

**BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 8, 2022  
6:00 P.M.**

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, Hagelin, and Emerson. Also in attendance was Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich. Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman was absent.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Robert Wells, of 107 Sunset Drive, was present to discuss solar panel energy at his property. He asked the board if the village will store the excess energy from his solar panels and let him buy it back for a fraction of the cost of normal power. Discussion was held and Board President Karl Hagelin stated that the village is not able to accommodate Robert's request. Board Member Gilbert stated that there may also be restrictions placed on the village by AMP or First Energy regarding this type of arrangement. Robert indicated that he has sample contracts that the solar panel company provided him for this type of arrangement. Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that this would be net metering and the village is not set up for net metering. The board agreed that the village is not able to accommodate this request.

A motion was made by Gilbert and seconded by Emerson to approve the minutes of the 2-8-22 regular board meeting. Upon roll call: Aye – Emerson, Gilbert, and Hagelin. Nay - None.

A motion was made by Gilbert and seconded by Emerson to approve the monthly bills. 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.

A motion was made by Gilbert and seconded by Emerson to order a transformer to replace the unit obtained from Grafton used at CVS. CVS will be billed for the transformer. Upon roll call: Aye – Gilbert, Emerson, and Hagelin. Nay – None.

A motion was made by Gilbert and seconded by Emerson for an expenditure of \$12,463 for a backup 300 kVA transformer for the electric department. Upon roll call: Aye – Gilbert, Emerson, and Hagelin. Nay – None.

A motion was made by Gilbert and seconded by Emerson for an expenditure of up to \$36,940 to Ohio Drilling for service on water well No. 7. Upon roll call: Aye – Gilbert, Emerson, and Hagelin. Nay – None.

New CDL Requirements – Discussion was held regarding new state requirements for obtaining CDL driver's licenses. The state recently implemented required training to obtain a CDL

license. The school required for a Class B CDL license costs approximately \$5,000. Classes are offered during the workday or evening. Discussion was held regarding whether the village should pay for the schooling necessary for the license. This could apply to many departments within the village. The possibility of employment contracts was discussed. Board Member Gilbert suggested that AMP be contacted to see if they are aware of this new requirement and if there is anything they can do to help with the burden being placed on municipalities. Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich will call AMP to discuss the situation. The village will also need to determine whether a CDL license is required if employees are only driving the vehicles within village limits.

**OLD BUSINESS**

AMP Solar Project Update – Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that AMP has not submitted the ordinance and schedule for municipal participation in the solar project. The information is expected shortly.

Board President Hagelin reported that mediation with Giant Oil is scheduled for Monday at 1:30 p.m.


No new information has been received regarding negotiations with the Medina County Port Authority for a fiber optic pole connection agreement. Mayor Robert Geissman is working on this, and a Zoom meeting may be scheduled soon to discuss possibilities.

Board Member Gilbert asked why there were power outages over the weekend. Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich explained that tree branches hit lines and caused fuses to blow out near Alloy Fabricators.

The next board meeting will be held on March 2, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in village council chambers.

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**