

VILLAGE OF LODI

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 2, 2007

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 January. The following members were present: Mike Landis, Wayne Hershberger, Patricia Graham, John Carpenter, and Brad Rice. Melody Miller was absent.

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.

Public Participation

Elizabeth Khoury, of 419 Young Drive, presented Council with the signatures of twenty-eight residents requesting an amendment to the current Village Ordinance regarding the trapping of animals. The amendment request is to have the current Ordinance reflect the Ohio Revised Code's clear definition of a companion animal (see attached request and signature sheet). Items included in the discussion of the situation were: determining which animals are considered vermin, adding language to the Ordinance requiring a procedure which must be followed if a companion animal is caught in a trap (to ensure the safety of the animal and ensure reporting to the proper authorities), the possibility of a leash law and/or tagging law for cats, and enforcement issues with any changes to the Ordinance. Mrs. Khoury expressed that it is her hope that no more family pets will be trapped in Lodi by passing her proposed amendment to the Ordinance. Village Solicitor Ted Lesiak will research the situation and possibly prepare an Ordinance for consideration.

COMMITTEE REQUESTS

Safety –Melody Miller

Fire Chief Roland Jenkin reported that more repairs are needed to Fire Pumper 152. Council previously authorized \$1500 for repairs to the pumper but the exhaust system now needs to be repaired. The additional repairs should cost less than \$600.

Council Member Landis reported that he would like to see EMS participation in upcoming classes at the Medina County Career Center in February. EMS Chief Dave Young will see if any members would like to participate and report back at the next Council Meeting.

Zoning and Planning –Mike Landis

Landis reported that the next Zoning meeting will be held January 10, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. Landis also reported that Council will need to hold a public hearing on February 19, 2007, regarding the Mountain property. The property will officially be declared unsafe on January 15, 2007.

Public Properties –Wayne Hershberger

Hershberger reported that he will get quotes this week to repair the furnaces at the Fire House.

Parks –Patricia Graham

Graham reported that the Strategic Planning Committee for Youth Activities contacted her and would like to use the ball diamonds and tennis courts at Letha House Field this summer. Additional information is needed to determine scheduling needs, etc.

Street/Storm Sewers/Sidewalks –John Carpenter

Carpenter reported that an expenditure of \$135 is needed to send Street Department Employee Aaron Surrarer to Competent Person Training (excavation safety).

Carpenter reported that an expenditure of \$812.03 is needed for radio programming and installation for the new Street Department dump truck.

Finance/Legislation –Brad Rice

The following Ordinances will be presented at the 1-15-07 Council Meeting:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING, AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING S'OHIO BASIC CODE, 2007 EDITION, FOR THE VILLAGE OF LODI, OHIO; REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PUBLISHING THE ENACTMENT OF NEW MATTER; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ALLEN & HARTZELL, INC. AND EMERGENCY SERVICES INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR THE PROVISION OF ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR VILLAGE FIREFIGHTERS, AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF LODI, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, FIXING THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LODI, COUNTY OF MEDINA, AND THE STATE OF OHIO, FIXING THE EFFECTIVE DATE FROM AND AFTER FEBRUARY 5, 2007, EXCEPT AS HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND OR RESOLUTION INCONSISTENT HEREWITH, AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. It was determined that a 3.3% COLA increase will be given for 2007. The Fire and EMS Chief s `pay will increase to \$3000. The Assistant Fire and EMS Chief s `pay will increase to \$2000. The Volunteer Fire/EMS hourly rate will increase to \$8.00 per hour. It was determined that the procedure for granting training contracts in the Safety Departments needs to be reviewed by the Safety Committee. A contract also needs to be entered into for the training of Special Police Officers. Village Solicitor Ted Lesiak will prepare a contract.

Mayor –Tom Longsdorf

Mayor Longsdorf reported that Village attendance is required at the upcoming Medina County Safety Council luncheon meeting on January 16, 2007. Council Member Carpenter will attend the meeting.

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

Mike Landis, Council President

Annette Geissman, Clerk/Treasurer

Thomas Longsdorf, Mayor