

**BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
MEETING**

**Tuesday, June 23, 2020  
6:00 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](http://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.

The Lodi Board of Public Affairs met on the above date for a Regular Meeting. The following Board Members were present for the meeting: Gilbert, Emerson, and Hagelin. Also in attendance were Assistant Village Solicitor Alex Quay, Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich, and Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman.

A motion was made by Emerson and seconded by Gilbert to approve the minutes of the 6-9-20 board meeting. Upon roll call: Aye – Emerson, Gilbert, and Hagelin. Nay – None.

Attorney Steve Bailey was present along with his client Jonathan Brietkernz were present to discuss water drainage issues at 121 Evergreen Drive. Discussion was held regarding water that flows through a disintegrating cement or clay pipe on the property. After discussion it was determined that Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich will contact Engineering Associates to ask them to review the situation and make recommendations for possible remedies.

Board President Karl Hagelin read a letter that was sent to all mobile home residents within the village concerning the new upcoming billing changes for water and sewer. The residents were notified that all water and sewer billing will be metered through a master meter and billed to park owners in the near future.

Discussion was held with Assistant Village Solicitor Alex Quay regarding an outstanding utility bill for Sunset Estates Mobile Home Park. A motion was made by Gilbert and seconded by Emerson to file a judgement against the property and then file for a lean to recover the money owed. Upon roll call: Aye – Gilbert, Emerson, and Hagelin. Nay – None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Superintendent's Notes – Discussion was held with Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich to update board members on current projects.

Septage – Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that Rittman recently stopped accepting septage from haulers at their location. Haulers have called our waste water treatment plant to ask if we will accept the additional sludge. It was determined that the board does not wish to accept any new customers for sludge at this time.

A motion was made by Gilbert and seconded by Emerson to waive late fees for utility bills again for the month of June and not shut off utilities for nonpayment in the month of July per Ohio

EPA guidelines and recommendations. This policy decision will be reviewed on a monthly basis as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. Upon roll call: Aye – Gilbert, Emerson, and Hagelin. Nay – None.

Board President Hagelin reported that he sent an email to board members summarizing recent votes at the state level on proposed legislation to penalize municipalities who charge different water rates outside of municipal limits.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Solar Project Update – Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that he sent an email last week to inquire about the status of the solar project but has not heard back yet.

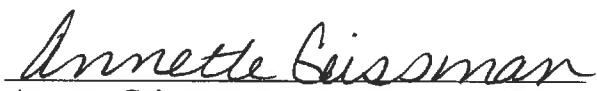
Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich discussed ongoing employee scheduling during the COVID-19 pandemic. It was determined that employee scheduling will remain as is for now.

Board President Hagelin reported that council has determined that they will continue to hold council meetings via Zoom for the foreseeable future. It was determined that the board will also continue to meet via Zoom.

The next board meeting will be held on July 14, 2020.

There being no further business to come before the board a motion was made by Gilbert and seconded by Emerson to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call: Aye – Gilbert, Emerson, and Hagelin. Nay – None.

  
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**Karl Hagelin**  
**Board President**

  
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**Annette Geissman**  
**Clerk/Treasurer**