

**BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 11, 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, Hagelin, and Emerson. Also in attendance were Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich and Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman.

A motion was made by Gilbert and seconded by Emerson to approve the minutes of the 3-28-23 regular meeting. Upon roll call: Aye – Gilbert, Emerson, 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

Cemetery District – Board President Hagelin reported that the property deed for Woodlawn Cemetery has been transferred to the Harrisville-Lodi Union Cemetery District which the village is part of. A motion was made by Gilbert and seconded by Emerson to add this cemetery to the list of utility accounts that the village does not charge utilities for (village owned accounts). Upon roll call: Aye – Gilbert, Emerson, and Hagelin. Nay – None.

Water Tank Color Selection – Color choices were reviewed by the board for the new water tank being constructed in the Hawthorne Drive area. The board selected “winter” for the color.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Electric Department Employment Contract – Board Members reviewed a draft employee agreement provided by Village Solicitor Ted Lesiak. Board Member Gilbert suggested that the actual name of the program (Basic 1 Line worker, etc.) be added before the first Whereas in the document. Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich made several suggestions including reducing a specific amount of money for each month an employee works from the total that would be owed upon termination, adding mileage and hotel costs to the agreement, add expenses involved if the employee doesn’t pass the test, etc. Tracy will modify the document and provide a new draft for board members to review and discuss at the next meeting.

FOG Testing – Board Members discussed the need to implement an additional administrative fine, in addition to current cleanup recovery costs and testing fees for customers who are in violation of fats, oils, and grease limits ordinance. A motion was made by Gilbert and seconded by Emerson to authorize the clerk-treasurer to bill for FOG cleanup and testing fees from the March 6, 2023 testing, and bill for and implement the following additional administrative fine schedule:

100 – 299 mg/L over the limit will result in an additional \$200 fine
300-499 mg/L over the limit will result in an additional \$300 fine
500 or more mg/L over the limit will result in an additional \$500 fine

Upon roll call: Aye – Gilbert, Emerson, and Hagelin. Nay – None.

Electric General Rules and Regulations – Discussion was held regarding the need to remove any fees listed in the electric general rules and regulations document. A separate fee schedule will be adopted for all fees. The draft document will be revised and passed at an upcoming meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman reported that Fire Chief Chris Ridenour will be contacting the Ohio Stations Outlet Mall to request that the fire hydrants be repaired on their property.


Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman reported that Jim Vaughn has asked for a sewer reduction on his mobile home park master meter reading due to a water leak that occurred with one of the mobile homes that did not go through the sewer. Mr. Vaughn believes the leak may have amounted to approximately four hundred gallons of water. A motion was made by Gilbert and seconded by Emerson to not give sewer credits to accounts with master water meters because the individual water users consumption is not measured and there is no way to verify how much water is involved with a leak. Upon roll call: Aye – Gilbert, Emerson, and Hagelin. Nay – None.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 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, Gilbert, and Hagelin. Nay – None.



Karl Hagelin
Board President



Annette Geissman
Clerk/Treasurer