

VILLAGE OF LODI

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 11, 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, Fire Chief Chris Ridenour, Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich, Board of Public Affairs Member Karl Hagelin, Board of Public Affairs Member Paul Emerson, and Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman.

MINUTES

A motion was made by May and seconded by Jameyson to approve the minutes of the 4-27-20 regular council meeting with the following correction: Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich was in attendance.

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

NAYS: None

LEGISLATION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL AND A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT TO ACCEPT AND EXECUTE THE 2023-2030 FIXED VOLUME ENERGY SUPPLY SCHEDULE WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC., AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by Mapes and seconded by Miller to suspend the three reading rule and pass the ordinance as an emergency.

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

NAYS: None

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

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

NAYS: None

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF LODI, TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT (WSRLA) AGREEMENT FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER FACILITIES; DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham to pass the resolution pending the approval of the village solicitor.

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

NAYS: None

COMMITTEE REQUESTS

MILLER – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ridenour to waive the \$50 assemblage permit fee for the annual flower sale held by the Mason's in Central Park.

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

NAYS: None

Discussion was held regarding a parade being held before the park festival concert this year. This is a village sponsored event and it was determined that Council Member Miller will fill out the parade and assembly permit.

Miller reported that the signs ordered for Richman Field and Lodi Community Park are in place. Electric needs to be installed for the sign at Richman Field.

Miller reported that Lodi Community Park is now open. Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that minor repairs have been made to the bridge and it is also open.

Council Member Mapes reported that she spoke to the Medina County Parks District and they have given permission for the community garden to take place on their property again this year. They also indicated they would like to meet with council to discuss plans for trails at the Hidden Hollows property as well as plans for the Grimm property and the parkland beside the sewer plant. It was determined that council would like to meet with the parks district once in person meetings resume.

MAPES – SAFETY

Mapes thanked the safety departments for their work during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mapes also offered condolences for the loss of former fire department Chief and Member David Ridenour.

Mapes reported that the police department participated in COVID-19 patient Greg Frary's homecoming parade today. Miller reported that the fire department also participated in the parade.

MAY – FINANCE & LEGISLATION

A motion was made by May and seconded by Mapes to authorize the Lodi Board of Public Affairs to apply for a CDBG grant for possible water tower funding.

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

NAYS: None

GRAHAM – STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Discussion was held with ODOT Representative Kevin Westbrooks regarding ODOT Safety Funding for crosswalks in the downtown area. Kevin reported that ODOT has approved funding new crosswalk signals at the main intersection. An amount of \$498,240 has been approved, representing 100% of the project costs. ODOT would like to explore an option to also re-align Elyria Street to improve the safety of the intersection. This project would be 100% funded by ODOT. If council elects to authorize ODOT to perform a study of this intersection to possibly

include this re-alignment in the project, the crosswalk signals would be delayed by approximately one year. It was determined that council is in agreement to allow ODOT to perform the study at no cost to the village. Council will then evaluate the results to determine if they wish to proceed with an intersection change. Mayor Robert Geissman will write a letter to ODOT informing them of this decision.

Discussion was held regarding the Church Street intersection pedestrian crosswalk signal request. ODOT Representative Kevin Westbrook reported that a study of the location showed that the intersection does not have enough traffic to receive funding for a pedestrian signal. Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that he would still like to formulate a plan to put a crosswalk signal at this location.

Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that the Hawthorne Drive reconstruction project is approximately 99% complete. A final punch list is being put together for the project.

RIDENOUR – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ridenour reported that she hopes to have more to report once businesses are able to open back up from being closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mapes reported that Subway plans to open up within two to three weeks. She also reported that it is not certain if the music store will continue.

Graham reported that Always Wanted plans to have a large sale and is hopeful it will bring in enough business to keep the store open.

JAMEYSON – ZONING

Jameyson reported that there has been a lot of negative feedback on Facebook regarding zoning letters sent out by the new zoning inspector. Mayor Robert Geissman reported that there was a miscommunication regarding which letter format was to be sent out. The problem will be corrected. Property owners are being notified about property maintenance issues and will be given information regarding grant money that is currently available to possibly help correct these issues. The zoning inspector is also trying to resolve ongoing zoning violation issues from the last zoning inspector files that have not yet been taken care of.

The next planning and zoning commission will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom.

MAYOR GEISSMAN

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he would like to begin looking at future CDBG funding for downtown renovation purposes. It is an opportune time to begin planning while ODOT is conducting their study regarding the possible Elyria Street intersection reconstruction. This should allow enough time for council to determine what they would like to improve in the downtown renovation process. The next round of CDBG applications will be due in the spring of 2022.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that engineering plans are proceeding for the Oakwood Drive

reconstruction project to occur this year.

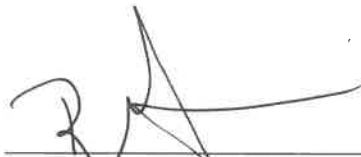
Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he has spoken with a developer who is interested in purchasing the remaining acreage of the Grimm property to put in a housing development.

It was determined that no council meeting will be held on Monday, May 25, 2020, because it is Memorial Day.

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

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

NAYS: None



Robert Geissman, Mayor



Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer