

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 22, 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, Graham, Ridenour, and Jameyson. Also in attendance were Mayor Robert Geissman, Village Solicitor Alex Quay, Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman, Fire Chief Chris Ridenour, Police Chief Keith Keough, and Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich.

MINUTES

A motion was made by May and seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the 11-8-21 Regular council meeting.

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

NAYS: None

LEGISLATION

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, FIXING THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, FIXING THE EFFECTIVE DATE FROM AND AFTER NOVEMBER 29, 2021, EXCEPT AS HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS INCONSISTENT HERewith, 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

ABSTAIN: Mapes

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

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

ABSTAIN: Mapes

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO, TO EXECUTE ALL ESCROW AND CLOSING DOCUMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 14.0101 ACRE PORTION OF MEDINA COUNTY PARCEL NO. 015-26A-03-002, ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE, AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham to suspend the three reading rule and pass the resolution as an emergency.

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

NAYS: None

A motion was made by May and seconded by Jameyson to pass the resolution.

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

NAYS: None

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDING PROVIDED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT ("ARPA"), ESTABLISHING AN "ARPA SPECIAL REVENUE FUND"

FOR THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by May and seconded by Graham to pass the resolution. Upon roll call: YEAS: May, Graham, Miller, Mapes, Ridenour, and Jameyson
NAYS: None

COMMITTEE REQUESTS

MILLER – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES

Miller reported that the Christmas tree for the Gazebo in Lodi Central Park was donated by Don and Tracy Kelling. She also reported that she will be hanging pine roping around the gazebo this weekend.

Miller reminded council that the annual Christmas event will be held in Lodi Central Park on Saturday, December 4, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Council Member May provided contact information to Miller for the Shred-It company used for this year's community shred day. Miller will contact the company to set up a shred day for next year.

MAPES - SAFETY

A motion was made by Mapes and seconded by Miller to authorize the fire chief to apply for three AFG Grants: The State of Ohio Fire Grant, the State of Ohio EMS Grant, and the State of Ohio MARCS Grant.

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

Fire Chief Chris Ridenour reported that he travelled to check on the new fire truck currently being built. There is still more work to do before it can be delivered to the village.

Police Chief Keith Keough reported the need for pre-employment testing for part time police candidates. A motion was made by Mapes and seconded by May for an expenditure of \$1,500 for pre-employment testing.

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

MAY – FINANCE AND LEGISLATION

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

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

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

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

GRAHAM - STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Graham reported that leaf collection will continue as needed.

Police Chief Keith Keough reported that he spoke with the residents in the Young Drive area about the idea of putting up cement barriers at the end of the street to prevent people from driving through the field to reach Ambassador Apartments. People questioned whether motorists would just drive around the barriers. Chief Keough also reported that he has not seen tire marks in the grass lately.

Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that both lanes on Oakwood Drive are now paved. Sidewalk and driveway apron work will begin soon.

RIDENOUR – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ridenour had nothing to report at this time.

Council Member Miller reported that people are excited about the new candy store coming to village square.

Council Member Graham asked Village Solicitor Alex Quay about the progress of the Medina Street property donation to the village. Alex responded that he has not heard any further news regarding this donation. Alex will reach out to get an update.

JAMEYSON – ZONING

Jameyson reported that the trial date for the Prospect Street blighted property demolition project has been set. Village Solicitor Alex Quay will attempt to mediate the situation first.

CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman reported that she has provided information to Ashley Martin, owner of the City Hardware building on village square, regarding CRA incentives she may be qualified for with the needed renovations for the building.

MAYOR GEISSMAN

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that engineering work is in progress for the new bridge plans for Lodi Community Park. The deadline for the grant application is approaching.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the splash pad grant project will begin in the spring.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the county should be providing a timeline for the CDBG grant projects that are scheduled to be done next year. This will include playground equipment for Lodi Community Park and fountain repairs in Lodi Central Park.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he will be attending a fundraiser event for Senator Romanchuk and will be discussing the park bridge replacement grant application with him.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he attended the OPWC District 9 Small Government Grant meeting, and the Village of Lodi Lakeview Drive reconstruction project scored as the district's #1 project to be sent to the state for funding. It is hopeful that the village will receive this grant in the amount of \$499,000 towards the Lakeview Drive reconstruction project.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the blighted property on Harris Street is scheduled to be sold at the Sheriff Auction in January. Discussion was held regarding a possible squatter on the property. Police Chief Keough will reach out to a family member of the individual to talk about the situation.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the Medina County Parks District is looking into purchasing the old Anderson Property for a nature preserve. This would not be a park. Discussion was held regarding the detrimental affect this will have on the future village land use portion of the comprehensive plan. Discussion was held regarding the large portion of Lodi Village land already owned by the Medina County Park District and the fact that they are purchasing all available land that has been slated for future development within the village. Mayor Geissman will continue to explore options for working with the park district to ask them to consider the future economic needs of the village. This purchase will be devastating to the economic development future of the village.

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

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

NAYS: None

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Robert Geissman, Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Annette Geissman', written over a horizontal line.

Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer