

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 23, 2021

7:00 P.M.

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by May and seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the 8-9-21 regular council meeting.

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

NAYS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Aaron Surrarrer, representing Harrisville Township, was present and discussed the Harris Road maintenance agreement between the village and the township. Aaron had questions regarding the recent driveway constructed over a culvert on the portion of Harris Road the township is responsible for maintaining. Research will be done regarding the agreement and possible changes to driveway/culvert requirements.

LEGISLATION

SECOND READING OF A CROSS CONNECTION ORDINANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF LODI. A motion was made by May and seconded by Jameyson to declare this a second reading of the ordinance.

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

NAYS: None

THIRD AND FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF HIGHWAY AREAS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO. A motion was made by May and seconded by Ridenour to pass the ordinance.

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

NAYS: None

THIRD AND FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ADOPTING CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARD CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS FOR IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN EXISTING AND PROPOSED VILLAGE OF LODI RIGHTS-OF-WAY, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS INCONSISTENT HEREWITH. A motion was made by Jameyson and seconded by May to pass the ordinance.

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

NAYS: None

THIRD AND FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING MEDINA COUNTY OHIO'S STORMWATER MANAGEMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR EARTH-DISTURBING ACTIVITIES TO MANAGE SOIL EROSION, SEDIMENT POLLUTION, AND STORMWATER WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LODI, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS INCONSISTENT HEREWITH. A motion was made by May and seconded by Mapes to pass the ordinance.

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

NAYS: None

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEPOSITORY AGREEMENT FROM FARMER'S NATIONAL BANK. A motion was made by May and seconded by Miller to pass the resolution.

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

NAYS: None

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR ARPA FUNDS. A motion was made by Ridenour and seconded by May to pass the resolution.

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

NAYS: None

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE VILLAGE'S NEW WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by May and seconded by Miler to pass the resolution.

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

NAYS: None

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO R.C. 721.15. A motion was made by May and seconded by Miller to pass the resolution.

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

NAYS: None

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONAL PROPERTY BY INTERNET AUCTION PURSUANT TO R.C. 721.15(D). A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Mapes to pass the resolution.

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

NAYS: None

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY'S (NOACA) TRANSPORTATION FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE (TLCI) PLANNING STUDIES PROGRAM AWARD. A motion was made by May and seconded by Mapes to pass the resolution.

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

COMMITTEE REQUESTS

MILLER – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES

Miller reported that the Community Park clean-up project has been completed. She also reported that old grills have been removed, and the new adaptive swing will be coming soon.

Miller reported that the annual Parkstock concert will be held on September 11, 2021. There will be no parade for the event.

Miller reported that mosquito spraying was done on Friday and will be done again on September 3, and possibly September 17, 2021.

Miller reported that Trunk-or-Treat will be held on October 16, and Trick-or-Treat will be held on October 31, 2021.

Miller thanked Greg and Tina Frary and the street department employees for their work on the Blessing Boxes that were placed at Lodi Central Park and the fire station.

Discussion was held regarding the need to complete engineering to replace the bridge in Lodi Community Park in order to apply for grant assistance for the project. A motion was made by May and seconded by Miller to accept the quote of Engineering Associates to begin the engineering if no response is received from Cunningham and Associates.

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

SAFETY

Mapes had nothing to report at this time.

Fire Chief Ridenour reported that the second fire truck should be finished in a few months. The second squad is not finished yet.

MAY – FINANCE AND LEGISLATION

May had nothing to report at this time.

GRAHAM - STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Graham was absent.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ridenour to authorize change order #1 for the street chip and seal project.

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

A motion was made by Ridenour and seconded by May to authorize Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich to order a dump truck through state purchasing.

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

RIDENOUR – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ridenour reported that the fish store on the square has closed and store space is for rent.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by May for an expenditure of \$750 for the annual Medina County Economic Development Corporation dues.

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

Mapes asked about the status of the Grimm property purchase. Mayor Robert Geissman reported that Engineering Associates is finishing the survey work and the process should be completed in October.

JAMEYSON – ZONING

Jameyson had nothing to report at this time.

May discussed the possible purchase of a vehicle to be used by the zoning inspector. Jameyson reported that he will look into the possibility of purchasing a used car. He will also talk to the police department regarding the possibility of using their old Tahoe vehicle.

MAYOR GEISSMAN

Mayor Robert Geissman discussed options for the TLCI Planning Grant. He discussed the possibility of planning pedestrian traffic in the village including the need for sidewalks, walkways to parks, commercial and residential traffic flows down residential streets, and downtown renovations. He asked council members to think of any ideas they may have for this planning grant. He reported that he received information today regarding the process to apply for the implementation grant next year. He is estimating that the village will be able to apply for \$300,000 to \$350,000 to implement the plan. He also discussed the possibility of using the grant to construct a walking bridge at Lodi Community Park. The implementation grant process will involve public meetings to present information to residents.

Mayor Robert Geissman thanked and commended Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich for his work with finding a vendor and over-seeing the Community Park clean-up project.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he reached out to Medina County regarding a timeline for our CDBG grant projects. He has not received a reply yet.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he submitted the ARPA fund request to the Medina County Commissioners for water and sewer project needs within the village. He gave a presentation to the commissioners on August 17. He is now waiting for the grant distribution decision.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he received a request from the new property owner of the Long's gas station property on Bank Street. The owner would like to split the lot he is putting

the laundromat on. This is not an option because it would make the property non-conforming for the business.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that Assistant Village Solicitor Alex Quay is working with Zoning Inspector Jean Houston to send letters to property owners regarding continued non-compliance with property maintenance code issues. Alex will inform property owners that they have a specific time period to remedy the issues or fines will be assessed.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the Lodi Zoning and Planning Commission is currently reviewing a sign ordinance change that was proposed by Susan Hirsch. The contract with Susan Hirsch to provide zoning assistance is almost completed. Mayor Geissman would like to recommend extending Susan's contract for more projects.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that Will Genkin attended the last planning commission meeting and is interested in purchasing a blighted building on Wooster Street. Will would like to demolish the building and turn it into a parking lot. The planning commission members are in agreement with his proposal.

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

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

NAYS: None



Robert Geissman, Mayor



Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer