

TWELFTH: RECORDING OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING.

IN HOUSE GATHERING; NY STATE PAUSE- COVID-19. ISOLATION/ SOCIAL DISTANCE ORDER.

On this 10th day of December, 2020. Lodi, NY 14860.

Supervisor Kyle Barnhart called the meeting to direct order at 7:00 P.M. leading all in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America, followed by a moment of silence for our service men and women.

OFFICIAL ROLL CALL: Roll call taken by Town Clerk Connie Rosbaugh and is as stated.

Those in presences during this Twelfth meeting of the year 2020 is as follows, Supervisor, Kyle Barnhart, Deputy Supervisor Lucas Latini,(joining by phone) Councilman Paul Batman, Councilman Trevor Sibley and Councilman Seth Thomas. Along with, Association of Clerical, Town Clerk Connie Rosbaugh. To take the official recording of this said meeting.

Those absent during this first recording. None. (Deputy Supervisor/ Councilman Luke Latini, vote not standing as in person vs phone regulations.

In representation of Attorney at law; Mr. Frank Fisher.

Supervisor Kyle Barnhart addresses those in attendance, giving opportunity to be heard in front of the board. – None heard at this time.

AGENDA ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA: Supervisor Barnhart makes a motion to accept the agenda, Motion in the second by: Councilman Paul Batman. Hearing no comment, all members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT COMMENT.**

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES: (THE MONTH PREVIOUS TO THE CURRENT) and to PUBLISH: Motion in the first by: Councilman Trevor Sibley, Motion in the second by: Councilman Seth Thomas. Hearing no comments; all members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT COMMENT.**

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BILL(S): Acquired in the previous month(s).

Motion in the First by Supervisor Kyle Barnhart. Motion in the second by: Councilman Paul Batman. Hearing no comments. All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT COMMENT.**

HIGHWAY REPORT—SUPERINTENDENT MR. RICK JACOT.

Superintendent Rick Jacot reports.

*Patched potholes.

*plowed, sanded Roads.

* Haled rock, sub base for the ditch linking, Dean Road

*medium fill & Gabin, Mat.

*Serviced Egt.

Milling- Head 25,000.00, Grade All down, Grader- Down.

*R.J. addresses the board with the value left with-in the equipment fund, in the purchase of a milling machine that attaches to the Skidsteer. Using Seneca Stone to do the milling is costing a quite a bit of money, paying them 80 dollars an hour for laborers to do the work.

K.B. – have you priced one of those out?

R.J. with the work we have and coming up, we will need to rent one for the summer. At the point of the cost of renting it for the whole summer, you might as well have bought one for the same cost and owned it.

K.B. do you know what broke on the gradeall.

R.J. not yet, it just got back to the shop this afternoon. The grader, they think that it the fuel pump and the injector.

Seth Thomas- what is it that you guys usually do if it is broke down. Do you rent one or?

R.J. we have never had to use one like this, we are getting harder roads and cold patch is getting so expensive that, other Covert and Interlaken are speaking on getting hot boxes, so that if they need to mill a spot out. They can just black top them.

Councilman Trevor Sibley- hopefully Rick will start to see the money come into the Highway funds, as we have talked about getting a new grader, or buying a bigger piece of equipment.

R.J. I have a call in with you guys. (County) on if you were keeping both of them.

T.S. - for right now I believe that we are keeping them, continues conversation on the possible agreement with County-Town.

Motion in the first by: Supervisor Kyle Barnhart. Motion in the second by Trevor Sibley. Hearing no comments. All members of the board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT COMMENT(S).**

TOWN CLERKS, REGESTOR OF VITAL STATISTICE, AND TAX COLLECTION REPORT- CONNIE ROSBAUGH:

Monies remitted from Judge Van Cleef, \$7,081.00 in fines, fees and reimbursement

Remitting monies to the Town Supervisor Kyle Barnhart, in purpose to be added to the General Fund of the Town of Lodi. \$137.00 Monies on Clerk Fees, Monies remitted to the Dept. of AGS & MARKET \$14.00. In the amount of %22.50 to the department of health.

With our tax season upon us. I as your tax collector am working closely with the county on possible changes with-in, the process of tax collection under specific guidelines, due to Civid-19.

In person payments may have a different view as we continue to follow the department of health's recommendations. As far as I know at this point the process of mailing out the tax bills is the same as we have seen normally. That we can anticipate receiving said tax parcel slips around the first week of January 2021. Further update will be giving as we I receive it.

Motion in the first by: Supervisor Seth Thomas. Motion in the second by: Councilman Trevor Sibley . All members of the board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT COMMENT.**

LIBRARY REPORT: presented by Councilman Paul Batman.

Library is still using restricted hours for the health and safety of all.

Mask and personal protective equipment are still a requirement.

Summarizing the report provided. (Please see the full upcoming dates and activities online at the libraries website). **Website:** lodiclibrary.net **Phone:** 1 (607) 582-6218. **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/lodiclibrary>

Staff: Beth Bevars, Director: director@lodiclibrary.net- Nora Snyder, Youth & Children's Programming Coordinator: youth@lodiclibrary.net

COMMITTEE: Considering executive orders.

Ag & Environment- Chair: Councilman Seth Thomas.

Econ. Dev., Planning & tourism – Chair: Councilman Paul Batman.

Gov't Ops & Criminal Justice – Chair: Councilman Paul Batman. Presentation of the model to represent the new town hall.

Finance- Chair: Deputy Supervisor/ Councilman Lucas Latini

Federal Affairs- Chair: Deputy Supervisor/ Councilman Lucas Latini.

Public Works and Highway – Chair: Councilman Trevor Sibley.

New Building Committee- Seth Thomas: Speaks on the fact that the building committee is in holding awaiting correspondence with the high Court.

County Board reports & Town Supervisor remarks: Supervisor Kyle Barnhart.

I don't have too big of an update from the count board. We met on Tuesday and passed the county budget, which includes a slight tax rate decrease. The county board also passed new property tax exemptions for seniors and disabled individuals with limited incomes, which goes into effect starting next year. I encourage you all to seek out information about programs and hare it with others in our community, it could really help some of our residents on fixed incomes. We will link to it on our town website when all of the information becomes available.

The big conversation at the county level continues to be about covid. We are seeing some astronomical increases in cases in our county. On Tuesday alone, the county health department announced 51 new cases here in Lodi, Which started with just one person, grew to a few, and now is at least 12 cases. PLEASE BE SAFEFOLKS.

OLD BUSINESS: The board also passed a local law for tax exemptions for seniors and disabled people. The new local law would set income limits for exemptions, ranging from 5% to 50% exemptions. More

details will come after a public hearing to be held on December 8th, but the quick version is that seniors and disabled individuals making less than \$23,500 will receive a 50% exemption on their county property taxes, with that exemption decreasing by 5% for every \$1,000 in additional income, with a maximum income level of \$31,900 for a 5% exemption. The county, led by Finance committee chairman and Covert Supervisor Mike Reynolds, is encouraging all towns and villages to adopt a similar local law for their own municipalities.

Richard Clawson: Did anyone find out about the mowing? Trevor Sibley states that he had checked on the county level to his higher up and they had apologized with the information that the mowers have already been put up for the season.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Paul Batman addresses the board with his concerns on COVID and along with others would like to finish the rest of the year of 2020 as a zoom meeting setting.

Supervisor Kyle Barnhart asked the other members of the board for their input.

S.T. I am 50/50 as I do wish everyone to be safe and to not expose anyone to the potential of COVID, but I feel that the in person meeting are more effective. With that being said I do think for health and safety, that we can move to zoom, virtual meetings.

P.B. I think that the zoom meeting went well, and that under the state guidelines being put into place of gatherings over 10. I move to have the monthly meeting in the virtual setting.

L.L. I'm 50/55 along with Councilman Thomas, I think that we do better and are more connected here in person, but with the covid scare. I move to have the meetings virtually. I think this is in the best interest of all those involved, their families and all of you.

K.B. although I had found zoom different we were able to navigate our way through it and proceed with our business here on the town level. With that being said I feel that in person meetings are more involved. Although I rather have the meetings in-person. The health and safety of all is what is president and there for I am okay with moving the meeting virtually.

Motion in the first by: Councilman Trevor Sibley. Motion in the Second by: Councilman Paul Batman. All Members of the board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMENTS.**

THE REMAINDER OF THE 2020 MEETINGS IS TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF/ THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD BY THE BOARD.

Next meeting to date: 12/29/2020 at 7:00 p.m. VIRTUALLY.

Organizational meeting of the tow to be set as January 5th, 2020- VIRTUALLY.

ADJOURN: Motion in the First by: Councilman Trevor Sibley . Motion in the second by: Councilman Seth Thomas. All members of the board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: ADJOURNED AT 9:46P.M.**

By the order of the Lodi Town Board.

Respectfully submitted. Hon. Town Clerk, Connie Rosbaugh.