

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, September 28, 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, Police Chief Keith Keough, Fire Chief Chris Ridenour, and Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mayor Robert read and answered a list of questions submitted by email from village resident Tim Nowlin.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by May and seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the 9-14-20 regular council meeting.

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

**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 Jameyson and seconded by May to pass the ordinance.

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

**COMMITTEE REQUESTS**

**MILLER – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES**

Miller reported that a request was received from Nicole Brantner asking for permission for the non-profit organization Project Worth Saving to do a pumpkin carving contest fundraiser. They would like to hold a safe distancing pumpkin carving contest with three tables, one for coffee and apple cider, one for snacks, and one for pumpkins. They have indicated that they will follow all COVID safety protocols. Council agreed to allow the fundraiser.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Mapes for an expenditure of \$6,800 for engineering services needed for the Central Park fountain repair CDBG project.

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

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Mapes to hold voluntary Trick-or-Treat on October 31, 2020, from 6 to 8pm.

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Robert Geissman discussed internet service to Lodi Community Park for the purpose of installing security cameras. Mayor Geissman received a price quote from Spectrum of \$9,100 to install the service. Spectrum has agreed to pay \$8,000 of the amount and is only asking the village to pay \$1,100. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham for an expenditure of \$1,100 to Spectrum to install internet service to Lodi Community Park.

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Geissman reported that Police Lt. Brian Ritchie received a price quote between \$8,000 and \$9,000 from Astro Systems to install WI-FI security cameras in Community Park. It was determined that a wired camera system is needed. Astro Systems will be asked for a revised quote. A price quote will also be received from a second vendor source.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that Police Lt. Ritchie also obtained a price quote between \$600 and \$750 to provide WI-FI internet service to Lodi Central Park.

Mapes reported that she would like to purchase eight or ten new picnic tables for parks. She is still waiting to hear back from the Ruritan's regarding possible picnic table donations.

#### **MAPES – SAFETY**

A motion was made by Mapes and seconded by Graham to accept a donation to the police department from Alternative Paths, Inc., in the amount of \$1,500.

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

NAYS: None

A motion was made by Mapes and seconded by Miller to accept a donation of two yards of mulch to the fire department from Frank Brothers, Inc.

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

NAYS: None

Mapes reported that the fire station is looking very good.

Council Member Miller congratulated Fire Chief Ridenour on the receipt of the FEMA grant to purchase a new fire truck and other equipment.

#### **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**

Graham reported that the street department is finishing blade patch work and catch basin repairs.

Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that approximately seventy flags are in need of replacement. Graham will speak to the American Legion about flag replacement.

#### **RIDENOUR – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Ridenour had nothing to report at this time.

#### **JAMEYSON – ZONING**

Jameyson discussed the tree lawn parking permit application for 109 Baker Street that was tabled at the last meeting. Jameyson received two complaints regarding many cars going in and out of the property. This property is also located on the fire hydrant side of the street and parking is not permitted on the hydrant side of the street. It was suggested that some of the family cars be parked in the garage. Police Chief Keough will speak to the property owner about their parking situation. The permit application will continue to be tabled.

Jameyson inquired about the status of the old Hob Nob Restaurant that burned. Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he has not heard back from the owner yet but will leave him another message.

#### **CLERK-TREASURER**

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman discussed the annual liquor license renewal information from the Ohio Department of Commerce. It was determined that council does not wish to request a hearing for any of the scheduled renewals.

#### **MAYOR GEISSMAN**


Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he met with the new planning director for the Medina County Planning Commission and discussed items pertaining to the Village of Lodi.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he contacted Columbia Gas regarding gas capabilities for the Dellagnese industrial property on West Drive and the Richman Road area.

Mayor Robert Geissman asked council if they are interested in performing a Phase I Environmental Study in the Dellagnese property area on West Drive which is necessary to apply for utility infrastructure grants. The village may use CRA fund dollars to complete the study and enter into a contract with Dellagnese to repay the amount spent when the property sells. Council was agreeable to this possibility. Mayor Geissman will get a price quote for the Phase I Environmental Study and speak to Dellagnese regarding a contract.


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, Ridenour, and Jameyson  
NAYS: None



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Robert Geissman, Mayor



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Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer