

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 12, 2021

7:00 P.M.

Lodi Village Council met on the above date for a Regular Meeting with the following Council Members present: Miller, May, Graham, Ridenour, and Jameyson. Mapes was absent. Also in attendance were Mayor Robert Geissman, Assistant Village Solicitor Alex Quay, Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman, Fire Chief Chris Ridenour, and Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich.

MINUTES

A motion was made by May and seconded by Graham to approve the minutes of the 6-28-21 regular council meeting.

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

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by May to approve the minutes of the 7-6-21 Special Council Meeting.

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

A motion was made by May and seconded by Graham for council to send a letter to the Medina County Commissioners opposing the ARPA funding grant application submitted by EDOLH (Economic Development Organization of Lodi & Harrisville Township), formerly known as LHEDO (Lodi Harrisville Economic Development Organization) because most of the grant request items do not qualify for ARPA funding and the group does not have any authority in the Village of Lodi. They are duplicating the efforts already being done by the council economic development committee and the Lodi Planning and Zoning Commission who have the authority over these items.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

John Baker, Vice President of Nursing and Operations for Lodi Community Hospital, was present to introduce himself and discuss possible health care needs in the community. John also reported that he is interested in helping in the community. Mayor Robert Geissman stated that the village considers Lodi Community Hospital to be a huge asset. Mayor Geissman stated that the village is working on residential and industrial development which will benefit greatly by the services of the hospital, and he appreciates John coming to introduce himself this evening.

LEGISLATION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE CLERK TO ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE VILLAGE'S 2021 CHIP SEAL PROJECT, AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN

EMERGENCY. A motion was made by May and seconded by Graham to suspend the three reading rule and pass the ordinance as an emergency.

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

NAYS: None

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham to pass the ordinance.

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

NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO, GIVING CONSENT TO ODOT FOR BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM SERVICES. A motion was made by May and seconded by Jameyson to suspend the three reading rule and pass the ordinance.

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

NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO, GIVING CONSENT TO ODOT TO APPLY, MAINTAIN, AND REPAIR STANDARD LONGITUDINAL PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND ERECT REGULATORY AND WARNING SIGNS, REMOVE SNOW AND ICE AND USE SNOW AND ICE CONTROL MATERIAL ON STATE HIGHWAYS, AND PERFORM MAINTENANCE AND/OR REPAIR ON STATE HIGHWAYS INSIDE THE VILLAGE CORPORATION. A motion was made by Graham and seconded by May to suspend the three reading rule and pass the ordinance.

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

NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE 2022 FISCAL YEAR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by May and seconded by Graham to suspend the three reading rule and pass the ordinance as an emergency.

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

NAYS: None

A motion was made by May and seconded by Ridenour to pass the ordinance.

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

NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PAY ORDINANCE NO. 3320-20 RELATING TO THE FIXING OF SALARIES AND WAGE OF EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO, AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by Graham and seconded by May to suspend the three reading rule and pass the ordinance as an emergency.

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

NAYS: None

A motion was made by Graham and seconded by May to pass the ordinance. This ordinance change will allow the street department to be on call during the entire year rather than just November through March.

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

NAYS: None

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A PORTION OF MEDINA COUNTY PARK DISTRICT'S "EAST FORK" PROPERTY FOR CONTROLLED DEER HUNT ARCHERY IN CONJUNCTION WITH AND AS GOVERNED BY THE PARK DISTRICT AND THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES' DIVISION OF WILDLIFE. A motion was made by Jameyson and seconded by May to pass the resolution.

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

NAYS: None

COMMITTEE REQUESTS

MILLER – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ridenour to waive the assemblage permit fee for the Medina County Arts Council event in Lodi Central Park on July 14, 2021.

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

NAYS: None

Miller discussed the possibility of holding Trunk-or-Treat this year. All council members agreed that the event should take place. The decision can be discussed again later if COVID issues arise.

SAFETY

Mapes was absent.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by May to accept an EMS grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety Division of EMS in the amount of \$3,628.63.

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

NAYS: None

Council Member Jameyson discussed potential future equipment needs when dealing with fires involving electric vehicles. Jameyson reported that the fires are much harder to put out and special equipment may need to be purchased. Fire Chief Chris Ridenour responded that he does not believe any fire departments in the area have the new equipment that may be needed for these fires. This subject will need to be looked into.

Council Member Miller asked Fire Chief Chris Ridenour about the rescue efforts that were necessary during a recent flood at Lodi Community Park. Fire Chief Ridenour responded that a flash flood occurred and people needed to be evacuated up the hill to Park Street. Discussion was held regarding the need to improve the step area going up the hill to Park Street. It was also determined that signs need to be placed in the park to warn residents about potential flash flooding. Discussion was held regarding flood damage to the bridge going into the park. Mayor Robert Geissman suggested applying for grant money in the next state biannual budget and or applying for CDBG funds to replace the bridge. ARPA money can also be looked into as a possibility.

Discussion was held regarding implementing an Arson Billing Recovery Ordinance. A sample ordinance was provided for council review. Assistant Village Solicitor Alex Quay will prepare legislation to be considered at the next council meeting.

MAY – FINANCE AND LEGISLATION

A motion was made by May and seconded by Jameyson to approve the monthly bills.

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

NAYS: None

A motion was made by May and seconded by Miller to approve the monthly financial report.

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

NAYS: None

May discussed a flag containing profanity that is facing a children's playground in the village. May will discuss possible remedies with Police Chief Keough or Police Lt. Brian Ritchie. She also discussed problems with people driving through a yard at the end of Young Drive to get to the senior apartment complex. Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich will look into placing a barrier in this area.

GRAHAM - STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Graham reported that the curve lines need repainted on the curve where Prospect Street turns into Redfield Street. Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that he actually spoke to someone today regarding this need.

RIDENOUR – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ridenour had nothing to report at this time.

JAMEYSON – ZONING

A motion was made by Jameyson and seconded by Graham to approve a tree lawn parking permit renewal application for 116 High Street.

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

NAYS: None

Discussion was held regarding the need to remove an old barn on a Bank Street property that is crumbling and may fall into a creek area. If the debris falls into the creek area it could potentially cause flooding issues for village residents. It was determined that Zoning Inspector Jean Houston will be notified of the situation and asked to contact the property owner regarding this property maintenance issue.

Council Member Miller reported that a property on the corner of Park Street and Medina Street is not being mowed. Zoning Inspector Jean Houston will also be notified of this situation.

MAYOR GEISSMAN

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he spoke to Nate Eppink from the Medina County Park District regarding a possible boundary change for the acreage the village is purchasing as part of the Grimm property sale. The request was to exchange the small portion of unbuildable land on the village portion to a buildable portion. Nate was unable to request this change because it would have to be approved by the state grant committee and they are not scheduled to meet again

until November. It was determined that Assistant Village Solicitor Alex Quay will proceed with the deed as originally split.

Mayor Robert Geissman discussed submitting an ARPA fund request to the Medina County Commissioners for water and sewer project needs within the village. Discussion was held regarding submitting an ARPA fund request for the following needs: industrial park water and sanitary sewer line extensions on West Drive to the 70 acre industrial zoned greenfield area, waterline replacement needs on Wooster, Bank, Grove and Medina Streets, and the waste water treatment plant UV system replacement project. Council members unanimously agreed to have Mayor Geissman submit an ARPA fund request to the Medina County Commissioners for these needs. Mayor Geissman will indicate that the village will be grateful for any possible assistance for these projects.

It was determined that the next council meeting will be held in person at the Lodi Fire Station.

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

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

NAYS: None



Robert Geissman, Mayor



Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer