

TOWN OF LODI
Board Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2013

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

Also Present: Attorney Michael Mirras

Supervisor Davidson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for our troops.

COUNCILWOMAN CLAWSON MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN JONES to accept the Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2013 as presented. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilwoman Jones, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini and Councilwoman Clawson all voting Aye.

Highway Superintendent Jacot reports that in the last month they have been hauling stone, helping the Town of Fayette, digging ditches, filling potholes, and they put new tires on the grader.

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

Councilwoman Jones read the library report. The Lodi Whittier Library will be having Outdoor Movie Nights. They have purchased a 120 inch outdoor screen to hold movies outside every other Wednesday, starting on June 19th at 8 pm. Movie goers should bring seating or a blanket. There will be refreshments for sale inside the library. Please call the library at 607-869-6218 for more information. Councilwoman Jones told us that Karel Titus had an announcement. Karel stood up to announce that she received a letter from Senator Nozzolio informing the Lodi Library that he has obtained \$20,000 for them.

Councilwoman Jones and Supervisor Davidson went to a meeting today at the Joint Assessment Office to discuss the retirement of Assessor, Anne M. Morgan. Anne will retire on September 30, 2013. The five towns of Covert--Lodi--Romulus--Ovid & Varick are all a part of this Joint Assessment Group. The five towns will hire a new assessor together. Those present at the meeting feel that a new assessor should have experience in assessing lake properties, farmland and wineries. It was also discussed that perhaps this new assessor should have a full time office assistant.

Councilman Latini needs to meet with Councilman Van Cleef and Superintendent Jacot before he can rewrite the Highway Step Program. Performance reviews are coming up in August so these details need to get ironed out soon. Luke plans to have a formal presentation for the board next month.

Councilwoman Jones questioned why we are still paying someone else to dig graves when the board made a motion to have the highway dept. dig them. Cemetery Superintendent Walter Bub clarified that the graves dug recently were for cremations. Councilwoman Jones pointed out that to hire an outside person to dig these small holes is costing the town \$100.00 each time. Councilman Latini spoke up and said he would like to see our town take care of that because it is a financial savings. COUNCILWOMAN JONES MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN CLAWSON that the Highway Dept. will dig all graves for the cemetery, using the excavator for full burials and a shovel for cremations. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilwoman Jones, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini and Councilwoman Clawson all voting Aye.

Mayor Steverson spoke up to give details on the parade and benefit on July 6th. Benefits will go to Wounded Warriors Project. The historical Society will have a chicken BBQ and the library will have a float in the parade and a book sale. The parade will be at noon with presentations to follow.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN CLAWSON that three new dedicated fund accounts (new machinery fund, building fund, and bridge fund) be opened at the five star bank with the 2013 budgeted money before the next meeting. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilwoman Jones, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini and Councilwoman Clawson all voting Aye.

Councilwoman Clawson announced that the Lodi Planning Board will have an Informational Meeting on July 9th here at the Lodi Town Hall to answer any questions on the revised comprehensive plan.

Town Clerk Jones brought to the board's attention that the Jen Woodard, the Summer Rec Program Coordinator called early June and gave notice that she would not be able to work at the program this summer, she has been offered another summer job. Town Clerk Jones stated that she sent an email to the board members regarding this but hadn't heard any response to what they would like to do to replace Jen. It was decided tonight that Councilman Latini, Chairman of the Youth & Recreation Committee will look into finding another Recreation Coordinator and the program will start on July 8, 2013.

COUNCILMAN VAN CLEEF MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN JONES to change the Lodi Court Clerk's pay situation from hourly to a yearly salary of \$9,984, in keeping with previously agreed upon figures of \$12.00 per hour for 16 hours a week. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilwoman Jones, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini and Councilwoman Clawson all voting Aye.

COUNCILMAN VAN CLEEF MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN Clawson to approve payment of General Fund claims # 109-128 in the amount of \$11,341.53, to approve Trust & Agency claims # 11 & 12 in the amount of \$780.34 and also to approve payment of highway fund claims #61-74 in the amount of \$93,762.46. Councilwoman Jones, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini and Councilwoman Clawson all voting Aye.

Supervisor Davidson would like the Town Board to discuss changing the Highway Superintendent from an elected position to an appointed position by local law. This has been brought up in past and he thought it may be time to have it looked into again. Attorney Mirras drafted a resolution to introduce this local law. Supervisor Davidson asked that the Board Members look over the resolution for further discussion next month.

Supervisor Davidson initiated a conversation regarding possible lease purchase of a new loader. Highway Superintendent Jacot brought information from Milton Cat for the board to consider at next month's meeting.

HEARING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, COUNCILWOMAN JONES MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN CLAWSON to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Jones, Town Clerk
Dated: June 13, 2013