

**BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 28, 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 Hagelin. Emerson was absent. Also in attendance were Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich, Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman, and General Foreman Joe Sadzewicz.

A motion was made by Gilbert and seconded by Hagelin to approve the minutes of the 2-28-23 regular meeting and the 3-14-23 regular meeting. Upon roll call: Aye – Gilbert and Hagelin. Nay – None.

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

A motion was made by Gilbert and seconded by Hagelin to approve a second reading of the General Rules and Regulation for Electric. Upon roll call: Aye – Gilbert and Hagelin. Nay – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Larry Abbott, representing Automation Resources, was present to discuss water treatment plant radio communication. The radio system that was installed in 2019 is not working well at times. Radios were installed at the water plant, Bank Street tower, Kennard Road tower, and Redfield Street tower. All of these radios communicate back to the water plant. There are times when this communication is not happening. Larry Abbot has installed three new radios on a trial basis in an attempt to correct the situation. The new radios also communicate with each other. It is uncertain if this will fully correct the situation. It was determined that the board will wait until after the fall season occurs to determine if the new radios are working well once all tree leaves have fallen. If the board decides to purchase new radios a total of five will be needed at an approximate total cost of \$26,000. It was determined that price quotes will also be obtained to switch to cellular modem service. Another option may be to connect to the fiber loop currently being installed. The board will think about all options before a final decision is made.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Contract A Water Project - A motion was made by Gilbert and seconded by Hagelin to approve a change order for Water Project Contract A to repair the water line at the end of Evergreen Drive. The line will be upsized to an eight-inch water line to align with the water line replacement work being done to facilitate the new water tower. Upon roll call: Aye – Gilbert and Hagelin. Nay – None.

Lakeview Drive Electric – A motion was made by Gilbert and seconded by Hagelin for an expenditure of \$43,000 to rebuild the underground electric service on Lakeview Drive. Dirt Dawg Excavating will perform the trenching and laying of conduit portion of the project which will represent \$24,000 of the \$43,000. Upon roll call: Aye – Gilbert and Hagelin. Nay – None.

Electric Department Employment Contract – Board Member Gilbert provided notes to board members containing items he would like to incorporate into an employment contract for AMP lineman training. This information will be forwarded to Village Solicitor Ted Lesiak to prepare a draft agreement.

Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that a resident on Kennard Road originally requested and paid the fees for a 200 AMP electric service. All work has already been done for the original request. The customer has now changed his mind and wants to upgrade the service to a 400 AMP service. More costs will be necessary for materials and employee labor costs to upgrade the service. A motion was made by Gilbert and seconded by Hagelin to invoice the customer for all extra materials and labor costs to accommodate the change. Upon roll call: Aye – Gilbert and Hagelin. Nay – None.

FOG Testing – General Foremen Joe Sadzewicz discussed recent FOG testing with the board. Joe will provide test results to Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich for the next board meeting. Joe reported that some businesses are not improving and asked if the board is interested in establishing a fine over and above the cost of cleaning out the lift station for those in violation of established limits. The board will discuss this at the next meeting.

Board Member Gilbert reported that he feels the board needs to make it clear that the Scheetz water line grant applicant needs to pay engineering costs to determine if there is enough water flow available to serve what they are proposing. They also need to pay for a study to determine if a water tank is needed in the area.

A motion was made by Gilbert and seconded by Hagelin to authorize the clerk-treasurer to advertise for water softener salt bids. Upon roll call: Aye – Gilbert and Hagelin. Nay – None.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 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 Gilbert and seconded by Hagelin to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call: Aye – Gilbert and Hagelin. Nay – None.


Karl Hagelin
Board President


Annette Geissman
Clerk/Treasurer