

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 12, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Lodi Village Council met on the above date for a Regular Meeting with the following Council Members present: Miller, de Luna, Graham, Surrarrer, and Ridenour. Jameyson was absent. Also in attendance were 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 8-22-22 regular council meeting.

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

NAYS: None

LEGISLATION

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF A COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF LODI, AND APPROVING ITS ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND CODE OF REGULATIONS. A motion was made by de Luna and seconded by Graham to declare this a second reading of the ordinance.

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

NAYS: None

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, DESIGNATING THE LODI COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION AS AN AGENCY FOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, DISTRIBUTION, AND RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT, AND THE RECLAMATION, REHABILITATION, AND REUTILIZATION OF VACANT, ABANDONED, TAX-FORECLOSED, OR OTHER REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LODI PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF AN AGENCY AGREEMENT. A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Ridenour to declare this a second reading of the ordinance.

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

NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DIRT DAWG EXCAVATING, LLC FOR WATERLINE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Surrarrer to suspend the three reading rule and pass the ordinance as an emergency.

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

NAYS: None

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

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

NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DN TANKS, LLC FOR WATER TANK REPLACEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by Graham and seconded by de Luna to suspend the three reading rule and pass the ordinance as an emergency.

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

NAYS: None

A motion was made by Surrarrer and seconded by de Luna to pass the ordinance.

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

NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, GIVING CONSENT TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (“ODOT”) TO INSPECT BRIDGES IN THE VILLAGE OF LODI, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO ROUTINE INSPECTIONS, ELEMENT LEVEL INSPECTIONS, CRITICAL FINDINGS REPORT, FRACTURE CRITICAL MEMBER INSPECTIONS, LOAD RATING CALCULATIONS AND REPORTS, WEIGHT LIMITS POSTING SIGN RECOMMENDATIONS, SCOUR ASSESSMENTS, SCOUR PLAN OF ACTIONS, DEVELOPMENT OF FRACTURE CRITICAL PLANS, AND UNDERWATER DIVE INSPECTION REPORTS IF NEEDED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Surrarrer to suspend the three reading rule and pass the ordinance as an emergency.

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

NAYS: None

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

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

NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS TO GIVE CONSENT TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (“ODOT”) TO RECONSTRUCT AND UPGRADE THE EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF SR-83 AND SR-421 IN THE VILLAGE OF LODI TO INCLUDE MAST ARMS, BACK PLATES, RADAR DETECTION, LED SIGNAL HEADS, CONTROLLER/CABINET, AND FULL PEDESTRIAN ACCOMMODATIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by Ridenour and seconded by Surrarrer to suspend the three reading rule and pass the ordinance as an emergency.

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

NAYS: None

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

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

NAYS: None

COMMITTEE REQUESTS

MILLER – FINANCE AND LEGISLATION

Miller had nothing to report at this time.

de LUNA – SAFETY

A motion was made by de Luna and seconded by Graham to accept a donation to the fire department in the amount of \$200 from O’Rilley Auto Parts.

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

NAYS: None

de Luna discussed two zoning issues that he received communications about. The first was that he was contacted by the Medina County Park District regarding a phone call they received from Zoning Inspector Jean Houston. They received communication from Jean that she has received several complaints from residents regarding the need for the land the park district owns abutting the entrance to Evergreen Drive to be mowed. She stated that the mayor had been mowing the property. de Luna stated that this was not correct and that he had in fact mowed the property. Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman confirmed that de Luna was correct, the mayor had not mowed the property. Several years ago, the mayor trimmed trees and vegetation that were causing problems before the park district owned the property. It is not certain why the zoning inspector thought the mayor mowed the area.

The second communication was from a resident regarding a property owned by someone they know on Bank Street. The resident stated that the owner of the property received a letter from the zoning inspector indicating that a building on her property needed to be demolished or the owner would receive a fine of \$100 per day. The resident felt that the village should be getting grants for these types of things especially if the resident does not have the money to complete the project. The resident feels that if the village can get grants for some, they need to get grants for all. Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman reported that the property in question received a letter from the zoning inspector regarding property maintenance issues that needed to be addressed for the building, and she believed the letter did not indicate that the building needed to be demolished. She also reported that at the last Lodi Planning and Zoning Commission meeting it was reported that this property owner desired to make the necessary repairs to the building. Discussion was held regarding demolition grants received by the state. At the time these grants were available, and applications were able to be submitted, the mayor asked council for ideas regarding items to submit for the grant. All agreed to submit project needs that were known at that time. It was not known that this particular building may be in need of demolition. Council always strives to be fair with all citizens and when a particular grant becomes available, they put great thought into deciding what to apply for. Grants are applied for as they become available, and for what the need is known at that time. Sometimes a grant becomes available again in the future and sometimes it is a one-time grant offer.

GRAHAM - STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Graham reported that the street department has finished street blade patching work. The street department will be painting parking spaces around the downtown area.

Council Member Ridenour reported that the area of Highland Drive between Oakwood Drive and the Living Water Apartment buildings is very dark at night and could use more street lighting. This will be brought to the attention of Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich.

Graham thanked village employees for assisting with cemetery tree trimming work. The village is part of the Harrisville Lodi Union Cemetery District.

SURRARRER – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Surrarrer asked about the tentative schedule for the Lakeview Drive reconstruction project.

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman will email him the schedule.

RIDENOUR – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES

Ridenour reported that the Boy Scouts reached out to her for permission to do a parks clean-up project for scouts to earn a badge. Council agreed to this request.

Ridenour reported that the annual Park Stock concert fundraiser for parks went very well. A consensus was given by council to allow the event to occur again next year. Ridenour thanked Tim Samples and his crew for all they did to make the event happen. She will reach out to Tim to ask if he prefers what the park donation should go towards.

Ridenour asked about the status of the splash pad project. Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman reported that the splash pad company is having a difficult time finding a cement contractor to bid because of all the federal prevailing wage requirements. This project will have to be re-bid.

Ridenour asked about the status of the playground equipment grant. Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman reported that this equipment will be provided by a county CDBG grant and the county just informed the village that they will need to re-bid the project and will not be accepting the bid they already received. Hopefully this will be finished very soon.

Ridenour asked about the status of the park bridge grant. Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman reported that the grant application has been submitted and the village should be informed of the results very soon.

Ridenour reported that Trunk-or-Treat will be held on village square on October 31, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 p.m. Trick or Treat will be held on October 31, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

JAMEYSON – ZONING

Jameyson was absent.

CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman reported that Fire Chief Chris Ridenour received the FEMA fire grant in the amount of \$42,898.28 for radios for the new fire trucks. The village portion towards the purchase will be \$2,144.92.

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman reported that Frank Brothers Inc., donated \$449.44 worth of mulch and installation for Lodi Community Park. A motion was made by Ridenour and seconded by Miller to accept the donation.

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


NAYS: None

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman reported that the Lodi Board of Public Affairs has asked council to consider raising the sanitary sewer rate five cents per hundred gallons each year for the next five years. The rate hasn't been raised since 2010 and the sewer plant is now twenty years old and will need repairs. The clerk-treasurer will provide a sample resolution for council to review.

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

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

NAYS: None



Robert Geissman, Mayor



Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer