

**BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 10, 2023
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 and Emerson. Hagelin was absent but listened to the meeting by phone. Also in attendance were Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich and Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman.

A motion was made by Emerson and seconded by Gilbert to approve the minutes of the 12-6-22 regular board meeting. Upon roll call: Aye – Emerson and Gilbert. Nay - None.

A motion was made by Emerson and seconded by Gilbert to approve the monthly bills. Upon roll call: Aye – Emerson and Gilbert. Nay – None.

OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent's Notes – Discussion was held with Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich to update board members on current projects.

Medina Fiber LIT Communications – Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that that the two site locations for booster signal cabinets for the fiber optic project will be near the street department building on Railroad Street and near the gas station at Miller Brothers.

Ohio Stations Master Meter Project – Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that the date Dirt Dawg Excavating will be installing the meter pit and metering has been changed to 1-16-23.

Living Waters Master Meter Project – Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that the date Dirt Dawg Excavating will be installing the meter pit and metering has been changed to 1-23-23.

Bank Street Sanitary Sewer Main Repairs – Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that the date Dirt Dawg Excavating plans to be on site to make needed repairs has been changed to 1-16-23 through 1-23-23.

FOG Billing – Discussion was held regarding fats oils, and grease testing and non-compliance issues with businesses near the I-71 and Burbank area. Area businesses continue to be in non-compliance with fats, oils, and grease testing. A motion was made by Emerson and seconded by Gilbert to have Village Solicitor Ted Lesiak send a copy of the village ordinance along with a letter stating that continued non-compliance will result in additional fines being charged in the future over and above the cost of cleaning charge. Upon roll call: Aye- Emerson and Gilbert. Nay – None.

A motion was made by Emerson and seconded by Gilbert for an expenditure of \$17,000 to install annunciators in the Shultz electric substation. This equipment will show where any transformer

fault has occurred when the event happens. Upon roll call: Aye – Emerson and Gilbert. Nay – None. Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich will develop a timeline for this project. It was determined that annunciators will also be added to the Krause substation when the substation is rebuilt.

Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that he authorized an expenditure of \$999 to C & L Shoes for heavy duty black fire-resistant sweatshirts for the protection of the electric department employees.

A motion was made by Emerson and seconded by Gilbert to authorize the superintendent of utilities to apply for an Ohio EPA grant in the amount of \$10,000 for a water department utility locator and receiver and manual valve exerciser. The total cost of the equipment is anticipated to be \$11,778.25. Upon roll call: Aye – Emerson and Gilbert. Nay – None.

Discussion was held regarding a situation where there was believed to be a water leak at the residence located at 654 Hawthorne Drive. An initial water meter reading was high, and the resident was notified of a probable water leak. The resident hired a plumber to investigate the situation and found no leak. The plumber replaced some toilet parts at the location. It was later found that there was an error in the meter reading data which verified that the resident did not have a leak. The resident is requesting a refund of the invoice amount he incurred by calling the plumber to the home. A motion was made by Emerson and seconded by Gilbert to reimburse the resident one half of the invoice amount since the invoice was for materials furnished to the home and the home owner received the benefit of the materials. The amount to be reimbursed is \$171.38. Upon roll call: Aye – Emerson and Gilbert. Nay – None.

The next board meeting will be held Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in village council chambers.

It was determined that the board will hold one the February board meeting on Tuesday, February 7, and Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in village council chambers.

There being no further business to come before the board a motion was made by Emerson and seconded by Gilbert to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call: Aye – Emerson and Gilbert. Nay – None.



Karl Hagelin
Board President



Annette Geissman
Clerk/Treasurer