

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 23, 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, and Ridenour. Jameyson was absent. Also in attendance were Mayor Robert Geissman, Assistant Village Solicitor Alex Quay, Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman, Police Chief Keith Keough, and Fire Chief Chris Ridenour.

MINUTES

A motion was made by May and seconded by Graham to approve the minutes of the 11-9-20 regular council meeting.

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

LEGISLATION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE CLERK TO ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF A FIRE PUMPER AS ADVERTISED FOR BID ON OCTOBER 27, 2020, AND DECLARING THE SAME 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, and Ridenour
NAYS: None

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

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE CLERK TO ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF A SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) FILL STATION AIR COMPRESSOR AS ADVERTISED FOR BID ON OCTOBER 27, 2020, AND DECLARING THE SAME 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, and Ridenour
NAYS: None

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

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO, AUTHORIZING

THE VILLAGE CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) EQUIPMENT AS ADVERTISED FOR BID ON OCTOBER 27, 2020, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by Mapes and seconded by May to suspend the three reading rule and pass the ordinance as an emergency.

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

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

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, FIXING THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, FIXING THE EFFECTIVE DATE FROM AND AFTER NOVEMBER 30, 2020, EXCEPT AS HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS INCONSISTENT HERewith, AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by May and seconded by Graham to suspend the three reading rule and pass the ordinance as an emergency.

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

A motion was made by May and seconded by Mapes to pass the ordinance with a 2% across the board raise.

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

COMMITTEE REQUESTS

MILLER – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham for an expenditure of up to \$9,000 to Astro Systems to install security cameras in Lodi Community Park.

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

Miller reported that the Winter Wonderland scheduled for December 5 has been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns. Council members agreed that the event needs to be cancelled due to the rising number of COVID-19 cases.

Miller reported that she and her husband put up Christmas bows and pine in Lodi Central Park today. The Christmas tree for the Gazebo will arrive on Wednesday. It will be decorated the following week.

Miller reported that the Lodi Central Park gazebo will need painted next year.

MAPES – SAFETY

Mapes had nothing to report at this time.

Council Member Miller reported that she feels council needs to look at expanding the fire station

building in the near future. Land was purchased several years ago for this purpose. New fire trucks are being ordered and the current building is small.

Fire Chief Chris Ridenour reported that Harrisville Township will be purchasing approximately \$85,000 worth of equipment for the fire department using their coronavirus money. Council will need to accept the donation when the exact list of equipment is received.

Council Member Miller reported that Rittman may be using some of their coronavirus money to give their first responders hazard pay. Miller would like to see if this is a possibility for Lodi. More information will be gathered on this subject.

Council Member May asked if coronavirus money may be used to purchase a new police car. Police Chief Keough responded that he looked into this option and is not comfortable with using the money for a police car, he does not feel it fits the criteria. Police Chief Keough reported that he looked into the available options for police departments and there were not any items that he felt he could use the money for.

MAY – FINANCE AND LEGISLATION

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

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

NAYS: None

GRAHAM – STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Graham reported that she received an email from an organization wanting to put up bike signs throughout the village. After discussion it was determined that the village will hold off on approving this request. The grant application the village submitted to NOACA covers bike routes and the village will wait to see if the grant is approved and then determine where bike signs are needed. Graham will contact the organization that sent the email and tell them that the village does not wish to put up bike signs at this time.

Graham asked about the timeline for the cross walk grant for the downtown area. Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman reported that the grant has been approved and the state will be scheduling the work for 2022 or 2023.

Graham reported that the cemetery recently hired AJ Tree to remove trees that came down in Woodlawn Cemetery.

RIDENOUR – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ridenour had nothing to report at this time.

JAMEYSON – ZONING

Jameyson was absent.

Council Member May reported that the non-conforming house sitting on a commercial property on Medina Street has been removed.

Council Member Miller asked about the progress of the O'Reilly Auto Parts project. Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the project has been approved and they are ready to begin building.

Council Member Graham asked about the progress of the Hower Building restoration. Mayor Robert Geissman reported that Will Genkin is currently working on the interior of the building. Council Member Mapes reported that the inside has been completely gutted and there is currently no floor.

CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman reported that the insurance company has authorized payment of \$2,357.25 for damages incurred to the zoning vehicle when someone hit it in the CVS parking lot. Discussion was held and council determined that due to the age and poor condition of the vehicle it is not worth repairing. A motion was made by Mapes and seconded by Graham to give the vehicle to the fire department. Assistant Village Solicitor Alex Quay will look into the possibility of the fire department cutting up the car to dispose of it in one of their practice sessions.

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

NAYS: None

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman reported that Governor DeWine has extended the ability to hold virtual meetings until July 1, 2021.

MAYOR GEISSMAN

Mayor Robert Geissman reported the CDBG Grant process timeline for the Oakwood Drive reconstruction application and the Lakeview Drive reconstruction application. Engineering review and scoring will take place on 12-4-20. Mayor Geissman is a member of the Small Government Committee which will meet to review the applications on 12-11-20. Mayor Geissman is also a member of the Executive and Integrating Committee which will meet on 1-8-21 to determine final recommendations. All recommendations will be sent to the state on 1-29-21.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that Swift Construction contacted him about the possibility of building a 40' by 80' auto repair building on the vacant property next to Circle K. Auto Repair is not listed as a conditionally permitted use in the zoning code for this parcel but the planning commission may consider any use under the conditional section for this particular zoning district.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he met with Susan Hirsch and NEO again to discuss the site planning grant available to communities. Mayor Geissman will be contacting NEO monthly for updates on the process. He also spoke with NEO about a village CIC and how it is very beneficial to village planning. They discussed the possibility of turning current property located behind Sunset Estates into industrial land through a CIC. The village comprehensive plan

recommends turning twenty acres of land into industrial property. A CIC could also be used to sell land on Avon Lake Road to a developer. Mayor Geissman will email council members all of the CIC information he gathered last year. He would like to begin this process for the village.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the property appraisal report has been emailed to council members for the portion of the Grimm property on Avon Lake Road the village is looking at purchasing in conjunction with the Medina County Park District. Although the prospective portion of the property designated for village purposes appraisal value is at least \$149,000, Mr. Grimm has agreed to sell it to the village for \$119,000. Since this land has been deemed most appropriate for single family homes the village may wish to send a letter to the OPWC grant committee indicating that we are still not in favor of the park district taking ownership of the rest of the parcel. It is desperately needed for the future economic growth of the village. Council will think about this option. Mayor Geissman reminded Assistant Village Solicitor Alex Quay that the village still needs him to draft a letter of intent stating that council approved up to \$125,000 for the purchase of the property if the county receives the OPWC grant to purchase the remaining portion. Alex will prepare the letter of intent.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the planning commission is still working on condemning the house on Prospect Street. The next letter pertaining to this is scheduled to be sent in December.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that Will Genkin submitted a conditional zoning request to turn the building on Wooster Street into a bakery on the first floor and an apartment on the second floor. A public hearing will be held and the planning commission will act on the request.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that Zoning Inspector Jean Houston is continuing to send out property maintenance code violation letters and people are making progress with needed repairs.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the six unit Real Life building on Wooster Street has the door missing again. Mayor Geissman spoke to the realtor for this property and explained that it is non-conforming and cannot be used as a six unit apartment building. It may be used for office space, etc.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that all vehicle repair shops in the village were sent a letter about the need to remove used tires from their properties. Assistant Village Solicitor Alex Quay will research whether the village may remove used tires and put an assessment on the business property taxes if a business owner does not comply.

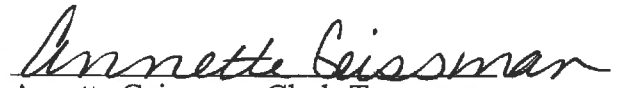
There being no further business to come before council, a motion was made by Graham and seconded by May to adjourn the meeting.

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

NAYS: None

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Robert Geissman, Mayor

Handwritten signature of Annette Geissman in cursive script.

Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer