

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 25, 2021

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, Village Solicitor Irving Sugerman, Assistant Village Solicitor Alex Quay, Village Prosecutor Brad Proudfoot, Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman, Police Chief Keith Keough, Fire Chief Chris Ridenour, and Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR A DISCIPLINARY HEARING FOR A POLICE OFFICER

A motion was made by Mapes and seconded by Graham to go into executive session for the purpose of holding a disciplinary hearing for a police officer. The following people were invited to join the executive session: Village Solicitor Irving Sugerman, Assistant Village Solicitor Alex Quay, Village Prosecutor Brad Proudfoot, Attorney Lee Potts, Police Sgt. David Brantner, and Police Chief Keith Keough.

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

NAYS: None

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

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

NAYS: None

A motion was made by Jameyson and seconded by Graham to change the recommend discipline for Police Sgt. David Brantner to termination of employment.

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

NAYS: Mapes and Ridenour

Motion carried and therefore Police Sgt. Brantner is terminated.

MINUTES

A motion was made by May and seconded by Graham to approve the minutes of the 1-11-21 regular council meeting.

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

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 CLERK TO ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

PAINTING PROJECT, AND DECLARING THE SAME 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, Ridenour, and Jameyson

NAYS: None

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

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ESTABLISH A FEMA FIRE GRANT FUND, AND TO RECEIVE MONEYS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR THAT FUND, AND DECLARING 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, Ridenour, and Jameyson

NAYS: None

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

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

NAYS: None

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO REQUEST THAT THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PERFORM A SPEED ZONE STUDY FOR STATE ROUTES 83 & 421 WITHIN THE VILLAGE LIMITS.

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

Miller had nothing to report at this time.

MAPES – SAFETY

A motion was made by Mapes and seconded by Graham for an expenditure of \$1,600 (\$400 each) for Jacky Rowland, Lannette Wilson, Diana Kemp, and Jon Gwynne to attend the basic firefighter 36 hour training school through the Medina County Career Center.

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

NAYS: None

Fire Chief Chris Ridenour reported that both rescue squads have been sent out for the chassis to be remounted. The village is currently using rental squads.

MAY – FINANCE AND LEGISLATION

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

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

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

A motion was made by May and seconded by Graham to increase the monthly refuse charge from \$17.61 to \$18.31 due to the increase in tipping fees at the Medina County recycling center. The contract with Rumpke calls for an increase in monthly residential rates when the county tipping fees are increased.
Upon roll call: YEAS: May, Graham, Miller, Mapes, Ridenour, and Jameyson
NAYS: None

GRAHAM - STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Graham reported that the street department helped with a water main break over the weekend and helped with a sewer main break last week.

Council Member Mapes asked if any streets or sidewalks were scheduled to be done this year. Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the Oakwood Drive street reconstruction project is scheduled for this year and will include sidewalks.

Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that the Oakwood Drive underground electric upgrade project is sixty percent done. This work needs to be done before the street reconstruction can take place this year.

RIDENOUR – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ridenour had nothing to report at this time.

Council Member Mapes reported that due to the fire at the dairy isle, Paula Ross may offer her building on village square to the dairy isle to continue their restaurant temporarily.

Council Member Mapes reported that she was in the Hower building recently and the floor is half way done and some walls have been erected. She also reported that window dressing has been put up in the Dietrich building.

JAMEYSON – ZONING

Jameyson asked if there was any progress regarding junk piles at the motel type apartment buildings on Bank Street. Mayor Geissman will check with Zoning Inspector Jean Houston the next time he speaks to her.

MAYOR GEISSMAN

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that no announcement has been made yet regarding NOACA grant awards. However, Lodi has been selected to receive a free electronic vehicle charging station through NOACA. Mayor Geissman emailed council members about this and more information on the topic will be forthcoming.


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

Handwritten signature of Annette Geissman in cursive script.

Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer