

TENTH: RECORDING OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING.

***Meeting minutes shall be; in brief in accordance to: (TOWN LAW, SUBSECTION 30(1)).**

Unless otherwise stated by specific Councilperson, during session that; the topic of subject be directly added to the record.

On this 13th day of October, 2022. Lodi, NY 14860.

Supervisor Kyle Barnhart called the meeting to direct order at 7:01 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: Supervisor Kyle Barnhart, Deputy Supervisor/Councilman Lucas Latini, Councilman Trevor Sibley, Councilman Seth Thomas, Councilman Chance Van Cleef along with, Town Clerk Connie Rosbaugh. To take the official recording of this said meeting.

In representation of Attorney at law; Frank Fisher

PRESENTERS/PETITIONERS:

Beth Bevars: Director of the Lodi Whittier Library

Introducing the Lodi Literacy HUB, its origin, goals, funding and scope. This summer, thankful to your supports; 71 local children have signed up and participated in the, eat, play, read summer read program over a 7-week period,342 children received a bag lunch, a small prize and a book for their home library. We saw many new faces. We are thrilled that new and old families have returned to utilize our resources.

In further: The Lodi Literacy HUB, sharing personal struggle and triumph of Beth's daughter Maggie, her reading way and abilities, Beth shares the importance of the resources that her family needed. In addition, sharing the local and broad scope of literacy and reading statistics. One in five children struggle to read at age appropriate levels. Some are dyslexic and others have personal learning differences. As with everything these difficulties range from mild or severe. This is not a problem that is only found somewhere ealse. Right here in the South Seneca School District, and in Lodi. There are children and there are adults that struggle to read. Literacy effects everything education, getting a job, accessing health care, voting and further. This is not about intelligence; this is about access. When I started at the library in 2019, I had a kernel of an idea. I wanted to create a joyful place where struggling readers could find books that meant them right where they are, and families and teachers supporting them, could come right there and get information and support. This idea has grown into the Lodi literacy Hub. Seed funding came from an outreach mini grant, from the Finger Lakes Library System, for \$1,100.00. we received that the very week everything shut down from Covid. We have although received addition funding from the Rosen Fund of the Community Foundation of Tompkins County, the friends of Tompkins Library, teach my kid to read, and not for profit, and a fortuities bulla Dade award from, Assemblymen Philip Palmasano in the amount of \$12,000.00 dollars.

The hub is categories into four sections. Parent resources, road to decode or decodable books, high lows, by or about dyslexics. I would like to explain decodables and high, lows. (display and fliers located at the display table during meeting session). Decodable books are designed to practice specific phonics, such as a short (a) or the (ch) sound at the end of lunch. Developing reading accuracy, and automaticity. The books that serve as a bridge between decoding and language comprehension, which leads to skilled reading. Highs, lows are books wrote at a high interest level with a low reading intellect. These are writing for old struggling readers. It has been a goal of many involved to build community literacy solutions. Our Library's literacy hub is being held up as the model to library's across the united states and Canada. Beth has several scheduled events to spread the awareness and resources to all communities who struggle in similar ways.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

G. Gilbert, culvert feedback: Thankful of the progress being made and the continued efforts to resolve flood issues.

AGENDA ADDRESSED:

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES: (THE MONTH PREVIOUS TO THE CURRENT)-

Motion made by Councilman Trevor Sibley. Motion in the second made by Councilman Chance Van Cleef. 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 made by Councilman Seth Thomas. Motion in the second by: Councilman Trevor Sibley. All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT COMMENT.**

HIGHWAY REPORT: Superintended Rick Jacot.

Serviced the equipment, put patches in damaged road ways, hauled stone under our shared services agreement. Winter overhaul of the trucks, and grader, and cleaned ditch ways.

Received and set up the dumpster containers for the 2nd annual dumpster day in Lodi.

Motion in the First by: Supervisor Kyle Barnhart. Motion in the second by: Councilman Lucas Latini. All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT COMMENTS.**

TOWN CLERK: Connie Rosbaugh

Town Clerk-Monies remitted to Town Supervisor on license fees, in the value of \$136.00, Ags and Markets \$18.00, monies collected from dog licenses.

Register of vital statistic: 1 wedding search, vital records

Additional clerk contacts, per Judge Van Cleef, resolution from the Town allowing Mr. Van Cleef to apply for grant funding known as JCAP. It is with-in the intent to apply for \$30,000.00 dollars for the Town of Lodi, along with the Ovid duel Court system of Lodi, to apply for the same fund.

Application for a genealogy search from Colorado resident.

Additional Monies Collected and remitted. \$2,135.00 from Judge Van Cleef, on monies collected from fines and fees.

The D.O.T. remitting \$133,781.00.

State of N.Y. Comptroller remitting to the Town, \$6,164.00.

Previous months Court fees remitted in this report: \$3,339.00. dual month report.

Letter of interest from Debbie Cummings, interest in joining the planning board committee.

Tax Collection: The Town has concluded its tax collection season. The final roll of paid/unpaid has been returned to the County of Seneca.

Final Audit has been Completed.

Motion in the first by: Councilman Seth Thomas. Motion in the second by; Councilman Chance Van Cleef. All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT COMMENTS.**

COMMITTEE:

***Dumpster Day update Sibley:** the dumpsters are in and there are 3, to fill I hope everyone received your invitation and, I hope to see you there. We need this to be successful to continue to offer it to the community.

***Mill Creek & Blackwell Creek update Latini:** attending a power point meeting with FEMA and our consultant regarding the concerns over Black Well and Mill Creek, the work that was done seemed to be a bit subpar, looking at the various levels of remediation from the start of the flood into the current. These are properties that FEMA had sponsored as remediation's through the state of N.Y., with concerns that the work, that the DEC had done, may not have been adequate. Several people have been involved including; TG. Miller meeting with the DEC, and the permit teams at all of our FEMA sights. T.G. Miller then went and executed roughly 3 months of engineer's work. 3 out of 4 or 4/5 projects have been rejected by the DEC. continuing working forward, I intend to send the information package in tomorrow. This at face value looks like an opportunity.

***Climate Smart Communities Task Force update Thomas:** Climate smart is a committee that works towards energy efficiency, better resource management in and outside of our community. Mostly planning and preparing for issues that are going to arise from the climate changes. Normally these programs are used by larger cities and communities, making it hard for Lodi and its lack of size and funds, to meet the requirements. Regardless of this our task force is meeting every month. We as a team all have our individual projects, that we bring together and share the resources. We have been working on a lot of other projects that build community support. Now we are focusing on a few larger projects that will help gain us more points towards the certification. Current ongoing projects are, community solar campaign that sings people up to a company known as AMPION. They will reduce your energy supply bill by ten percent, under the renewable energy. Both the library and the new town hall have been applied for, and are on the interest list to receive electric charging stations free of charge. Another project we are working on is the traffic calming project. They have done the cross walks, and pedestrian crossing signs, in addition to speed monitors, that Lodi has received. Lastly the flood survey,

we can have received over 200 responses, and we are currently working with Soil and Water to compile that information into a GIS. Although these programs are beneficial we are still reaching to the points goal to become certified. We need to reach the 120-point mark and we are currently at 51.

***NYSEG low voltage issue update Latini:** NYSEG, has come out and started the work of the upgraded transformer system down at the lake. Working through a few property owner issues. The work has started and they have upgraded and increased one transformer from a 10 to a 50. Instead of having 11 residents on one, they are now down to 5. Voltage checked during the summer that was significantly low, is now currently measuring correctly. They as in NYSEG are now moving to the mobile home park, they are also creating an agenda to Lower Lake Road, going up Shaw Road, the primary lines will be increased in diameter. The comital of going up 414 is still in process, NYSEG is working on correcting the small things, and will work forward to larger issue. With the corrections being made, it makes the larger issues more apparent and we are slowly but surely working towards improvement and upgraded of the electric supply system.

***New Town Hall Project Barnhart:** We have broken ground at the New Town Hall as of last week. The work of digging and pouring the footers. Having regular contact and updates every Friday. Although everything seems to be going to plan, we are having one negative and that is with the septic system. The sight is wet, and we are currently working on ways to rectify that standing issue. The good news is that the envisioned temporary system, has potential to be used as a more permanent structure.

Vacant Lot Sale in Village (Barnahrt): The Town has two vacant lots, that have recently been put up for sale. We have received bids on those properties and will hold executive's session tonight to discuss the negotiations.

Ag, environments, & infrastructure

Econ. Dev., Planning, & Tourism.

Building Committee:

Finance & Federal Affairs

Gov't Ops & Criminal Justice.

Water Committee.

Econ. Dev., Planning, & Tourism.

County Board & Supervisor:

Supervisor Barnhart remarks that they at the County level are currently working on a tentative budget. We are currently seeing record room intact tax and record sales tax intake. The sales tax is something I have personally been working on and bring it home to our part of the County. The room tax is where we are seeing different communications. We have been trying to sock away a little bit of that, the majority of the room tax goes to, the Chamber of Commerce, to promote tourism in the County, but we are now seeing drastic increases in the receipt of those monies stated. With-in the last two years. We are currently working on how, and what part of that to slice off and invest into infrastructure. May it be bridges, water, sewer etc.... The other big project that I have been working on at the County is the Willard Prison closer. They are not having much success in reaching State Government on the economic

effects of closing. We lost hundreds of employees that provided economic boost to the community. The County Board has asked me as the only Democrat on the Board to engage with state representatives that may be able to reach the Governor's office. Having success in doing so, I worked with Assembly Member out of Ithaca. She reached the Governor's office and the Governor intervened to stop the decommissioning of Willard and awarded us 5 million dollars. To continue the maintenance of the buildings. There will be a 14-person staff on sight and they sort of promised the fast track of redevelopment of that, instead of the known sit and decompose that we have seen.

OLD BUSINESS: Sibley bring up broadband services. Supervisor of Tyre is leading a committee on broadband. This is a state wide approach that has been mostly stalled. Although they have identified Grant funding that is available. They are also looking into HARPA funds to use to expand the broadband foot print in Seneca County, there are 3 down spots in Seneca County where Broadband is not. That is in the hills of Lodi, and two other towns. As we engage we found out that Empire is going to build out the rest of Lodi on their own.

NEW BUSINESS:

Award Bid for Blackwell Creek Culvert Labor: Winning bid awarded to:

The Town Clerk Connie Rosbaugh having accepted 4 bids, for the labor of the Black Well Creek.

On Wednesday, October 12,2022 four bids were received for the above referenced project.

It has been decided that the successful bidder is Silverline Construction, Inc. Of Burdett, New York with a Lump Sum Bid Price of \$107,200.00.

Motion in the first by: Deputy Lucas Latini. Motion I the second by Councilman Chance Van Cleef. All members of the board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED WITH-OUT COMMENTS.**

***Appoint Debbie Cummings to Town Planning:** To fill a vacancy for the period to

last from current year of 2022 until 2026. A four-year term. Motion in the first by: Supervisor Kyle Barnhart. Motion in the second by: Councilman Trevor Sibley. All members of the board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED WITH-OUT COMMENT.**

*Authorize and direct Town Justice to apply for JCAP Grant. The board authorizes the Lodi Town Court to apply for a JCAP 2022-23 GRANT CYCLE UP TO \$30,000.00. Resolved that this action may take effect immediately.

Motion in the first by: Councilman Seth Thomas. Motion in the second by: Councilman Trevor Sibley. All members of the board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED WITH-OUT COMMENTS.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (SECOND SESSION). NONE HEARD

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next regular board meeting date 11/10/2022. In person at the Town Hall.

Public Hearing on Tax exemptions to take place prior to August regular meeting of the board.

Executive session held: Start time 8:38 P.M. Ending at 9:15. Motion in the first by Councilman Lucas Latini. Motion in the Second by: Councilman Trevor Sibley. All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED WITH-OUT COMMENTS.**

ADJOURNMENT- TIME: 9:16_P.M. 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: MOTION TO ADJOURN CARRIED WITHOUT COMMENT.**

By the order of the Lodi Town Board.

Respectfully submitted, Town Clerk Connie Rosbaugh.