

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 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, Graham, Surrarrer, Ridenour, and Jameyson. de Luna was absent. Also in attendance were Mayor Robert Geissman and Fire Chief Chris Ridenour. Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman was absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Village prosecutors Tom Morris and Bradley Proudfoot were present and addressed council to inform them that changes would be coming to their positions along with the courts in Wadsworth. Mr. Morris will be running for the judge position that will be vacant at the first of the year when Judge McIlvaine retires. Also, Mr. Proudfoot will be running for the position of Wadsworth Law director to replace Mr. Morris. Mr. Proudfoot will continue to represent the Village as our prosecutor through a contract.

Will Genkin was present and wanted to make sure that if he purchased transformers for his buildings that power would be turned on to the buildings. Mr. Genkin was informed that he should attend the next BPA meeting as they are responsible for the electric utility. Mr. Genkin also brought up the previous request to make changes to the zoning so that the residential home he has on Medina Street could be used. Mayor Geissman will arrange to have Village Solicitor Ted Lesiak speak with Mr. Jenkin about the situation and see if there is anything council can do to assist with making the use of the home legal.

LEGISLATION

THIRD AND FINAL 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 Miller and seconded by Graham to pass the ordinance upon this third and final reading.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Miller, Graham, Surrarrer, Ridenour, and Jameyson

NAYS: None

THIRD AND FINAL RADING 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 Jameyson and seconded by Surrarrer to pass the ordinance upon this third and final reading.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Jameyson, Surrarrer, Miller, Graham, and Ridenour

NAYS: None

COMMITTEE REQUESTS

MILLER – FINANCE AND LEGISLATION

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ridenour to approve the monthly bills.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Miller, Ridenour, Graham, Surrarer, and Jameyson

NAYS: None

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham to approve the monthly financial report.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Miller, Graham, Surrarer, Ridenour, and Jameyson

NAYS: None

Miller discussed a situation where protests occurred at a Wadsworth park recently. Miller asked if there should be legislation passed by council, so the same thing doesn't happen in Lodi. Council decided to make attorney Lesiak aware of the situation and ask if he can provide guidance.

de LUNA – SAFETY

de Luna was absent.

Upon the recommendation of Mayor Robert Geissman a motion was made by Ridenour and seconded by Jameyson to hire Calvin Young as a full-time police officer, pending the passing of all full-time testing requirements and a background check.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Ridenour, Jameyson, Miller, Graham, and Surrarer

NAYS: None

Chief Ridenour suggested that new police and fire fighters be sworn in at council meetings in the future. Chief Ridenour also suggested that training contracts for departments be reviewed and made standard.

GRAHAM - STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Graham reported that the playground equipment is nearly complete in Lodi Community Park and all leveling and seeding will be done soon. Graham also reported that all underground work is complete on the Lakeview Drive reconstruction project.

SURRARRER – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Surrarer reported that the new owner of Henry's Automotive has been working on improving the building.

RIDENOUR – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES

A motion was made by Ridenour and seconded by Miller to approve an expenditure of \$1,343 for annual weed and feed programs for Lodi Central Park, Lodi Fire Department, and Richman Field, along with grub control for Central Park.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Ridenour, Miller, Graham, Surrarer, and Jameyson

NAYS: None

Mayor Geissman reported that the Village has approximately \$25,000 left from the monies that were to be used for the fountain repair project. The county has now decided to add the additional

money to the playground equipment project. The village will need to pick one of three options provided by the contractor.

Graham reported that the original annual village shred day was to be June 10th but that date is no longer available. The new shred day will be June 3rd and the event will be held at the Lodi Methodist Church. If any issues arise, the event can be held on June 24th.

Miller and Ridenour discussed the Easter Egg Hunt and at this time the village will not be having the event.

Ridenour and Surrarer reported that they spoke to Mark Spitzer about the materials the Chamber wanted to donate to the village.

Mayor Geissman reported that after a request was received by the Medina County Park District about a lease they hold on Village Property, he conducted a records search. He found the Medina County Park District has a ninety-nine year lease on a parcel that the village owns. He also found that another parcel the village owns has a nature preserve deed restriction. Both large parcels owned by the village cannot be used for anything other than a nature preserve.

JAMEYSON – ZONING

Jameyson had nothing to report.

MAYOR ROBERT GEISSMAN

Mayor Geissman reported that he spoke with Matt Kolb about purchasing property from the Wilma Halladay Trust and he would be willing to sell approximately twenty-nine acres to the Village of Lodi.

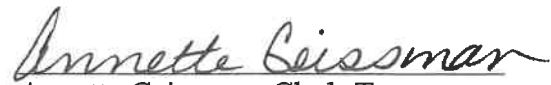
A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Surrarer to authorize the mayor to enter into a contract with Matt Kolb to purchase approximately twenty-nine acres of land on Elyria Street for the cost of \$295,000.00 plus surveying and closing costs.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Graham, Surrarer, Miller, Ridenour, and Jameyson

NAYS: None



Robert Geissman, Mayor


Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer