

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 26, 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, Fire Chief Chris Ridenour, and Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich. Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman was absent.

MINUTES

A motion was made by May and seconded by Graham to approve the minutes of the minutes of the 4-12-21 regular council meeting.

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

NAYS: None

LEGISLATION

AN ORDINANCE AND JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AND THE LODI BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MID-AMERICAN SALT, LLC, FOR THE PURCHASE OF BULK WATER SOFTENING SALT FOR THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO, AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by May and seconded by Ridenour to suspend the three reading rule and pass the ordinance as an emergency.

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

NAYS: None

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

COMMITTEE REQUESTS

MILLER – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by May to accept a parks donation in the amount of \$49 from Kaits Carts & Catering, LLC. This donation is part of the proceeds from the specialty hot dog cart in the downtown area.

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

NAYS: None

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by May to accept an additional parks donation in the amount of \$38 from Kaits Carts & Catering and a donation of \$608 from Otterbachers. These

donations are part of the proceeds from the food vendors that attended the Cabin Fever Days on the square.

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

NAYS: None

Miller reported that she has ordered the handicap swing for Lodi Community Park that the Mason's donated money for last year.

Miller reported that township resident Debbie Indoe will be donating her time and expertise to select plants and do the planting of the flower pots on village square. The planting should be finished by Memorial Day. She will also choose the hanging baskets for the gazebo.

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

Miller reported that the village wide garage sales will be held on June 3, 4, and 5 this year.

MAPES – SAFETY

A motion was made by Mapes and seconded by May for an expenditure of \$54,927 for 2021 Medina County Sheriff Communication Center fees.

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

NAYS: None

MAY – FINANCE AND LEGISLATION

May reported that the free paper shred day for residents is scheduled for Saturday, June 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Lodi American Legion Hall.

May reported that she met the new K-9 puppy (Louie) and his owner, Patrolman Palecek, in the park.

GRAHAM - STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Graham had nothing to report at this time.

Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that Columbia Gas has installed main gas lines on Janice Street, Grove Street, Evergreen Drive, and Hemlock Drive. They are currently working on Prospect Street and State Route 83.

Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that the underground electric line installation project on Oakwood Drive should be completed by May 21.

Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that the developer for Whisper Creek has underground work finished and will be proof rolling for street installation soon.

RIDENOUR – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ridenour had nothing to report at this time.

JAMEYSON – ZONING

Jameyson reported that he was unable to attend the last planning and zoning commission meeting and asked for an update on the meeting.

Council Member May reported that discussion was held at the meeting regarding a cell phone and possible zoning car for the zoning inspector. It was determined that a price for a cell phone will be researched. Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich will check on the condition of the electric department pickup truck that is going to be replaced soon, to determine if it may be suitable for zoning inspector to use.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the planning commission members reviewed possible zoning code amendments provided by Susan Hirsch. The planning commission is also working on several property maintenance issues including a tire removal issues with a village business.

MAYOR GEISSMAN

Mayor Robert Geissman asked if council is interested in completing any sidewalk projects this year. Discussion was held regarding the need for repairs to the curbing by City Hardware on Church Street, tree interference with a sidewalk at the top of Church Street, and possible changes to the steps where the old Hower Building and the current Masonic Lodge building are. Council Member Ridenour suggested that sidewalks be placed on one side of Janice Street to connect the existing sidewalks on Oakwood Drive. Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the step changes near the Hower Building area may be able to be included in the entire downtown renovation plan. Mayor Geissman would like to apply for OPWC and CDBG grant funding to complete an entire downtown renovation project two years from now. He also reported that a water line replacement project is scheduled for Janice Street next year (as part of the new water tower installation) and it would be easy to install sidewalks when everything is already torn up if council wishes. It was determined that Council Member Graham will meet with Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich to determine what may be feasible to accomplish this year.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that a laundromat and pet wash station are being installed at the old Long's Sunoco site on Bank Street.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he was told there is a new owner of the Meadowview Mobile Home Park.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he would like to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation. A motion was made by Graham and seconded by May to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation and invite all meeting participants except one unidentified guest, who was notified that they would be placed in the zoom waiting room for the duration of the executive session.

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

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

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

It was noted that the unidentified guest who was placed in the waiting room had signed out of the meeting sometime during the executive session.

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

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

NAYS: None

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Robert Geissman, Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Annette Geissman', written above a horizontal line.

Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer