

TOWN OF LODI

Board Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2012

Present: Supervisor E. Lee Davidson, Councilman Chance Van Cleef, Councilwoman Winifred Jones, Councilman Lucas Latini, Councilwoman Noël Clawson, Highway Superintendent Len Carlsen and Town Clerk Nancy Jones

Supervisor Davidson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All rose for the pledge of allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Councilwoman Jones made motion, seconded by Councilwoman Clawson, to accept the night's agenda as presented. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Latini and Councilwoman Clawson all voting Aye.

Councilman Van Cleef made motion, seconded by Councilwoman Jones that the minutes of January 12, 2012 be approved as modified. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Latini and Councilwoman Clawson all voting Aye.

Supervisor Davidson made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Clawson, to accept the 2011 Lodi Town Court Report respectfully submitted by Court Clerk Angela Champion. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Latini and Councilwoman Clawson all voting Aye.

Highway Superintendent Carlsen reports that the highway department has taken care of some water problems, they have been repairing and performing maintenance on several pieces of equipment, as well as patching major pot holes, hauling road material and removing overhanging limbs.

Highway Superintendent Carlsen reported that the backhoe sold at auction for \$10,000.00. He would like to replace this with a Kubota mini excavator with rubber tracks. He brought to the attention of the board that it currently costs \$520.00 a day to hire someone to do excavator work for the town. By renting a mini excavator the highway department employees could operate it themselves and it would lower cost to \$147.00 a day. Information was presented to the board detailing these rental savings. Highway Superintendent Carlsen also included several quotes and proposals for lease purchases of both a Kubota mini excavator with rubber tracks and a trailer. After great debate, Councilman Van Cleef made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Davidson to allow Highway Superintendent Carlson to rent a Mini excavator, as needed but with the condition not to exceed \$3,000.00 a month.

Ayes: 3 Councilman Van Cleef, Councilman Latini and Councilwoman Clawson
Nays: 1 Councilwoman Jones

Highway Superintendent Carlsen brought the board a handout on a Cornell Local Roads Program on a computerized Pavement Management Program. The program would measure and evaluate the Town's entire road system to help provide information about inventory, condition, which repairs to use and when to use them, as well as the cost of various work. This program would include a computer based software program and training of 2 employees to use it. A student intern would come and work with the highway department for ten weeks in the summer. The pay rate for the intern must be between \$12.00 & \$15.00 an hour. Councilman Latini made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Clawson to table the Pavement Management Program until the next meeting. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Latini and Councilwoman Clawson all voting Aye.

Committee 1:

- a) No Library Report.
- b) The Annual Report of the Lodi Town Historian, respectfully submitted by Julia Clawson, was read.
- c) Supervisor Davidson and Town Justice Lou Van Cleef briefly discussed the possibility of combining the Ovid and Lodi Town Courts.
- d) Town Justice Lou Van Cleef reported on the hiring of Seneca Securities and the benefits of having court security while court is in session.

Committee 2: No Report

Committee 3: No Report

Committee 4: No Report

Committee 5: Connie Ike reported for the Agricultural Advisory Committee on the Cornell Cooperative Extension meetings held here at the town hall in January and the successful turnout.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Nancy Jones reported that she has paid to the town, the town's share of the 2012 Town & County Tax Collection. She also reported she is working with the dog control officer to see that the dog census comes to a completion.

Councilwoman Clawson made motion, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, to approve payment of general fund claims #20120064 to #20120082; #20120099 & #20120100 in the amount of \$9,153.77 and also to approve payment of highway fund claims #20120083 to #20120098 in the amount of \$13,216.64. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Latini and Councilwoman Clawson all voting Aye.

Supervisor Davidson reported that on Feb. 13, 2012 he and Mayor Steverson will be speaking at both The Town of Covert's board meeting and the Village of Trumansburg's board meeting on a program to do a water study to look into the possibility of Lodi becoming a second source of water for Interlaken and Trumansburg.

In regards to the joint use agreement between the Town of Lodi and The Lodi Whittier Library, Supervisor Davidson reported that Patrick Nicoletta from MRB Group will coming here to talk about shared services and the use of grant writers to help get money for something like this.

Supervisor Davidson reminds the board and the public that the Lodi Planning Board is open to the public. Councilwoman Noël Clawson stated she would like to continue as secretary for the Lodi Planning Board. Supervisor Davidson asked Councilwoman Clawson to remind the planning board that the Lodi Town Board needs to be made aware of what they are working on and that a report at the town board meetings each month would be beneficial. The town board needs to appoint a 2012 Chairperson for the Lodi Planning Board and will do so upon the recommendation of the Lodi Planning Board.

Supervisor Davidson introduced Debra Stillwell who has written a letter showing interest in being appointed to the Lodi Planning Board. Supervisor Davidson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Latini to appoint Deb Stillwell to the Lodi Planning Board. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Latini and Councilwoman Clawson all voting Aye.

Jodi Vanselow, District Ranger for the Finger Lakes National Forest brought an informational packet and sign-up sheet for a " Potential Contractor Assistance Training" they will be holding on Wed. March 14, 2012 at 9:00 am. It will be held at 5218 State Route 414, Hector, NY 14841. Contained within this packet is a list of the anticipated types of contracts the Finger Lakes National Forest will be seeking bids on in 2012.

Hearing no further business Supervisor Davidson made motion, seconded by Councilman Latini, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. So carried with Councilman Van Cleef, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Latini and Councilwoman Clawson all voting Aye.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Jones, Lodi Town Clerk

Dated: February 9, 2012