VILLAGE OF LODI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 13, 2026
7:00 P.M.

Lodi Village Council met on the above date for a Regular Meeting with the following Council Members present: Miller, Ridenour, Surrarrer, Double, DeMell, and Gorglione. Also in attendance were Mayor Robert Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman, Fire Chief Chris Ridenour, and Police Officer Calvin Young.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Ridenour and seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the 6-22-26 regular council meeting.
Upon roll call: YEAS: Ridenour, Miller, Surrarrer, Double, DeMell, and Gorglione
NAYS: None

Council Member DeMell stated that regarding the motion made about Melody Miller, he wanted it noted that he disagrees that the town attorney has authority to nullify a vote of the legislative branch of government.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Church Street Resident Tracy Kelling stated that the paving company that recently completed the Church Street project was very courteous and did a great job. Tracy also discussed speed tables that are used in other communities as speed bumps. She suggested that speed tables may be a good idea for Church Street since traffic tends to speed on the street.

Meeting attendee Nicole Machor read a statement regarding her feelings about something previously said regarding her not being a resident of the village and her feelings about attending council meetings as a non-resident of the village.

LEGISLATION

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK. A motion was made by Double and seconded by DeMell to declare this a second reading of the ordinance.
Upon roll call: YEAS: Double, DeMell, Miller, Ridenour, Surrarrer, and Gorglione
NAYS: None

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE MEDINA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR DISPATCH SERVICES. A motion was made by Ridenour and seconded by Double to declare this a first reading of the ordinance.
Upon roll call: YEAS: Ridenour, Double, Miller, Surrarrer, DeMell, and Gorglione
NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY("ODPS") TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE OHIO DIVISION OF EMS TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT GRANT, ESTABLISHING NEW FUNDS TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Gorglione to suspend the three-reading rule and pass the ordinance as an emergency.

Upon roll call: YEAS: Miller, Gorglione, Ridenour, Surrarrer, Double, and DeMell
NAYS: None
A motion was made by Surrarrer and seconded by Double to approve the ordinance.
Upon roll call: YEAS: Surrarrer, Double, Miller, Ridenour, DeMell, and Gorglione
NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MAIN LITE ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. FOR THE KRAUS SUBSTATION CONSTRUCTION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by Gorglione and seconded by Ridenour to suspend the three-reading rule and pass the ordinance as an emergency.
Upon roll call: YEAS: Gorglione, Ridenour, Miller, Surrarrer, Double, and DeMell
NAYS: None
A motion was made by Ridenour and seconded by Miller to approve the ordinance.
Upon roll call: YEAS: Ridenour, Miller, Surrarrer, Double, DeMell, and Gorglione
NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE 2027 FISCAL YEAR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion was made by Ridenour and seconded by Gorglione to suspend the three-reading rule and pass the ordinance as an emergency.
Upon roll call: YEAS: Ridenour, Gorglione, Miller, Surrarrer, Double, and DeMell
NAYS: None
A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Gorglione to approve the ordinance.
Upon roll call: YEAS: Miller, Gorglione, Ridenour, Surrarrer, Double, and DeMell
NAYS: None

COMMITTEE REQUESTS
MILLER – FINANCE AND LEGISLATION
A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ridenour to accept the donation of two banners in support of Rittman from Carolyn Kurtz. Miller reported that a township resident contacted her and wanted to pay Carolyn Kurtz to create the banners but Carolyn decided to donate them.
Upon roll call: YEAS: Miller, Ridenour, Surrarrer, Double, DeMell, and Gorglione
NAYS: None

DEMELL – PARKS AND PUBLIC PROPERTIES
DeMell reported that he heard back from Thomas Baabs regarding a food truck Thomas would like to have in the village. Mr. Baabs would like to set up his pizza food truck approximately once a week. Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman reported that Village Solicitor Ted Lesiak created legislation with suggestions for food vendors that will be presented to the Lodi Zoning and Planning Commission for review at their next meeting. The planning commission will then make a recommendation to council.

DeMell asked why the water has been shut off at Lodi Community Park, specifically for the drinking fountains. Utility/Street Superintendent was contacted during the meeting and was not aware of the reason the water was shut off. He will research this and respond.

RIDENOUR - STREETS & SIDEWALKS
Ridenour had nothing to report at this time.

Council Member Surrarrer reported that the county will be closing off Greenwich Road in the next few weeks near the bridge area by Harris Road. They are asking where a detour should be routed through the village. They are asking about the schedule for the waterline replacement project to help determine their detour. Utility Superintendent Tracy Haltrich will be asked to contact the county directly to discuss this project.

Council Member Surrarrer asked if the Lodi Board of Public Affairs has considered his idea to make corrections to Garden Isle Road drainage issues. Clerk-Treasurer Annette Geissman reported that the Lodi Board of Public Affairs had Engineering Associates look at the area. Engineering Associates is working on a cost estimate for the project.

SURRARRER – SAFETY
Surrarrer had nothing to report at this time.

DOUBLE – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Double reported that Millie and Morgan would like to hold a ribbon cutting ceremony in honor of their first-year in business. They will need to choose a time and date for the event.

GORGLIONE – ZONING
Gorglione had nothing to report at this time.

MAYOR ROBERT GEISSMAN
Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the next round application for an OPWC grant is due in September. The village will need to choose which project to apply for. The village may apply for up to $500,000 towards a project. The mayor suggested considering another $500,000 towards phase two of the water line replacement project or $500,000 towards another street renovation project. The mayor's preference would be a street project. Council Member Surrarrer stated that he would like to see a street project for one of the cut through roads, such as Highland Drive or Redfield Street. Redfield Street is especially needed. Mayor Robert Geissman will obtain updated cost estimates from Engineering Associates for Redfield Street and Highland Drive.

Mayor Robert Geissman reported that the village is currently a Federal Opportunity Zone under version 1.0. This designation expires December 31, 2028. This opportunity zone designation allows companies to receive an additional ten percent tax abatement on state taxes for very large projects. There have not been any projects large enough to be considered thus far in the village. Mayor Geissman received notice that version 2.0 designation applications are being accepted. Mayor Geissman reached out to Bethany Dentler from the Medina County Economic Development Corporation for information regarding the application process for version 2.0. Mayor Geissman was told that the village no longer qualifies as a census tract for version 2.0 and will not be able to apply. There is only one census tract left in Medina County that is eligible for version 2.0. Lodi's version 1.0 status will last until December 31, 2028.

A motion was made by Ridenour and seconded by Surrarrer to go into executive session to discuss the hiring of a public employee, specifically a Chief of Police.
Upon roll call: YEAS: Ridenour, Surrarrer, Miller, and Gorglione
NAYS: Double and DeMell

A motion was made by Ridenour and seconded by Surrarrer to come out of executive session with no action taken and to resume the regular meeting,
Upon roll call: YEAS: Ridenour, Surrarrer, Miller, Double, DeMell, and Gorglione
NAYS: None

There being no further business to come before council a motion was made by Surrarrer and seconded by Double to adjourn the meeting.
Upon roll call: YEAS: Surrarrer, Double, Miller, Ridenour, DeMell, and Gorglione

Robert Geissman, Mayor

Annette Geissman, Clerk-Treasurer