

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, October 23, 2023**  
**7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Robert Geissman swore in new council member Joseph Gorglione.

Lodi Village Council met on the above date for a Regular Meeting with the following Council Members present: Miller, Samples, Graham, Surrarer, Ridenour, and Gorglione. Also in attendance were Mayor Robert Geissman, Village Solicitor Ted Lesiak, Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman, Fire Chief Chris Ridenour, and Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ridenour and seconded by Graham to approve the minutes from the 10-9-23 regular council meeting.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Ridenour, Graham, Miller, Samples, Surrarer, and Gorglione

NAYS: None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mandy Gerwig, of 106 Redfield Street, was present to follow up on speeding traffic issues on her street. Utility/Street Superintendent Tracy Haltrich reported that he spoke to the village engineer who indicated that a traffic study would provide information regarding whether more stop signs in the area are warranted. The engineer reported that rumble strips are not necessarily a good solution because they are very noisy. Tracy Haltrich has reached out to NOACA to ask if they will loan the village an electronic speed indicator for the area. Tracy Haltrich will obtain a price quote for a traffic study for council review.

Tom Gerwig, representing Cloverleaf Baseball, was present and provided insurance information for their association. Council will review the information and determine whether the limits are suitable for the shed the association would like to place at Richman Field. Mr. Gerwig indicated that they are waiting for one more piece of information from their insurance company.

**LEGISLATION**

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE 2023 NORTHERN POWER POOL SCHEDULE WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC. (AMP). A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Miller to declare this a first reading of the ordinance.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Graham, Miller, Samples, Surrarer, Ridenour, and Gorglione

NAYS: None

SECOND 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 second reading of the ordinance.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Ridenour, Graham, Miller, Samples, Ridenour, and Gorglione

NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (“ODNR”) TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION/CONSERVATION PROJECT PASS-THROUGH GRANT, ESTABLISHING NEW FUNDS TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS, 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, Graham, Surrarer, and Gorglione

NAYS: None

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

Upon roll call: YEAS: Ridenour, Graham, Miller, Samples, Surrarer, and Gorglione

NAYS: None

### **COMMMITTEE REQUESTS**

#### **MILLER – FINANCE AND LEGISLATION**

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham to approve the final change order for the Water System Improvements Contract A – Waterline Project in the amount of \$18,040.65.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Miller, Graham, Samples, Surrarer, Ridenour, and Gorglione

NAYS: None

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham to approve a 0 % increase to the Medical Mutual Health Insurance plan. The village will also accept the offer for a moratorium on two months’ worth of premiums due to the excellent plan year claims experienced in the past year.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Miller, Graham, Samples, Surrarer, Ridenour, and Gorglione

NAYS: None

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham to accept a donation valued at \$1,200 from Alloy Fabricators for twenty helmet holders for the fire department.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Miller, Graham, Samples, Surrarer, Ridenour, and Gorglione

NAYS: None

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham to accept a donation valued at \$200 from O’Reilly Auto Parts for rubber edge protectors for fire department helmet holders.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Miller, Graham, Samples, Surrarer, Ridenour, and Gorglione

NAYS: None

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

Upon roll call: YEAS: Miller, Ridenour, Samples, Graham, Surrarer, and Gorglione

NAYS: None

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

Upon roll call: YEAS: Miller, Graham, Samples, Surrarer, Ridenour, and Gorglione

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 reported that he met with a representative from the Medina County Economic Development Corporation to discuss possibilities for the Vibrant Communities Program Grant. He would like the representative to attend a future council meeting to discuss the program and match money requirements with council.

### **RIDENOUR – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES**

Ridenour reported that Trick-or-Treat in the village will be held October 31 from 6PM to 8PM. Trunk-or-Treat will be held on October 31 from 5:30PM to 6:30PM on village square.

### **GORGLIONE - ZONING**

A motion was made by Ridenour and seconded by Miller to approve a parking permit renewal for 104 High Street for one vehicle only.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Ridenour, Miller, Samples, Graham, Surrarrer, and Gorglione

NAYS: None

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham to authorize the zoning inspector to have 145 Harris Street and 136 River Street mowed due to high grass.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Miller, Graham, Samples, Surrarrer, Ridenour, and Gorglione

NAYS: None

### **CLERK-TREASURER**

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman discussed a request from the Lodi Masonic Lodge to change the village wide garage sale dates to May 16, 17, and 18 next year to coincide with their annual flower sale. They would also like to invite vendors to have booths for select flea market type items. Council agreed to this request and the garage sale dates will be changed.

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman provided a letter to council members from the SPCA seeking funding for their efforts.

### **MAYOR GEISSMAN**

Mayor Robert Geissman provided copies of zoning code changes prepared by Susan Hirsch. Mayor Geissman asked council to review the proposed changes. The Lodi Zoning and Planning Commission will review the changes soon and make a recommendation to council.

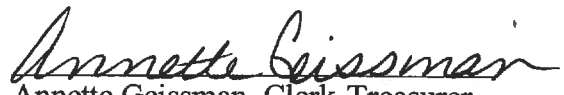
Mayor Robert Geissman provided proposed changes to a current agreement with the Medina County Park District for council review. The park district has asked for specific changes to the agreement. Village Solicitor Ted Lesiak reviewed the information from the park district and added additional changes which will be sent to the park district for review.

There being no further business to come before council, a motion was made by Graham and seconded by Ridenour to adjourn the meeting.

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



Robert Geissman, Mayor



Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer