

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, September 14, 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, Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman, Fire Chief Chris Ridenour, and Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by May to approve the minutes of the 8-24-20 regular council meeting.

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

**LEGISLATION**

THIRD AND FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2117 RELATING TO TRUCK TRAFFIC, ROUTES, AND PERMITS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LODI. 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, Mapes, May, and Ridenour  
NAYS: None

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 May and seconded by Miller to pass the ordinance.

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

**COMMITTEE REQUESTS**

**MILLER – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES**

Miller discussed the quality of the flowers that were planted in the pots around village square the past couple of years. The flowers did not do well. Miller reported that she will purchase flowers from a different local vendor next year.

Miller reported that \$2400 has been received for parks from the proceeds of food vendor sales on village square.

Miller reported that the library would like to hold a scavenger hunt in Central Park in October.

Discussion was held regarding requests to use Central Park. Council was in agreement to allow Nicole Brantner to set up a cider stand this weekend to accept donations for the non-profit group "Project Worth Saving". The group will collect donations to provide Thanksgiving food baskets to area families in need. Council was also in agreement to allow the Cub Scouts to set up a stand in Central Park to sell popcorn. It was determined that requests of this nature by non-profit organizations are acceptable. However, individuals who are not part of an organization will not be permitted to set up stands to sell their goods.

Miller reported that eleven picnic tables have been identified to be stored at the Harris Road warehouse over the winter. Miller will contact the Ruritans to ask about possible picnic table donations. She will also look into prefabricated tables.

**MAPES – SAFETY**

Mapes reported that the new garage doors at the fire station look great.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he asked Fire Chief Chris Ridenour to obtain a quote for SCBA equipment for the fire department which may be purchased with Coronavirus Relief Funds. Chief Ridenour obtained a quote for needed equipment. A motion was made by Mapes and seconded by Graham to purchase six sets of Air Pack Pro SCBA packs along with other needed accessories to assist the Fire/EMS department with COVID-19 infection prevention. This purchase will cost approximately \$60,000.

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

NAYS: Nay

**MAY – FINANCE & LEGISLATION**

May had nothing to report at this time.

**GRAHAM – STREETS & SIDEWALKS**

Graham had nothing to report at this time.

Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that street blade patching will begin next week. The street department has also been working on storm sewers. The park rules signs have been ordered to replace faded signs.

**RIDENOUR – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Ridenour had nothing to report at this time.

**JAMEYSON – ZONING**

A motion was made by Jameyson and seconded by Graham to renew a tree lawn parking permit application for 106 High Street for one vehicle only.

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

NAYS: None

A motion was made by Jameyson and seconded by Miller to renew a tree lawn parking permit application for 206 Mill Street.

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

NAYS: None

Discussion was held regarding a request for a new tree lawn parking permit for 109 Baker Avenue. It was determined that this request will be tabled until the next meeting. Council Members will look at the area involved before making a decision. Council Member Mapes reported that people also park on the corner of Schempp and Baker near this address and this also needs to be looked into.

Council Member May reported that a car is parked on the lawn during daylight hours and overnight hours at 203 Redfield Street. The police department will need to look into this situation.

Council Member Mapes discussed a property on Prospect Street that is two doors down from the rear of her lot on Baker Avenue. The property needs to have property maintenance issues addressed.

#### **MAYOR GEISSMAN**

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that Spectrum is working on a quote for providing internet access to Lodi Community Park for security camera purposes. He hopes to have more information to present at the next meeting.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the Eagle Scout wishing to place a recreational game in Lodi Community Park would like to proceed with his project. Council agreed to allow him to proceed. He will need to place his project near the Scout Cabin.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that we will need to begin excavating and leveling the area where the CDBG grant funded playground equipment will be placed in Lodi Community Park. We need to make sure the equipment is not placed near the leach bed.

Mayor Robert Geissman discussed OPWC grant application for Lakeview Drive is currently being worked on. The Lakeview Drive reconstruction project will cost at least 1.4 million dollars so this grant possibility would be of considerable help to the village. There is still a possibility that some of the OPWC grant money may be awarded for the Oakwood Drive reconstruction project.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the O'Reilly auto parts project details are being reviewed by the village engineers. They are currently addressing storm sewer drainage items and hope to be done with the review soon.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he has been in contact with the attorney for the Whisper Creek development project regarding questions about the engineer's analysis of the project. Whisper Creek has questions associated with the required street near the water line loop. They would like to create the roadway after the homes are built, but are willing to complete the water

line loop now. This will be discussed by the Lodi Planning and Zoning Commission. Whisper Creeks wishes to begin construction of fifty new homes very soon.

Mayor Robert Geissman discussed a zoning complaint letter received by all council members and himself regarding a property on Prospect Street and the list of property maintenance items that must be complied with by the new owner. It was determined that the village did nothing incorrect regarding the situation.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the Medina County Solid Waste District has provided copies of their new plan and are asking municipalities to either pass a resolution agreeing with the plan or reject the plan within ninety days. Council members will review the information for discussion at a future meeting.

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

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

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Robert Geissman, Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Annette Geissman', written over a horizontal line.

Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer