

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 26, 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, Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman, Fire Chief Chris Ridenour, Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich, and Board of Public Affairs Member Karl Hagelin.

MINUTES

A motion was made by May and seconded by Graham to approve the minutes of the 10-12-20 regular council meeting with the following corrections: change "as" to "was" in the motion suspending the rules for the cleaning ordinance, and change "the" to "she" in the statement that Graham spoke to the Legion about flags.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Beth Biggins-Ramer was present and answered questions regarding the proposed Medina County Solid Waste Management District's amended draft solid waste management plan.

LEGISLATION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, TRANSFERRING ITEMS BETWEEN FUNDS AND/OR INCREASING, DECREASING, OR TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATION ITEMS WITHIN FUNDS. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ridenour to pass the resolution.

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

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR. A motion was made by May and seconded by Graham to pass the resolution.

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE STREET SUPERINTENDENT TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO

PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED FOR ANY AWARDED PROJECTS. 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

COMMITTEE REQUESTS

MILLER – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Mapes for an expenditure of \$1,226 to Weed Pro for 2021 lawn care services for Central Park, Richman Field, and the firehouse.

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

NAYS: None

Miller reported that last weekend's food stand fundraiser raised \$350 for village parks.

Miller reported that she purchased new decorations for the Central Park Christmas tree.

Miller reported that she would like to purchase the Central Park Christmas tree from Pine Tree Barn this year. They have offered a 50% discount on a 7-8' tree if a sign is put up indicating where the tree was purchased from. Council agreed to this offer.

Council Member Mapes reported that the Lodi Harrisville Historical Society would like permission to place the Victorian figures in Central Park again this year. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by May to allow the figures to be placed in Central Park from November through January.

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

NAYS: None

MAPES – SAFETY

A motion was made by Mapes and seconded by Graham to authorize the clerk-treasurer to advertise for bids for a fire pumper, monitor/defibrillator, SCBA fill station/air compressor, and SCBA equipment per the requirements of the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

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

NAYS: None

Mapes reported that Fire Chief Ridenour provided council with an invitation to participate in a Fire Department Personal Protective Equipment Challenge. This challenge will allow elected officials to get a feel for what the fire department employees wear and do on a normal basis.

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

GRAHAM – STREETS & SIDEWALKS

A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Miller to accept the donation of seventy American flags from the Lodi American Legion.

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

Graham reported that leaf collection has begun and will continue through at least the week of Thanksgiving.

Graham reported that road repairs are being made near the Methodist Church on the corner of Church Street and Medina Street due to a water connection leak.

RIDENOUR – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ridenour had nothing to report at this time.

JAMEYSON – ZONING

Jameyson reported that Will Genkin has expressed interest in purchasing the property located at 113 Wooster Street to construct an ice cream shop and bakery on the first floor and an apartment on the second floor.

Jameyson reported that Zoning Inspector Jean Houston is doing an excellent job.

Jameyson reported that the planning commission is still working on abandoned properties within the village.

Council Member Graham reported that the home on the corner of Mill Street and North Market Street is in need of repairs. Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the zoning inspector has recently sent a letter regarding needed repairs to the home owner.

CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman discussed using Coronavirus Relief Funds to purchase a UV light to add to the fire house furnace. The UV light disrupts virus cells, causing them to be killed and will help prevent the possible spread of COVID-19. A motion was made by Mapes and seconded by Graham for an expenditure of \$1,200 from Coronavirus Relief Funds for this purpose.

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

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman discussed Medical Mutual health insurance renewal rates through Jefferson Health Plan. The Medical Mutual premiums are scheduled to increase by 3.24% for 2021. A motion was made by May and seconded by Jameyson to renew the Medical Mutual health insurance with the 3.24% increase for 2021.

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

MAYOR GEISSMAN

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the Petrition LLC property located on Medina Street was purchased by Whitefeather Meats. The non-conforming house at the front of the property will be torn down. This will be a meat processing facility which may include sales.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he submitted the grant application to NOACA and will be doing a half hour presentation to NOACA explaining the village's need for the grant.

A motion was made by Graham and seconded by May to go into executive session to discuss the purchase of property and invite Assistant Village Solicitor Alex Quay, Fire Chief Chris Ridenour, and Board of Public Affairs Member Karl Hagelin.

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

A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Miller to come out of executive session with no action taken and to resume the regular meeting.

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

A motion was made by Jameyson and seconded by May to purchase a 14 acre portion of a parcel of land located on Avon Lake Road in conjunction with the Medina County Park District at a price not to exceed \$125,000, and enter into a purchase contract with Grimm family (current owners).


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

A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Ridenour to have Engineering Associates complete a study of River Street to start on re-designing the area to lessen housing density.

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

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

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



Robert Geissman, Mayor



Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer