

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 27, 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, Surrarrer, and Ridenour. Gorglione was absent. Also in attendance were Mayor Robert Geissman, Assistant Village Solicitor David Randolph, Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman, Fire Chief Chris Ridenour, and Police Chief Keith Keough.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Surrarrer to approve the minutes from the 11-13-23 regular council meeting.

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

NAYS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mandy Gerwig, of 106 Redfield Street, was present and reported that she feels the “no trucks” sign at the end of Prospect Street near State Route 83 needs to be moved closer to State Route 83. This information will be shared with Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich. Police Chief Keith Keough reported that he has spoken to the Westfield police chief and has asked to borrow one of their electronic speed indicator signs temporarily to check for speeding traffic in the Redfield and Prospect Street areas.

LEGISLATION

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, PROVIDING FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE. 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, Samples, and Surrarrer

NAYS: None

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH CLOVERLEAF YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION. A motion was made by Ridenour and seconded by Miller to declare this a second reading of the ordinance.

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

NAYS: None

THIRD AND FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE NORTHERN POOL PARTICIPANT SCHEDULE. A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Surrarrer to pass the ordinance upon this third and final reading.

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

NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, FIXING THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, FIXING THE EFFECTIVE DATE FROM AND AFTER NOVEMBER 27, 2023, EXCEPT AS HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS INCONSISTENT HERewith, AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by Surrarer and seconded by Graham to suspend the three-reading rule and pass the ordinance as an emergency.

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

NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER AND THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO, AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE 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, Samples, Surrarer, and Ridenour

NAYS: None

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

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

NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, TRANSFERRING ITEMS BETWEEN FUNDS AND/OR INCREASING, DECREASING, OR TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATION ITEMS WITHIN FUNDS. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham to pass the ordinance.

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

NAYS: None

COMMITTEE REQUESTS

MILLER – FINANCE AND LEGISLATION

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

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

NAYS: None

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

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

NAYS: None

SAMPLES – SAFETY

A motion was made by Samples and seconded by Miller for an expenditure of up to \$1,500 for outside driving training on large fire vehicles for four new fire department employees. Drive Team in Akron, Ohio will provide the training.

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

GRAHAM - STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Graham reported that the street department has started to prepare the snowplow trucks for winter use. They will also be picking up the Christmas tree for the downtown gazebo tomorrow. They have already put up the Christmas wreaths and lights in the downtown area.

Graham asked if council is interested in doing the annual shredding day event again next year. It was determined that the event will be held. Council Member Miller will ask if the event may be held at the Lodi Methodist Church again. Graham reported that the Lodi American Legion may be interested in helping with the event. The event will be four hours long. Graham will coordinate details.

SURRARRER – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Surrarrer reported that inside work is continuing in the old Hower building on village square.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the “for sale” sign is down at the property beside Richman Field. It is uncertain if the property has been sold.

RIDENOUR – PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTIES

A motion was made by Ridenour and seconded by Miller for an expenditure of \$1,946.20 to repair the damaged playground equipment at Lodi Community Park.

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

Ridenour reported that the annual Winter Wonderland event will be held on village square on Saturday, December 2, 2023, from 4PM to 7PM.

GORGLIONE - ZONING

Gorglione was absent.

CLERK-TREASURER

December meeting dates were discussed. It was determined that council will meet on Monday, December 11, 2023, and Tuesday, December 19, 2023. The annual council organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

MAYOR GEISSMAN

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that Susan Hirsch has completed all the proposed zoning code changes. The Lodi Planning and Zoning Commission will review the documents and make recommendations to council.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that council may want to consider purchasing the electronic speed signs soon. He received prices on two different types of speed signs. He will share the information with Police Chief Keough. Mayor Geissman stated that he feels this will be a good purchase for the village.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he attended the OPWC District 9 meeting, and the Village of Lodi water plant waterline replacement project was ranked the number one project to send to the state for Small Government Grant funding. It is hopeful that the village will receive this grant funding.

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

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

NAYS: None



Robert Geissman, Mayor



Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer