

**TOWN OF LODI**  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
November 12, 2015

PRESENT: COUNCILMAN MAC CHEYNE, SUPERVISOR E. LEE DAVIDSON, COUNCILMAN BRAD JENNINGS, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT RICK JACOT and TOWN CLERK NANCY JONES.

ALSO PRESENT: TOWN ATTORNEY MICHAEL MIRRAS.

LATE ARRIVAL: COUNCILMAN LUCAS LATINI @ 7:10 PM & COUNCILMAN VAN CLEEF at 7:18 PM

Supervisor Davidson welcomed everyone to the meeting. COUNCILMAN JENNINGS MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN VAN CLEEF to open the Public Hearing on the 2016 Town Budget at 7:02 pm. Councilman Mac Cheyne, Supervisor Davidson and Councilman Jennings all voting aye. Justice Van Cleef spoke to the town board about a raise. No one else had any questions or comments about the town budget therefore, COUNCILMAN JENNINGS MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MAC CHEYNE to close the public hearing at 7:07 pm. Councilman Mac Cheyne, Supervisor Davidson and Councilman Jennings all voting aye.

Supervisor Davidson called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for our troops.

Nicolette Barber from Hunt Engineers spoke to the town board about updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan. She explained that a comprehensive plan is not a regulation but a guideline and that a plan establishes a community vision, ensures economic stability, coordinates growth and development, protects valuable resources, lays out a strategy for fiscal decision making for the coming years and can help secure grant funding for projects. She gave examples on what other towns have spent on their plans. Town of Campbell paid about \$12,000.00 for their plan, Town of Southport paid about \$50,000.00 and recently in the Town of Covert the plan was less than \$10,000.00. Planning board chairman, Lynne Rosbaugh asked if she could have copies of some of these other plans. Noel Clawson, planning board member suggested Nicolette read a copy of our farmland protection plan.

COUNCILMAN MAC CHEYNE MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN VAN CLEEF to accept the meeting minutes for November 12, 2015 as presented. Councilman Mac Cheyne, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini who arrived at 7:10 and Councilman Jennings all voting aye.

COUNCILMAN JENNINGS MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LATINI TO amend the justice personal services line from \$6,360.00 to \$7,000.00. Councilman Van Cleef who arrived at 7:18 pm abstained from voting. Motion was carried by three votes.

Due to a change in the Justice salary Budget Officer Jones left the audience to make corrections to the figures in the benefit lines in the budget.

Highway Superintendent Jacot informed the board they hauled in more stone, dug two miles of ditch, put a catch basin down by the lake, had some trees trimmed, finished putting stone down on the second mile of Keady road, did road patching and serviced vehicles.

Town Clerk Jones reported on her monthly report for October 2015 in which she received a total of \$401.00. All monies received were disbursed in the following way:

Paid To Supervisor for General Fund	\$188.80
Paid To NYS DEC For DECALS	\$176.70
Paid To Ag. & Markets For Dog Licenses	\$13.00
Paid To NYS Health Dept. For Marriage Licenses	\$22.50
	<b>\$401.00</b>

COUNCILMAN MAC CHEYNE MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN VAN CLEEF to accept the Town Clerk's September 2015 Monthly Report. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilman Mac Cheyne, Councilman Latini and Councilman Jennings all voting aye.

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Justice Van Cleef read his October 2015 Court Activity Report. COUNCILMAN MAC CHEYNE MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LATINI to accept the October 2015 Court Activity Report. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilman Mac Cheyne, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini and Councilman Jennings all voting aye.

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Councilman Latini read the Library Report.

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Councilman Latini reported that he and Councilman Van Cleef interviewed two people for the position as Dog Control Officer. They recommend the board hire Sue Sabol for the position. COUNCILMAN LATINI MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN VAN CLEEF to appoint Sue Sabol to fill the open position of dog control officer from now until the end of the year. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilman Mac Cheyne, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini and Councilman Jennings all voting aye.

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The Board discussed that this will allow time for Sue Sabol to fill out new hire paperwork, get in contact with NYS Agriculture and Markets for training, have her kennel inspected, be trained in accusatory instruments and sign a contract with the Town. Councilman Latini said he will email her the PDF's of the new hire paperwork. COUNCILMAN LATINI MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN VAN CLEEF to put a notice in the Ovid Gazette, the Shopper and on the Town Website to announce the new Dog Control Officer contingent upon Sue completing the paperwork, meeting requirements of Ag & Markets, signing the contract and receiving appropriate training. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilman Mac Cheyne, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini and Councilman Jennings all voting aye.

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COUNCILMAN LATINI MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR DAVIDSON to recognize the training time for Donald Denman of 1.5 hours at the Wind Energy Regulation Training and 1.5 hours at the Solar Energy Regulation Training, both of which were held on September 16, 2015 hosted by the Seneca and Wayne County Planning Boards. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilman Mac Cheyne, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini and Councilman Jennings all voting aye.

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Town Clerk Jones initiated further discussion on the Emergency Roadside signs stressing that materials need to be ordered. Supervisor Davidson said we are still waiting on the donation from Seneca Meadows. He asked Councilman Mac Cheyne if he would like to help with ordering the materials and overseeing the project. Town Clerk Jones reminded the board that there needed to be a local law written to protect the signs.

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COUNCILMAN JENNINGS MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LATINI to approve payment of general fund claims #219 to 246 in the amount of \$23,463.85. Payment of trust & agency claims #33-35 in the amount of \$3276.64. Payment of highway fund claims #112-130 in the amount of \$77,338.94. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilman Mac Cheyne, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini and Councilman Jennings all voting aye.

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Supervisor Davidson thanked Historian Julia Clawson for the wonderful job she is doing for the town as Historian.

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Budget Officer Winifred Jones discussed the new figures for the 2016 Town Budget due to amendments made earlier in the evening. The following changes were made due to the raised justice salary:

A9030.800 Social Security to \$9,532.00.

COUNCILMAN LATINI MADE MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JENNINGS to amend A9030.800 Social Security to \$9,532.00. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilman Mac Cheyne, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini and Councilman Jennings all voting aye.

Total Appropriations for the A fund to \$309,769.00.

COUNCILMAN VAN CLEEF MADE MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MAC CHEYNE to amend Total Appropriations for the A fund to \$309,769.00. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilman Mac Cheyne, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini and Councilman Jennings all voting aye.

Unexpended Balance in the A Fund to \$87,920.00

COUNCILMAN LATINI MADE MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN VAN CLEEF to amend Unexpended Balance in the A Fund to \$87,920.00. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilman Mac Cheyne, Supervisor Davidson, Councilman Latini and Councilman Jennings all voting aye.

Budget Officer Winifred Jones summarized that these changes brings the Total Town Appropriations to \$1,061,174.00. In comparing to last year's budget of 1,066,286.00 Budget Officer Jones informed the board that the 2016 Town budget is \$5,112.00 less than last year. Councilman Latini thanked her for a fantastic job that she does for this community and the board. Supervisor Davidson thanked her as well and said they are lucky to have her as Budget Officer. A round of applause was heard for Budget Officer.

**RESOLUTION OF TOWN BOARD  
ADOPTING PRELIMINARY BUDGET WITH AMENDMENTS  
RESOLUTION NO.: 2015-11-01**

RESOLVED, that the preliminary budget be adopted as amended as the annual budget.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that such preliminary budget is hereby adopted as the annual budget of this Town for the fiscal year beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2016, and that such budget as so adopted be entered in detail in the minutes of the proceedings of this Town Board, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of this Town shall prepare and certify in duplicate, copies of the said annual budget as adopted by this town board together with assessment rolls for benefit improvements, if any, adopted pursuant to Section 2-2-a subdivision 2 of the Town Law and deliver one copy thereof to the Supervisor of this Town to be presented by him to the Board of Supervisors of this County.

Motion: Councilman Jennings  
Second: Councilman Latini

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

Dated: November 12, 2015  
Nancy Jones, Lodi Town Clerk

HEARING NO FURTHER BUSINESS COUNCILMAN LATINI MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JENNINGS MADE MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Councilman Van Cleef, Councilman Mac Cheyne, Councilman Latini and Councilman Jennings all voting aye.

The following 19 pages contain the Approved 2016 Budget.

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