status of inspections in village mobile home parks. Village Solicitor Irving Sugerman is working with Mayor Geissman to make sure safety issues are being addressed by the Ohio Department of Commerce.

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

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

  
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Robert Geissman, Mayor

  
Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer