

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, December 11, 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, and Ridenour. Samples and Gorglione were 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 Miller to approve the minutes from the 11-27-23 regular council meeting.

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

NAYS: None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mandy Gerwig, of 106 Redfield Street, was present and reported that the Cloverleaf Youth Baseball Association does not have the insurance information yet to finalize the agreement to place the shed at Richman Field. As soon as the insurance information is available, she will forward it to the village clerk-treasurer.

**LEGISLATION**

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, PROVIDING FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE. A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Surrarrer to declare this a second reading of the ordinance.

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

NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY OHIO, FOR THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO, TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION SERVICES AND FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT TO HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP 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, Surrarrer, and Ridenour

NAYS: None

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

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

NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP, MEDINA COUNTY OHIO, FOR THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO, TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. A

motion was made by Graham and seconded by Ridenour to suspend the three-reading rule and pass the ordinance as an emergency.

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

NAYS: None

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

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

NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, REQUESTING THE AUDITOR OF MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO TO MAKE TAX ADVANCES FOR THE 2024 YEAR PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 321.34 AND 321.341 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE 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, Surrarrer, and Ridenour

NAYS: None

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

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

NAYS: None

### **COMMMITTEE REQUESTS**

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

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham for an expenditure of an additional \$1,287.50 to Susan Hirsch for zoning code amendment work.

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

NAYS: None

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ridenour to accept donations to the police department for the K-9 unit in the amounts of \$25 from David and Sylvia Anderson, \$8,000 from the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and \$100 from Anna and Stephen Serafin.

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

NAYS: None

#### **SAMPLES – SAFETY**

Samples was absent.

Police Chief Keough introduced Police Sgt. Shane Sams who spoke about the re-establishment of the Lodi Police Department K-9 unit. Sgt. Sams will be the K-9 handler for the department. The costs of the K-9 unit will be paid for through donations to the department. Sgt. Sams will be trained and certified in the K-9 program. He will recertify yearly and do specialized training twice a month. Obedience will be stressed in training sessions.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham for an expenditure of \$3,545 for Zechariah Gerber to attend Firefighter 1 and 2 Class.

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

NAYS: None

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham to allow the police and fire department employees to extend the time to use their November and December holidays through March 31, 2024.

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

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham for an expenditure of \$1,200 for pre-employment testing for police officer candidate Joshua Thompson.

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

Upon the recommendation of Mayor Robert Geissman, a motion was made by Graham and seconded by Miller to hire Joshua Thompson as a fulltime police officer upon successful completion of a background check and pre-employment testing.

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

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Graham to authorize Police Officer Calvin Young to be paid at the new rate of \$35.22 for officers with ten or more years of service effective with the date November 27, 2023, date of the pay ordinance.

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

Police Chief Keith Keough reported that parking citations have been issued for parking in the street at Whisper Creek and Lakeview Drive. He is receiving complaints regarding cars parking over the sidewalk area. Keith will be speaking to residents regarding not parking across sidewalks or in the street. Keith is also still working on an analysis of parking on River Street. He is currently reviewing parking ordinances from Seville and Wellington to gather ideas.

#### **GRAHAM - STREETS & SIDEWALKS**

A motion was made by Graham and seconded by Surrarer to appoint Richard Indoe as the citizen trustee for the Harrisville-Lodi Union Cemetery Board of Trustees effective January 1, 2024.

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

#### **SURRARRER – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Surrarer had nothing to report at this time.

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

Ridenour reported that the annual Winter Wonderland event went well. Council Member Miller reported that over two hundred children visited with Santa.

#### **GORGLIONE - ZONING**

Gorglione was absent.

Council Member Miller reported that residents have complained about junk and vehicles at 213 Wooster Street. Mayor Robert Geissman reported that he will pull the file on this property for discussion at the next Lodi Planning and Zoning meeting.

**CLERK-TREASURER**

Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman discussed a notice received from Medical Mutual stating that federal law requires our insurance plans to cover gender affirmation care. Our medical plan covers this, but our prescription plan does not. A motion was made by Ridenour and seconded by Graham to add the gender affirmation coverage to the village prescription plan.

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

NAYS: Surrarer

**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 a preconstruction meeting was held with the contractor for the Lodi Community Park Bridge Project. The project will begin very soon and is scheduled to be completed by June 15, 2024. However, it is anticipated that the project will be finished before the deadline. The water lines to the restroom will also be replaced and a sewer line to the restrooms will be installed as part of the project.

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

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

NAYS: None



Robert Geissman, Mayor



Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer