REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 9, 2023
7:00 P.M.

Lodi Village Council met on the above date for a Regular Meeting with the following Council Members present: Miller, Samples, Graham, and Ridenour. Surrarrer was absent. Also in attendance were Mayor Robert Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman, Fire Chief Chris Ridenour, and Police Sgt. Shane Sams.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Ridenour to approve the minutes from the 9-25-23 regular council meeting.
Upon roll call: YEAS: Graham, Ridenour, Miller, and Samples
NAYS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Residents from Prospect Street, Redfield Street, Elyria Street, and Wooster Street were present to discuss their concerns regarding traffic going too fast and endangering residents and children. Residents proposed a three way stop in the Prospect and Redfield Street area near High Street. They would like "Children at Play" signs to be posted. They asked about the possibility of designating the Prospect and Redfield Street area as "not a through street", which would stop Google from designating it as a through street route. Police Sgt. Shane Sams read a letter prepared by Police Chief Keough regarding measures taken by the police department to reduce speeding traffic in the area. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of placing electronic speed signs in the area that show how fast a driver is going. Residents on Elyria Street and Wooster Street asked for more patrol in their areas. Police Sgt. Sams reported that speeding complaints have been made and the police department takes them very seriously and will continue to do so. Sgt. Sams also asked parents to educate their children on traffic safety. Mayor Robert Geissman reported that ODOT will need to be contacted regarding whether the village may place signs on the state routes. Mayor Geissman will ask the street superintendent and police chief to investigate stop signs and other possibilities. Residents suggested speed humps rather than speed bumps. Council Member Samples asked about the possibility of putting rumble strips on the road edges to alert drivers when they may be going too fast and leaving their lane. It was determined that Mandy Gerwig will be the contact person for the citizen concerns.

Tom Gerwig, representing Cloverleaf Baseball, was present and discussed placing gates at the dugouts at Richman Field so people do not have to walk all the way around the dugouts. Mr. Gerwig was given permission by council to install gates. Discussion was held regarding the need for the baseball organization to supply their current insurance information to the clerk-treasurer for determining the limit needed by the organization to place sheds on the ballfields. Discussion was held regarding the method used to reserve the ballfields by teams. A motion was made by Ridenour and seconded by Miller that no reservations may be taken from other teams until the village clerk-treasurer receives the schedule for Cloverleaf Baseball and reserves their needs first. Cloverleaf Baseball will submit their schedule to the clerk-treasurer by March 15 of each year, with a grace period until March 20.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Ridenour, Miller, Samples, and Graham
NAYS: None

Cody Boothe was present to discuss the process to turn the field lights on and off at Richman Field for baseball games. Mr. Boothe will need to discuss this topic with Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich. Mr. Boothe also asked about dragging the ballfields and weed control. He will also need to speak to Tracy Haltrich regarding these items.

Newly hired Police Patrolman Donald Paxton was present and introduced himself to council members.

LEGISLATION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO ENTER INTO AN AFFILIATION AGREEMENT FOR STUDENTS WITH KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham to suspend the three-reading rule and pass the ordinance as an emergency.
Upon roll call: YEAS: Miller, Graham, Samples, and Ridenour
NAYS: None
A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Miller to pass the ordinance.
Upon roll call: YEAS: Graham, Miller, Samples, and Ridenour
NAYS: None

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3227-17 REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX. A motion was made by Ridenour and seconded by Graham to declare this a first reading of the ordinance.
Upon roll call: YEAS: Ridenour, Graham, Miller, and Samples
NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SET IN STONE, CONTRACTING FOR JANICE STREET RECONSTRUCTION-PHASE 1, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by Ridenour and seconded by Miller to suspend the three-reading rule and pass the ordinance as an emergency.
Upon roll call: YEAS: Ridenour, Miller, Samples, and Graham
NAYS: None
A motion was made by Ridenour and seconded by Miller to pass the ordinance. The Lodi Board of Public Affairs will determine whether to proceed with the storm sewer portion of the project.
Upon roll call: YEAS: Ridenour, Miller, Samples, and Graham
NAYS: None

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham to pass the resolution.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Miller, Graham, Samples, and Ridenour
NAYS: None

COMMMITTEE REQUESTS

A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Ridenour to appoint Joseph Gorglione to fill the current vacant council seat.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Graham, Ridenour, Miller, and Samples
NAYS: None

MILLER – FINANCE AND LEGISLATION

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ridenour to approve the final change order for the Lakeview Drive Reconstruction Project in the amount of $4,180.19.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Miller, Ridenour, Samples, and Graham
NAYS: None

SAMPLES – SAFETY

Samples had nothing to report at this time.

GRAHAM - STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Graham reported that leaf pickup has begun and will continue with the first focus being on streets that have newly planted grass seed in the right of way.

SURRARRER – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Surrarrer was absent.

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman reported that Council Member Surrarrer will be meeting with a representative from the Medina County Economic Development Corporation Wednesday at 11:00 a.m., to discuss possibilities for the Vibrant Communities Program Grant.

RIDENOUR – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES

Ridenour reported that she will be placing fall decorations in the village square soon.

ZONING

There was nothing to report for zoning.

MAYOR GEISSMAN

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he has contacted NOACA for a status update on the $85,000 TLCI Planning Grant. He has not heard back from them yet.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the house that burned on Wooster Street is still in the process of being torn down.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he spoke to Bethany Dentler at the Medina County Economic Development Corporation regarding applying for a demolition grant for 201 Bank Street. There is grant money available and this project will be applied for.

There being no further business to come before council, a motion was made by Ridenour and seconded by Graham to adjourn the meeting.
Upon roll call: YEAS: Ridenour, Graham, Miller, and Samples
NAYS: None

Robert Geissman, Mayor

Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer