

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, February 28, 2022**  
**7:00 P.M.**

Lodi Village Council met on the above date for a Regular Meeting with the following Council Members present: Miller, Graham, Ridenour, de Luna, Surrarrer, and Jameyson. Also in attendance were Mayor Robert Geissman, Village Solicitor Theodore Lesiak, Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman, and Fire Chief Chris Ridenour.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by de Luna and seconded by Graham to approve the minutes of the 2-14-22 Regular council meeting.

Upon roll call: YEAS: de Luna, Graham, Miller, Ridenour, Surrarrer, and Jameyson  
NAYS: None

**LEGISLATION**

THIRD AND FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO APPROVING A REPLAT OF PARTS OF VILLAGE LOTS 49 AND 566 CREATING NEW VILLAGE LOT 1160. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by de Luna to pass the ordinance upon this third and final reading.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Miller, de Luna, Graham, Ridenour, Surrarrer, and Jameyson  
NAYS: None

SECOND READING OF A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO ACCEPTING A GRANT AWARD FROM THE MEDINA COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT BUILDING DEMOLITION AND SIT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM. A motion was made by Jameyson and seconded by Miller to declare this a second reading of the resolution.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Jameyson, Miller, Graham, Ridenour, de Luna, and Surrarrer  
NAYS: None

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE MEDINA COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE A GRANT AWARD THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT BUILDING DEMOLITION AND SITE REVITALIZATION PROGRAM. A motion was made by Jameyson and seconded by de Luna to declare this a second reading of the ordinance.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Jameyson, de Luna, Miller, Graham, Ridenour, and Surrarrer  
NAYS: None

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A DEMOLITION AGREEMENT WITH 106 PROSPECT ST., LLC. A motion was made by Jameyson and seconded by Graham to declare this a second reading of the ordinance.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Jameyson, Graham, Miller, Ridenour, de Luna, and Surrarrer  
NAYS: None

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ABRAHAM ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR THE DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES UPON 106 PROSPECT AND 108 AINSWORTH STREETS WITHIN THE VILLAGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Ridenour to declare this a first reading of the ordinance. Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the quote from Abraham Enterprises came in much lower than other quotes.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Graham, Ridenour, Miller, de Luna, Surrarrer, and Jameyson

NAYS: None

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, COMMENDING FIRE CHIEF CHRIS RIDENOUR, ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF JUSTIN FILOUS AND FIREFIGHTER MATHEW FASIG FOR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO. A motion was made by de Luna and seconded by Surrarrer to pass the resolution.

Upon roll call: YEAS: de Luna, Surrarrer, Miller, Graham, Ridenour, and Jameyson

NAYS: None

### **COMMITTEE REQUESTS**

#### **RIDENOUR – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES**

Ridenour reported that Kelly Zdelar has indicated that she would like to donate money towards events downtown. More information will be presented soon.

Ridenour reported that the annual Easter Egg hunt in Central Park will be held on April 16, 2022.

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman reported that Police Chief Keough contacted her regarding the Children's Center of Medina County annual commemoration for victims of child abuse. They are seeking permission to place pinwheels and a sign in Lodi Central Park for this purpose. Council agreed to allow the pinwheels and sign.

#### **de LUNA – SAFETY**

de Luna had nothing to report at this time.

#### **MILLER – FINANCE AND LEGISLATION**

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

Upon roll call: YEAS: Miller, Graham, Ridenour, de Luna, Surrarrer, and Jameyson

NAYS: None

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham to approve the monthly financial statement.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Miller, Graham, Ridenour, de Luna, Surrarrer, and Jameyson

NAYS: None

Miller reminded council that a finance committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 21, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., in council chambers to discuss permanent appropriations.

### **GRAHAM - STREETS & SIDEWALKS**

Graham asked council members to begin thinking about potential sidewalk projects for this year. She also asked council members to report potholes as they come across them.

### **SURRARRER – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Surrarrer reported that he spoke to the manager of the old Leatherman Hardware building about the Always Wanted antique store moving out of the building. The manager indicated that he would like to see another business occupy the space.

Surrarrer reported that he spoke with Tyler from Taylor's Diner. Tyler stated that it did not work out for Romeo's pizza to move into the space.

Surrarrer discussed the idea of annexing the properties on Harris Road into the Village of Lodi from the Buffham Road area to State Route 224. More research on this topic will be needed.

Council Member de Luna opened discussion regarding the possibility of seceding from Harrisville Township. General discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of the village seceding from Harrisville Township in the future. More research on this topic will be needed.

### **JAMEYSON – ZONING**

Jameyson reported that progress is being made and the houses are being built in phase two of the Whisper Creek subdivision project.

Jameyson discussed the 106 Prospect Street demolition project. This project should be completed by the middle of May.

### **CLERK-TREASURER**

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman provided information received regarding the ability of municipalities to hold meetings virtually again until June 30, 2022. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham to hold zoom council meetings over the internet for the next two months.

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

NAYS: de Luna, Surrarrer, and Jameyson

MAYOR: Nay

The motion did not pass.

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman provided information to council members regarding the upcoming annual conference training offered by The Ohio State University and Leadership Medina County.

### **MAYOR GEISSMAN**

Mayor Robert Geissman discussed the Medina County Fiber Optic Loop buildout project. Mayor Geissman reported that he discussed ideas with the Lodi Board of Public Affairs regarding ways to develop a pole attachment agreement that would benefit both the village and the county. The two board members present for the meeting agreed to have Mayor Geissman

meet with the Medina County Port Authority to explore possibilities for a pole attachment agreement. This will allow Lodi to be a part of the county project. ARPA funds are currently available to the county to build out the project. An added benefit to the village being included in the project will be the ability to use the GIS information created by the county for our infrastructure. After discussion a motion was made by Miller and seconded by de Luna to declare support for the Lodi Board of Public Affairs to make an agreement for lower pole connection fees for the fiber optic project.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Miller, de Luna, Graham, Ridenour, Surrarrer, and Jameyson  
NAYS: None

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he was contacted by Medina County regarding the project list Lodi submitted for consideration for county ARPA funds. Mayor Geissman reviewed the list with the county for Lodi projects.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that at the last Lodi Planning and Zoning Commission meeting Susan Hirsch reviewed final draft changes to the sign ordinance. Susan will continue making changes to other draft ordinances the planning commission is working on.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the Smith Brothers conditional zoning permit request hearing will be held at the next Lodi Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on March 16, 2022.

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

Upon roll call: YEAS: Graham, de Luna, Miller, Ridenour, Surrarrer, and Jameyson  
NAYS: None



Robert Geissman, Mayor



Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer