

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 24, 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, Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman, and Fire Chief Chris Ridenour.

MINUTES

A motion was made by May and seconded by Ridenour to approve the minutes of the 5-10-21 regular council meeting.

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

NAYS: None

LEGISLATION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO, APPROVING THE WHISPER CREEK PHASE 2 PLATTED MYLAR. A motion was made by Jameyson and seconded by Miller to suspend the three reading rule and pass the ordinance, subject to final approval by the village engineer.

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

NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO, APPROVING A LOT CONSOLIDATION OF VILLAGE LOT NOS. 1066 (PARCEL NO. 015-26A-05-119) AND 1067 (PARCEL NO. 015-26A-10-180) INTO ONE 6.3340-ACRE PARCEL, AS PROPOSED BY PROPERTY OWNERS, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by May to suspend the three reading rule and pass the ordinance as an emergency.

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

NAYS: None

COMMITTEE REQUESTS

MILLER – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham to accept a parks donation of \$119.30 from Katie's Catering hot dog stand.

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

NAYS: None

Miller reported that Deb Indoe helped plant the flowers in the pots on village square and did a great job.

Miller reported that the A frame swing ordered for Lodi Central Park has arrived. She also reported that the handicap swing for Lodi Community Park has been ordered and will arrive soon.

Miller reported that the Park Stock concert fundraiser will be held on September 11, 2021.

Discussion was held regarding the food blessing boxes that Tina and Greg Frary would like to place in Lodi Central Park and at the fire station. Miller will coordinate the locations with Fire Chief Chris Ridenour and Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich.

Discussion was held regarding the splash pad grant project. Mayor Robert Geissman will reach out to the state to inquire about the status of the funds.

Council Member Graham reported that Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich has reached out to five companies to request quotes for Community Park landscaping and tree removal work. Tracy has not received the quotes back yet.

MAPES – SAFETY

Mapes had nothing to report at this time.

Fire Chief Ridenour reported that the first inspection of the first new fire truck will occur on June 9, 2021. A final inspection will take place in July.

MAY – FINANCE AND LEGISLATION

May had nothing to report at this time.

GRAHAM - STREETS & SIDEWALKS

A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Mapes to authorize the clerk-treasurer to advertise for bids for street chip and seal work.

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

NAYS: None

A motion was made by Jameyson and seconded by Graham to authorize the clerk-treasurer to advertise for bids for the Oakwood Drive reconstruction project.

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

NAYS: None

Graham reported that she will be meeting with Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich soon to discuss potential sidewalk projects.

RIDENOUR – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ridenour had nothing to report at this time.

JAMEYSON – ZONING

Jameyson had nothing to report at this time.

CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman reported Jeff Henry called her and asked if the village may be interested in purchasing his mother’s property on State Route 83, located in Harrisville Township immediately outside of village limits. Mayor Robert Geissman shared a map of the location and reported that the parcel has approximately five buildable acres. Discussion was held about the possibility of annexing the property into the village. It was determined that Jeff will be invited to attend a future meeting along with his sister Debby Klinect, who is the trustee for the property. Council will ask questions and gather more information at the meeting.

MAYOR GEISSMAN

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the village has received the \$85,000 PLCI planning grant he applied for. Discussion will need to take place regarding the planning process. Once the planning is completed the village will then be able to apply for an implementation grant, most likely in the amount of \$400,000. Mayor Geissman would like to plan for the complete downtown revitalization project for 2023. He would like to apply for an OPWC grant for the curbing, sidewalk, and street portions of the project. He would like to apply for additional grants for the remainder of the project.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he received a phone call from a business looking for 6,000 sq. ft. of warehouse space. Mayor Geissman gave the business owner information regarding the warehouse space beside Richman Field.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that O’Reilly’s Auto Parts is currently bidding out their construction project for the Medina Street location.

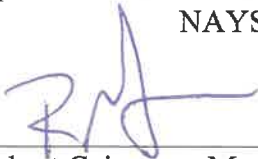
Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the Lodi Zoning and Planning Commission has recommended that council adopt a new residential rural zone for the village. The proposed recommended zoning chapter will be forwarded to council members for the next meeting.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he would like to consider adding an additional smaller street project to the OPWC grant application this year. The Lakeview Drive project will be submitted to District 9 and Mayor Geissman asked council for suggestions regarding a smaller project that may be submitted with it. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of including a reconstruction or repair project for the top of Janice Street.


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

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

NAYS: None



Robert Geissman, Mayor



Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer