

TOWN OF LODI
Board Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2012

Present: Supervisor E. Lee Davidson, Councilwoman Winifred Jones, Councilman Lucas Latini, Councilwoman Noël Clawson, Deputy Highway Superintendent Rick Jacot and Town Clerk Nancy Jones.

Absent: Councilman Chance Van Cleef

Also Present: Attorney Michael Mirras

Supervisor Davidson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

COUNCILWOMAN CLAWSON MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN JONES to accept the night's agenda as presented. Councilwoman Jones, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini and Councilwoman Clawson all voting Aye.

COUNCILWOMAN CLAWSON MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN JONES to accept the minutes for Oct. 24, 2012, November 8, 2012 and November 20, 2012 as presented. Councilwoman Jones, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini and Councilwoman Clawson all voting Aye.

The Cemetery Superintendent, Walter Bub gave his end of the year report. He also asked that we let folks know they should take down their summer season cemetery flowers/decorations and that Christmas or winter season decorations can be left up until March. There was discussion about the highway department digging for the cemetery. Cemetery Superintendent Bub brought up concern that there might be funerals on weekends when the highway wasn't working but Deputy Highway Superintendent Jacot said they would be willing to make schedule changes, as needed, for the weekend funerals. COUNCILWOMAN JONES MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LATINI that in the future we utilize the town's excavator to open and close the graves at the cemetery. Councilwoman Jones, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini and Councilwoman Clawson all voting Aye.

Councilwoman Jones read the library Report.

Councilwoman Jones spoke for the Agricultural Advisory Committee in regards to the mediation board. She said that Connie Ike had called her asking that Jim Maly be appointed to the mediation board in place of Phil Griswold who has retired. Supervisor Davidson said he would like to contact Phil Griswold to find out his feelings on this matter first before any decisions were made.

Town Clerk Nancy Jones has requested that the board sets up a new committee for 2013 perhaps entitled Disaster Plan Committee. She handed out a Disaster Plan and Preparedness Worksheet from the New York State Archives to the board to show the importance of such a committee. The committee would come up with a strategy for preventing or responding to a disaster and address the need to protect one of the Town's most valuable assets which is their records. It was discussed and felt that a member from the Highway Department and Court be on the committee and that the Fire Department could be involved as well since they work closely with FEMA.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN CLAWSON, to approve payment of general fund claims #20120477 to #20120497 & #20120512 to #20120518 in the amount of \$25,785.21 and also to approve payment of highway fund claims #20120498 to #20120511 in the amount of \$76,685.90. Councilwoman Jones, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini and Councilwoman Clawson all voting Aye.

Town Clerk Jones received a letter of resignation from Highway Superintendent Len Carlson. The letter was read by Supervisor Davidson. Mr. Carlsen is relocating to Virginia and his last day will be Dec. 28, 2012.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN CLAWSON that the town board members, along with Attorney Mirras and Town Clerk Jones, go into Executive session at 7:38 pm to discuss a personnel matter and to get opinion of counsel regarding a legal question. Councilwoman Jones, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini and Councilwoman Clawson all voting Aye. Deputy Superintendent Rick Jacot was invited into executive session at 7:45 pm.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN CLAWSON to come out of executive session at 8:08 pm. Councilwoman Jones, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini and Councilwoman Clawson all voting Aye.

COUNCILWOMAN CLAWSON MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN JONES to accept the 2 week resignation of Highway Superintendent Len Carlsen effective Dec. 28, 2012.

Highway Employee, Don Eva spoke to the town board to let them know he is interested in being appointed as deputy highway superintendent. He informed the board he would like to run for highway superintendent in the 2013 election. He spoke on his experiences with heavy equipment operation and construction.

HEARING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, COUNCILWOMAN CLAWSON MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LATINI to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Jones, Lodi Town Clerk
Dated: December 13, 2012