

**BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 22, 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 Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich, Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman, and Mayor Robert Geissman.

A motion was made by Gilbert and seconded by Emerson to approve the minutes of the 12-8-20 regular meeting. 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.

Water Plant Improvements Project – The water plant interior rehabilitation project has been advertised for bids. The bid opening is scheduled for January 5, 2021, at noon.

Board President Hagelin discussed an email from Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich indicating that water department personnel may be in phase 1B of the coronavirus vaccination schedule. Tracy Haltrich will monitor the schedule closely.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Giant Oil – Board President Karl Hagelin reported that Village Solicitor Irving Sugerman sent communication to Giant Oil. The communication explained the board's position regarding Giant Oil's request to be reimbursed by future land owners tying into the proposed water line for their property.

Whisper Creek Development – Final plans have been approved for the infrastructure needs for the Whisper Creek Development project. Engineering Associates is reviewing the engineer's estimate provided for bond amount purposes.

Electric Specifications for Village – Board President Hagelin reported that he is still working on a revised draft of electric regulations for board review. Board Member Gilbert reported that he has reviewed the document and has found all items that may be eliminated because they are already addressed in the rate ordinances. Discussion was held regarding consolidating topics so they are covered in one area instead of making references to several different sections. Don and Karl will continue making proposed changes to share at the next meeting.

FOG Testing – Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reviewed recent FOG testing results .

Oakwood Drive Electric Project – Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that the Oakwood Drive Underground Electric Renovation project has begun.

Due to ongoing postal issues, a motion was made by Gilbert and seconded by Emerson to waive utility bill late penalty charges through the end of January, 2021. Upon roll call: Aye – Gilbert, Emerson, and Hagelin. Nay – None.

Mayor Robert Geissman was present and reported that State Capital Budget funding will be received to place a low water flow splash pad at Richman Field. Mayor Geissman will obtain more detailed information regarding water usage requirements. The next plan of action for State Capital Budget funding will be to apply for bridge replacement at Lodi Community Park.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the Oakwood Drive Reconstruction Project has been put on the OPWC District 9 recommended list for Small Government funding.

The next board meeting will be held via Zoom on January 12, 2021.

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

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

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