

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held _____

Monday, November 6, 2006

Lodi Village Council met at 7:00 P.M., on the above date for a Council Committee Meeting to discuss business for the Month of November. The following members were present: Melody Miller, Mike Landis, Wayne Hershberger, Patricia Graham, John Carpenter, and Brad Rice.

Also Present: Village Solicitor Ted Lesiak, Mayor Thomas Longsdorf, Clerk/Treasurer Annette Geissman, Police Chief Steve Sivard, Fire Chief Roland Jenkin, EMS Chief Dave Young, and Utility Superintendent Don Eaken.

COMMITTEE REQUESTSSafety – Melody Miller

Miller reported that a request is needed for an expenditure of \$605.52 to Kauffman Tire for six tires for Police Department vehicles.

Chief Sivard discussed the possibility of purchasing ten Safariland 6280 holsters for Smith and Wesson M & P weapons. Chief Sivard would like to purchase the holsters out of his 2006 budget if money is available near the end of December. Chief Sivard would like to make the Smith and Wesson weapons purchase in early 2007.

Chief Sivard reported that the Police Department will receive a grant in the amount of \$750 for bulletproof vests from the Bureau of Justice Assistance 2006 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program.

Zoning and Planning – Mike Landis

Landis reported that the next Zoning Meeting will be November 8, 2006.

Public Properties – Wayne Hershberger

Hershberger had nothing to report at this time.

Parks – Patricia Graham

Graham reported that a Nuisance Complaint was received by the Medina County Health Department regarding garbage removal and pet nuisance at Lodi Community Park. A reply will be sent to the Health Department regarding trash removal schedules. The reply will also include a copy of the Village Animal Nuisance Ordinance. The possibility of erecting a sign regarding cleaning up after pets in the park was discussed. Chief Sivard and Utility/Street Superintendent Don Eaken will research signs of this nature. The possibility of adding cats to the Village Animal Nuisance Ordinance was also discussed.

Street/Storm Sewers/Sidewalks – John Carpenter

Carpenter had nothing to report at this time.

Finance/Legislation – Brad Rice

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. This annual contract allows the village to purchase items from the Medina County Engineer in the event of an emergency. This Ordinance will be voted on at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Clerk/Treasurer

Clerk/Treasurer Annette Geissman discussed a Hardware Maintenance Support Agreement received from Creative Microsystems, Inc. It was determined that the server for the CMI software needs to be replaced. Therefore this agreement will not be entered into for the old hardware. Annette Geissman will get quotes to replace the server and this will be discussed at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Clerk/Treasurer Annette Geissman submitted a list of Life Force Management EMS billing write off requests. It was determined that the city and state will be added to the list provided to council. This list will be voted on at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Clerk/Treasurer Annette Geissman reported that an Ordinance authorizing appropriation transfers will need to be passed at the next Regular Council Meeting. The necessity for these transfers is very common, especially near the end of each year.

Superintendent and Supervisors

Fire Chief Roland Jenkin reported that the furnaces at the Fire Station need to be serviced. He does not feel that they are functioning properly. Councilman Pete Hershberger will contact Swingle Plumbing and Heating to check the furnaces.

Fire Chief Roland Jenkin thanked the Safety Committee for giving the Fire/EMS employees the opportunity to discuss concerns regarding their departments.

Utility/Street Superintendent Don Eaken reported that representatives from Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad will clean out gravel in the ditches near the Water Treatment Plant. The ditches have not been able to drain correctly and have caused recent flooding at the Water Treatment Plant Warehouse. The Electric Department employees will remove trees contributing to the problem with the ditches.

Mayor – Tom Longsdorf

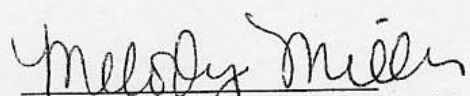
Mayor Longsdorf reported that the tree lawn parking application for 303 Gilbert Street was researched by Councilman John Carpenter and Utility/Street Superintendent Don Eaken. It was determined that the application request should be granted. This will be voted on at the next Regular Council Meeting.

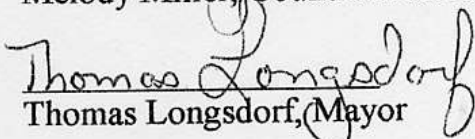
Mayor Longsdorf inquired about the status of the new Street Department dump truck. Utility/Street Superintendent Don Eaken will contact Valley Ford to make sure the truck is delivered as soon as possible.

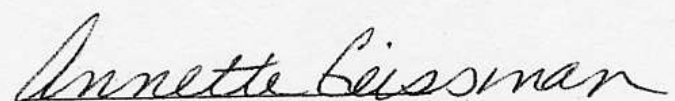
Mayor Longsdorf reported that an Ohio Civil Rights Commission Complaint has been received by the Village. Village Solicitor Ted Lesiak needs to respond to the complaint. Ted Lesiak recommended that council decline mediation and respond directly to the alleged discriminatory practice and retaliation claim. Ted Lesiak explained that discrimination is based on race, sex, religion, etc. Ted recommended that the Village respond that no discrimination has taken place and the Village will forego the mediation process. A consensus was reached by council in agreement with Ted's recommendation. Ted will reply accordingly.

Mayor Longsdorf reported that an ongoing investigation is being performed by the State Board of Emergency Medical Services regarding an employee in our EMS Department. The Mayor reported that the Council Safety Committee has reviewed the alleged violation and the State Board will come to a conclusion and make any necessary recommendations.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.


Melody Miller, Council President


Thomas Longsdorf, Mayor


Annette Geissman, Clerk/Treasurer