

**BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 20, 2007
9:00 A.M.**

The Lodi Board of Public Affairs met on the above date for a Regular Meeting with the following Board Members present: Anderson, Goodrow, and Geissman. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M.

Also in attendance were Village Solicitor Ted Lesiak, Clerk/Treasurer Annette Geissman, Utility Superintendent Harold Kasten-Krause, and Assistant Superintendent Bruce Wisner.

A motion was made by Geissman and seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2007 Board Meeting. Upon roll call: Aye – Geissman, Anderson, and Goodrow. Nay – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Medina County Temporary Water Service MOU – A draft memorandum of understanding (dated Nov. 11, 2007) between the Medina County Sanitary Engineers Office and The Village of Lodi for sanitary sewer and water service along State Route 83, south of I-71, in Harrisville Township was received and reviewed by the board. This memorandum is being proposed by Medina County as a possible agreement for Lodi to serve area “B” in Harrisville Township. In discussion, Anderson indicated that he is no longer in favor of selling water to the county to intern sell the water to customers in this area. Anderson indicated that he is not in favor of the terms of this proposed memorandum. Goodrow indicated that he would propose that the board send back the Sept. 20, 2007 board proposal as our best and final offer. Anderson stated that the Sept. 20 proposal was drafted with the knowledge that the Garmen Road water plant was planned to be built. Recently the county has stated that they will not be building that plant and the situation has changed, therefore Anderson no longer agrees with the Sept. 20 proposal. Lesiak indicated that Lodi should retain tap fees for the area. Anderson and Geissman indicated that they want an agreement for area “B” drawn up exactly as the agreement for area “A”, only adding terminology to indicate that the agreement will be on a temporary basis. Village Solicitor Ted Lesiak will prepare a draft agreement.

OLD BUSINESS

Meter Reprogramming Update – Letters were sent with the electric bill explaining meter changes and showing billing comparisons for all customers involved with meter changes. The new billing will begin January 1.

Status of Tree Trimming – The AMP-Ohio crew has begun tree trimming of the 69 kv transmission line.

Park District Request for Water – A cost estimate was received by Village Engineer Gary Daugherty for the Medina County Park District to install a water line on their property on West Drive. Utility Superintendent Harold Kasten-Krause will forward this information to the park district along with necessary tap fee information.

Status of Water Service Truck Replacement – A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Geissman to authorize the Clerk to advertise for bids for a water service truck. Utility Superintendent Harold Kasten-Krause will prepare specifications for the desired truck. Upon roll call: Aye – Anderson, Geissman, and Goodrow. Nay – None.

Status of Water Filter Upgrades – This project will begin soon.

Status of Water Hydrant Replacements – This project is almost completed. Three hydrants still need to be replaced and will be finished soon.

Status of Flooding at Water Plant – Utility Superintendent Harold Kasten-Krasue has been working on a solution to the frequent flooding in the area of the water plant and warehouse. The drainage ditch which has filled in with silt over the years will be cleaned out with a grade all which will be rented from Southeastern Equipment. Harold contacted the Medina County Engineer’s Office to inquire about renting or borrowing a grade all from the county. The county indicated that they do not rent or loan this type of equipment to villages. Harold is also working with the railroad to get the area that they own cleaned out.

Status of Inflow and Infiltration Investigation – Utility Superintendent Harold Kasten-Krause will begin a timetable to complete the sewer camera study on Young Drive. A letter will be sent to customers in this area explaining the procedure. The camera system will be used to try and identify water coming into the sanitary sewers that should not be.

Utility Superintendent Harold Kasten-Krause reported to board members that he has been reviewing the sewer plant it seems to be overwhelmed with septage. He indicated that part of the problem may be from improper design and moving too much grit through the septage tank. There is a faulty area where it is being pumped out. Harold is collecting financial data to evaluate the costs vs. benefits of accepting septage from haulers at the facility.

Utility Superintendent Harold Kasten-Krause reported that Assistant Superintendent Bruce Wisner will be helping to create a Source Water Protection Plan for the village. In the process of researching this Harold has been informed verbally that transformers may have been dumped several years ago on village property near the water well fields. Harold discussed the possibility of contacting a consultant with extensive experience in well head protection to determine the steps needed to identify if transformers are buried there. The area in question is within the five year and one year zone of the wells and is within 300 ft. of the well heads. Harold discussed the possibility of putting GEO probes down the wells to check for potential problems. Harold will gather as much information as possible and determine if there may be a potential problem. If a problem exists, the EPA will be contacted. Harold will obtain a quote from the consultant for assistance with this project. Harold also suggested that raw water samples be taken from the well head.

Status of Philway Copper Violations – No new information.

Status of Sewer Rate Increase Proposal to Council – The first reading of the Ordinance occurred on Nov. 19. The Ordinance will then be passed in December.

Status of Storm Sewer Responsibility to BPA – After reviewing Ohio Revised Code sections provided by Board Member Geissman, Village Solicitor Ted Lesiak has changed his legal opinion to indicate that storm sewers belong under the authority of the Board of Public Affairs as there is a fee collected through an enterprise fund for storm sewers. Ted will prepare a letter indicating this change.

Status of Cell Phones for Departments – The board discussed proposing that an allowance for cell phones be given to employees through payroll instead of purchasing cell phone plans for all departments. The allowance would allow employees to utilize their existing personal cell phones for village business rather than having to carry two cell phones with them. Board Member Geissman will research rates, etc., and report back at a future meeting.

Board Member Richard Anderson addressed Board Member Dan Goodrow and Village Solicitor Ted Lesiak regarding the concern of a possible conflict of interest with their involvement with the developer of the proposed water park and their positions with the Village of Lodi. Anderson stated that this was a real concern of his as well as many people in town who are upset by this. Anderson stated that it does not look good for Dan or the village when the newspaper states that Dan as Mayor Elect is working for the developer of the water park. Anderson stated that Dan explained last night at a Special Township Meeting held at Lodi Library that he does not work for the developer. Anderson then asked if the developer pays anything to the county or the Career Center. Goodrow explained that there is an agreement signed by three parties: the company of Sanford Associates LLC, Dan as the service provider, and the school as Dan's employer. Dan stated that Sanford Associates pays the school and the school pays him. Anderson asked Dan if he gets an additional percentage if he brings in more money over and above his contract with the school. Dan stated that he has a salary that he contracts for each year. If he brings in enough training to pay that salary then he keeps his job for the next year. He indicated that he was not earning anything over the initial contract amount with the school. Anderson asked if the type of work Dan is doing for Sanford (working for a developer) is customary and usual in his position with the school. Anderson indicated that his understanding was that Dan primarily provided training in his position. Goodrow indicated that it was customary for him to provide this work through Medina Business Institute and he has had other customers that he did this for. Anderson stated that it may appear to some that Dan is working both sides of the fence. Village Solicitor Ted Lesiak stated that as long as Sanford does not come in and ask for service it is not an ethics violation. Ted indicated that he had been hired by the developer to work with the Hoge's lawyer to purchase property and to obtain zoning in Harrisville Township. Ted indicated that there is no issue with Lodi at this time. If Sanford asks for water and sewer services then Ted cannot be involved unless Council, the Board, and Sanford give written agreements. If not, Ted will

represent the village as his first priority. Ted stated that in reality Mr. Sanford will probably come to the village and we will tell him the tap fee and the board will not be involved. Ted stated that he cannot give an opinion or try to influence anyone after Sanford asks for water.

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, December 4, 2007, at 9:00 A.M.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Geissman to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call: Aye – Anderson, Geissman, and Goodrow. Nay – None.

Daniel Goodrow
Board President

Annette Geissman
Clerk/Treasurer