

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 22, 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, Assistant Village Solicitor Alex Quay, Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman, Police Chief Keith Keough, Fire Chief Chris Ridenour, and Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich.

MINUTES

A motion was made by May and seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the 2-8-21 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 Graham and seconded by May to pass the ordinance.

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

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY'S ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS COVID-19 SUPPLEMENTAL AFG GRANT AWARD TO THE VILLAGE OF LODI. A motion was made by Mapes and seconded by May to pass the resolution.

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

COMMITTEE REQUESTS

MILLER – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES

Miller reported that Deb Indoe has volunteered to help plan and design the flower pots in the village square this year.

Council Member Graham reported that Tim Samples posted on Facebook that he is hoping to hold the Park Stock concert fundraiser this year.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Mapes to accept a donation of time and materials from Frank Brothers, Inc., for placing mulch at the Fire Station and in Lodi Central Park last summer. The dollar value of the donation is \$877.10. Council members expressed their sincere appreciation for the donation. Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman will mail a thank you card to Frank Brothers.

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

NAYS: None

MAPES – SAFETY

A motion was made by Mapes and seconded by Miller to reimburse Police Officer Fred Geissman the amount of \$173.20 for a pair of glasses that were broken during a police call. Police Chief Keough reported that Fred and another officer responded to a call at the hospital and had to deal with a person who had a knife and his glasses were broken during the altercation.

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

NAYS: None

Mapes asked Police Chief Keough if the police department has all the equipment they need and if they have gotten the Coronavirus vaccine. Chief Keough responded that they have all the equipment they need and that police officers have not been placed on the list to be eligible for vaccines yet, but he has been able to receive one.

Council Member May asked Police Chief Keough about the progress of the arson investigation associated with the dairy isle fire that occurred on Bank Street. Chief Keough responded that the investigation is still ongoing and he is working with the state fire marshal.

MAY – FINANCE AND 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 Miller to approve the monthly financial report.

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

NAYS: None

GRAHAM - STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Graham reported that several people have commented about snow needing to be removed from the sidewalks at the fire station. People are trying to walk their dogs and snow is blocking the sidewalk on North Redfield Street. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of the street department or fire department employees removing the snow after snow events. Mayor Robert Geissman will discuss the situation with the street superintendent and fire chief to come up with a solution.

Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that Columbia Gas is making progress with their gas line replacement project in the village.

RIDENOUR – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ridenour had nothing to report at this time.

JAMEYSON – ZONING

Jameyson reported that there are many items that will be discussed at the next planning and zoning commission meeting. There are industrial and residential property code violations that will be reviewed.

Jameyson reported that the construction agreement between the village and Whisper Creek will be tabled until the next meeting. The attorney for Whisper Creek is still reviewing the document.

Council Member Miller asked for an update regarding a vehicle for the zoning inspector's use. Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the utility departments may be retiring two pickup trucks this year and it may be possible to allow the zoning inspector to use one of these vehicles.

MAYOR GEISSMAN

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the weather has slowed down the underground electric rebuild project on Oakwood Drive.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the Oakwood Drive reconstruction project grant application has been forwarded to the OPWC Small Government Unit. If funded, the grant will be in the amount of \$499,000.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he spoke to a real estate agent regarding the City Hardware store building. An interested buyer is bidding on the building and would like to place a dance studio, party venue, or exercise class area in the upstairs of the building. These are all items that are possible under conditional zoning for this location.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the planning commission will be reviewing new zoning code chapter drafts created by Susan Hirsch at the next planning commission meeting.

There being nothing further 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



Robert Geissman, Mayor



Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer