

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 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, Graham, Ridenour, and Jameyson. May was absent. 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, Board of Public Affairs President Karl Hagelin, and Board of Public Affairs Member Don Gilbert.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Jameyson to approve the minutes of the 3-8-21 regular council meeting and the 3-11-21 Special Council Meeting.

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

NAYS: None

Ridenour was not present for the meeting at the time this vote was cast.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Attorney Stan Scheetz, representing the Patel Family Motel, was present to ask for the village's participation in applying for a USDA Rural Development Grant to fund the placement of water and sewer lines on the Patel property in the Burbank area. The grant application is due March 31. This grant request would place water and sewer lines on the 2500 foot of frontage for the property. The Patel Motel is under pressure from the Ohio EPA to hook into water service. This would also allow for the development of the property. Board of Public Affairs President Karl Hagelin spoke about the fact that there are no official engineering estimates to show the actual scope and cost of the project. He also stated that if more development occurs in the area a water tower needs to be constructed. He stated that this area is not within the village limits. The village receives no tax revenue from the area and this proposal provides no advantage to the village. It would not be financially feasible for the village to consider this proposal. The cost of a water tower is tremendous. Board of Public Affairs Member Don Gilbert stated that he feels there is no reason for the village to consider this proposal and there is no advantage to the village. He also reported that the state may discontinue allowing municipalities to charge a higher rate for water served outside of their municipal boundaries. He also reported problems with pumping stations in the area and current customers not maintaining grease traps, causing problems for the village waste water treatment plant. Mayor Robert Geissman suggested that due to the short notice and since this is actually the Medina County water service area, he recommends council take no action tonight. He suggested that Mr. Scheetz may want to contact the county to see if they are interested in applying for a grant to cover these needs. Also, the Lodi Board of Public Affairs would need to approve the grant possibility and they meet tomorrow night. If the board

recommends the grant application, council may hold a special meeting to discuss it further before the March 31 deadline.

LEGISLATION

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021. A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Mapes to pass the ordinance.

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

NAYS: None

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2021. A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Miller to pass the resolution.

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

NAYS: None

COMMITTEE REQUESTS

MILLER – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES

Miller reported that she has spoken with Christy Ladina, owner of Parkside Peddlers, and a “Cabin Fever Days” business event has been scheduled for April 23 and 24, 2021. Downtown businesses will offer special deals. The specialty hot dog cart will be on the square. Miller will also schedule a food vendor truck to be on the square with part of the proceeds going to parks.

Miller reported that she is working on obtaining price quotes for an A frame swing to be placed in Lodi Central Park.

Miller reported that she will be working on getting the Book Nook Library project completed for Lodi Central Park.

Miller reported that she is looking at new summer banners for the downtown area.

Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that he was informed that the Lodi Rotary Club is no longer in existence. Council gave Haltrich permission to remove the Rotary signs on various routes coming into the village. Council Member Mapes will contact one of the prior club members to ask if they would like to have the signs.

Council Member Mapes asked if the security cameras have been placed in Lodi Community Park. Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that they are not in place yet.

MAPES – SAFETY

Mapes had nothing to report at this time.

MAY – FINANCE AND LEGISLATION

May was absent.

GRAHAM - STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Graham reported that the street department will be painting lines on Church Street and Harris Street. They will also begin cleaning out storm sewers.

Graham reported that the Columbia Gas line replacement project is progressing on Janice Street and work has begun on Grove Street.

Graham reported that Whisper Creek has begun installing sanitary sewer lines in phase two of their development project.

Graham reported that she received another phone call from the group wishing to place bike route signs within the village. It was determined that the village will hold off on placing bike route signs within the village until after TLCI grant awards are announced. If the village receives this grant it will cover bike route planning.

RIDENOUR – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ridenour had nothing to report at this time.

JAMEYSON – ZONING

Jameyson reported that the planning and zoning commission is making strides in reviewing recommended zoning code changes and making property maintenance improvements in the village.

Jameyson reported that he was unable to attend a zoning conference call that occurred this morning, and asked Mayor Robert Geissman to review the meeting. Mayor Geissman reported that outstanding property maintenance issues were reviewed with the village solicitor's office and next steps were determined for each issue discussed.

MAYOR GEISSMAN

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that Ryan Homes will be building 108 homes for phase two of the Whisper Creek Development Project. Whisper Creek should be presenting preliminary plans for phase three of their development to the planning commission later this year.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the planning commission approved a conditional permit for a decorative stone business at 131 Market Street, with specific conditions included in the permit approval.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that a public hearing will be scheduled for next month's planning commission meeting to discuss business approval plans for 129 Wooster Street.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the newly passed federal stimulus package quantity spreadsheet indicates that the Village of Lodi may receive \$570,000 in new stimulus funding. The spending restrictions have not been established yet.

CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman reviewed procedures to proceed with advertising for requests for qualifications for a construction manager at risk contract for the office addition project. A motion was made by Jameyson and seconded by Graham to authorize the clerk-treasurer to advertise for requests for qualifications for a construction manager at risk contract for the office addition project. Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman will serve as the selection coordinator. The qualifications committee will consist of Mayor Robert Geissman, Clerk –Treasurer Annette Geissman, Lands & Buildings Council Chair Melody Miller, Board of Public Affairs President Karl Hagelin, and Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich.

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

NAYS: None

There being nothing further to come before council, a motion was made by Graham and seconded by Jameyson to adjourn the meeting.

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

NAYS: None



Robert Geissman, Mayor



Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer