

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 13, 2023
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 Mayor Robert Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman, Fire Chief Chris Ridenour, and Police Chief Keith Keough.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Surrarrer and seconded by de Luna to approve the minutes of the 1-23-23 regular council meeting.

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

LEGISLATION

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3398 PASSED NOVEMBER 14, 2022, FIXING THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, FIXING THE EFFECTIVE DATE FROM AND AFTER NOVEMBER 28, 2022, EXCEPT AS HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS INCONSISTENT HERewith. A motion was made by de Luna and seconded by Miller to declare this a first reading of the ordinance. Police Chief Keough reported that he would like the current part time officer position to remain in place for up to six months after a new full time officer is hired to allow time for training. Village Solicitor Ted Lesiak will be asked to make this change for the second reading of the ordinance.

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

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO AMENDING AND REVISING SECTION 1262.03 OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI PLANNING AND ZONING CODE. A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Ridenour to declare this a first reading of the ordinance.

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

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A FIRST AMENDED AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH THE MEDINA COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND HOMELAND SECURITY. A motion was made by Ridenour and seconded by Surrarrer to declare this a first reading of the ordinance.

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

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO APPROVING A REPLAT OF VILLAGE LOTS 903 AND 904 CREATING

NEW VILLAGE LOTS 1162 AND 1163. A motion was made by Ridenour and seconded by Surrarer to declare this a second reading of the ordinance.

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

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING THE 2023 EDITION OF THE OHIO BASIC CODE, PUBLISHED BY THE AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING CORPORATION, FOR THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO; PUBLISHING THE ENACTMENT OF NEW MATTERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Miller to suspend the three-reading rule and pass the ordinance as an emergency.

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

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

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

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3398 PASSED NOVEMBER 14, 2022, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DONATION OF SICK PAY LEAVE TIME AMONG EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO, AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by Ridenour and seconded by Surrarer to suspend the three-reading rule and pass the ordinance as an emergency.

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

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

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

COMMMITTEE 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 for an expenditure of up to \$2,000 for new computers for police cruisers.

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

A motion was made by de Luna and seconded by Miller for an expenditure of \$2,850 for a Flock camera and installation for the police department.

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

A motion was made by de Luna and seconded by Miller for an expenditure of up to \$4,100 for a Clear for Law Enforcement Program for the police department.

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

Upon the recommendation of Mayor Robert Geissman, a motion was made by de Luna and seconded by Graham to hire Jerry Winkler and Stacy Henry as members of the part time volunteer fire department upon successful completion of pre-employment testing and background checks.

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

GRAHAM - STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Graham had nothing to report at this time.

Council Member Miller reported that a resident from River Street reported that water has been washing away an area under her house. Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich will be asked to investigate the situation.

SURRARRER – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Surrarrer reported that a person was interested in putting a hair salon in the old candy shop space but found that the plumbing was inadequate.

Surrarrer reported that a person has purchased Henry's Auto and is cleaning up the property. The individual will be using the garage space to work on his own private vehicles.

Surrarrer reported that he disagrees with the Lodi Board of Public Affairs policy on making the homeowner responsible for their own sanitary sewer lateral lines. He feels that the village should be taking care of these lateral lines with the equipment and personnel the village has. He recently attended a meeting where it was determined that the property owner was responsible for repairing a break in their lateral line. Council Member Miller asked who the property owner was. Surrarrer responded that it was Mike Gray. Surrarrer stated that these types of repairs can cost thousands of dollars to the home owner and he feels the village should take responsibility for these repairs. Surrarrer stated that he wanted to go on record as saying that for all BPA pay rates he is a "no" vote. He stated that he is done with Mr. Gilbert and his unprofessionalism in talking to residents.

RIDENOUR – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES

Ridenour had nothing to report at this time.

Council Member Miller discussed the list of items the Lodi Chamber of Commerce is willing to donate to the village. Council Member Surrarrer reported that the Sivard Family will be receiving the pop up tents and the cornhole games. Miller will call Mark Spitzer from the Lodi Chamber of Commerce to discuss items on the list and inform him that the village may have an interest in at least some of the items.

Council Member Graham asked if the village is going to do a shredding day event this year. Council Member Miller reported that she contacted the shredding company but has not heard back

with a confirmation of available dates. Graham reported that she will try to make contact with a shredding company.

JAMEYSON – ZONING

Jameyson was absent.

MAYOR ROBERT GEISSMAN

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the environmental review process has begun for the Lodi Community Park bridge replacement project.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that Medina County has advertised for bids for the CDBG fountain repair project for the fifth time. The county has been unable to get a contractor to bid on the project. They have suggested that if no bids are received this time, the money allocated for this project be added to the current playground equipment project.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the TLCI Grant went out for bid. One bid was received and scored. A meeting will be held with the successful bidder and Mayor Geissman will invite them to meet with council to discuss desired plans for the grant.

A motion was made by de Luna and seconded by Ridenour to go into executive session to discuss the purchase of property.

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

NAYS: None

A motion was made by Graham and seconded by de Luna to come out of executive session with no action taken and to resume the regular meeting.

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

NAYS: None

A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Surrarer to authorize the mayor to negotiate a purchase of property on Elyria Street.

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

NAYS: None

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

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

NAYS: None



Robert Geissman, Mayor



Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer