

**TOWN OF LODI**  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2015

PRESENT: COUNCILMAN CHANCE VAN CLEEF, COUNCILMAN RICHARD MAC CHEYNE, SUPERVISOR E. LEE DAVIDSON, COUNCILMAN LUCAS LATINI, COUNCILMAN BRAD JENNINGS, TOWN CLERK NANCY JONES AND HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT RICK JACOT.

ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY MICHAEL MIRRAS

Supervisor Davidson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

COUNCILMAN JENNINGS MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN VAN CLEEF to accept the night's agenda as presented. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilman Mac Cheyne, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman, Latini, and Councilman Jennings and all voting aye.

**2015-03-01**

***Resolution to move funds to the Building Improvement Reserve***

*WHEREAS at the end of Fiscal Year 2012 the unreserved fund balance was \$237,482, and at the end of Fiscal Year 2013 the unreserved fund balance was \$355,560, and*

*WHEREAS at the end of Fiscal Year 2014 the unreserved fund balance was \$283,722, the town board voted to move an additional \$30,000 into the Building Reserve Fund, and*

*WHEREAS New York State encourages Towns to have a reasonable amount in the unreserved fund balance, but not an excessive amount, and*

*WHEREAS as of February 28, 2015 there was over \$190,000 in the fund balance, and*

*WHEREAS the Town of Lodi has been saving for a new Town Hall for a number of years, now therefore be it*

*RESOLVED that an additional \$50,000 be moved from the appropriated fund balance to the building reserve fund, leaving \$140,806.55 available as unreserved.*

*Moved: Councilman Van Cleef*

*Seconded: Councilman Mac Cheyne*

*Councilman Van Cleef Aye*

*Councilman Mac Cheyne Aye*

*Supervisor Davidson Aye*

*Councilman Latini Aye*

*Councilman Jennings Aye*

*Date: March 12, 2015*

*Nancy M. Jones, Lodi Town Clerk*

2015-03-02

**Resolution to move to create a Cemetery Building Reserve Account**

WHEREAS during the 2015 budget discussion the suggestion was made that the town consider setting aside funds for the purpose of a new cemetery building and

WHEREAS this suggestion was incorporated into the 2015 budget as \$1,000 for the 2015 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS the 2015 budget was adopted including the suggested \$1,000.00 for the Cemetery building reserve fund, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Town of Lodi Supervisor, E. Lee Davidson is authorized to establish a Cemetery Building Reserve Fund at Five Star Bank and to make an opening deposit of \$1,000.00 as authorized in the 2015 budget.

Moved: Councilman Latini  
Seconded: Councilman Jennings

Councilman Van Cleef Aye  
Councilman Mac Cheyne Aye  
Supervisor Davidson Aye  
Councilman Latini Aye  
Councilman Jennings Aye

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Highway Superintendent Jacot informed the Board that they have plowed snow, hauled stone, checked ditch lines to make sure they haven't been running over yet and serviced equipment. Councilman Latini mentioned having positive feedback regarding the cleanliness of the roads, especially the town roads and how well maintained they were. On behalf of the folks he spoke with, Councilman Latini wanted to thank the team for a great job. Supervisor Davidson also thanked Highway Superintendent Jacot and highway employees and said they are greatly appreciated for all the things they fix around the Town Hall and gave praise to the great working relationship Superintendent Jacot and the highway employees have with all the town employees.

Town Clerk Jones reported on her monthly report for February 2015 in which she received a total of \$265.00. All monies received were disbursed in the following way:

Paid To Supervisor for General Fund	\$234.00
Paid To NYS DEC For DECALS	\$.00
Paid To Ag. & Markets For Dog Licenses	\$31.00
Paid To NYS Health Dept. For Marriage Licenses	\$.00
	<b>\$265.00</b>

COUNCILMAN VAN CLEEF MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MAC CHEYNE to accept the Highway Superintendent's Report monthly report and the Town Clerk's Report for February 2015. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilman Mac Cheyne, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini, and Councilman Jennings and all voting aye.

Councilman Latini Read the Library Report. The Whittier Library will be holding a spaghetti dinner and informational evening at the Lodi Fire Hall to raise money and awareness for the new library building on Saturday, March 14, 2015 4:30 to 7:30 pm.

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Councilman Latini and Town Clerk Jones will work on getting information to the elementary school about our summer rec. program.

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SUPERVISOR DAVIDSON MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MAC CHEYNE that the Town of Lodi Highway Superintendent is authorized to enter into a 3 year municipal lease thru Caterpillar Financial with a 2% interest rate, annual payments, 1<sup>st</sup> due at delivery with the remaining due at 12 month intervals, with a \$1.00 buyout at the end, annual payment of \$19088.86 on the 2015 Caterpillar 246D. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilman Mac Cheyne, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini, and Councilman Jennings and all voting aye.

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SUPERVISOR DAVIDSON MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JENNINGS to accept the meeting minutes for February 19, 2015 as presented. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilman Mac Cheyne, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini, and Councilman Jennings and all voting aye.

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COUNCILMAN MAC CHEYNE MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LATINI to approve payment of general fund claims #40-65 in the amount of \$53,783.36. Payment of trust & agency claims #8-10 in the amount of \$3,173.96. Payment of highway fund claims #9-20 in the amount of \$13,676.87. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilman Mac Cheyne, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini, and Councilman Jennings and all voting aye.

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**RESOLUTION 2015-03-03**  
**Lodi Town Board Supporting Seneca County's**  
**Application to establish the Finger Lakes Regional Land Bank**

**WHEREAS**, vacant and abandoned properties are a blight upon communities within Seneca County, including within the Town of Lodi and may pose a danger to the health and safety of local residents, as well as result in lost revenues to these communities, and discourage further investment therein; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State enacted legislation Section 16 of the New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation Law ("Land Bank Act") for the creation of up to twenty land banks across the State to address this blight and revitalize local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, land banks are not-for-profit corporations authorized under the Land Bank Act that allows municipalities, such as Seneca County, to acquire, redevelop and improve tax delinquent, vacant or abandoned properties, thereby providing municipalities a mechanism to acquire such properties and return them to productive use; and

**WHEREAS**, Seneca County acts as the sole foreclosing governmental unit for all local governments with the County's borders, thereby making it an ideal candidate for approval of a single County-wide land bank corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 10, 2015 by Resolution No. 32-15 Seneca County authorized and established the Finger Lakes Regional Land Bank and is preparing to submit an application to Empire State Development Corporation ("ESD") regarding the same; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed land bank will help place vacant and abandoned properties in the Town of Lodi back in productive use; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the Lodi Town Board hereby expresses its support for the proposed Finger Lakes Regional Land Bank and endorses the establishment of the same.

Moved: Councilman Jennings

Seconded: Councilman Van Cleef

Councilman Van Cleef	Aye
Councilman Mac Cheyne	Aye
Supervisor Davidson	Aye
Councilman Latini	Aye
Councilman Jennings	Aye

Dated: March 12, 2015

Nancy Jones, Lodi Town Clerk

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SUPERVISOR DAVIDSON MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN VAN CLEEF that the Town Board, Town Clerk, Highway Superintendent and Attorney Michael Mirras, enter into executive session at 7:55 PM to discuss a personnel matter. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilman Mac Cheyne, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini, and Councilman Jennings and all voting aye.

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SUPERVISOR DAVIDSON MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN VAN CLEEF that the Town Board comes out of executive session at 8:10 pm. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilman Mac Cheyne, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini, and Councilman Jennings and all voting aye.

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Lodi Resident, Karel Titus spoke about a group citizens called Solar Seneca who are getting information out to the community about solar panels. They are asking for municipality support. NYSERTA is bringing information to the Covert Town Board Meeting on April 13, 2015 and Karel is asking if a few board members could attend the meeting and bring the information back to the board and see if it is something they might like to support.

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HEARING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, SUPERVISOR DAVIDSON MADE MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MAC CHEYNE to adjourn the meeting 8:20 p.m. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilman Mac Cheyne, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini, and Councilman Jennings and all voting aye.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Jones, Lodi Town Clerk  
Dated: March 12, 2015