

TWELTH: 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 12TH day of December, 2024. Lodi, NY 14860.

Supervisor Luke Latini called the meeting to direct order at 7:20 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 woman. Additional moment for those who are victim to the hurricanes

OFFICIAL ROLL CALL: Town Meeting 7:20

Roll call taken by Town Clerk Connie Rosbaugh and is as stated.

Those in attendance including, Supervisor Lucas Latini, Deputy Supervisor Trevor Sibley, Councilman Chance VanCleaf, Councilman Dan Jacobsen, Councilman James Utter, and Town Clerk Connie Rosbaugh. To take the official recording of this said meeting.

Attorney: Mr. M. Mirras

Absent from the roll:

ADGENDA AS ADDRESSED:

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE ADGENDA: None heard

APPROVE MINUTES OF MONTH PREVIOUS. (November)

Motion in the first by: Councilman Sibley. Motion in the second by: Councilman Jacobsen.

All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED.**

(October)

***comments:** Councilman Jim Utter questions the edits from the Supervisor in the October meeting minutes.

Jim comments, Luke it states here that “marking out the need for State legislation molded from inactive California legislation to regulate chemical application, for vineyards.” “You did not say that”. you were talking about HABs.

Luke comments. Yes, I did. That is the action. Take data, collect data. Take a look at California’s legislation and send a package.

Jim further comments that he does not believe it was stated as such.

Luke offers to re listen to the self-recorded meeting and address it in the upcoming meeting.

Jim Further comments. He doesn’t believe that testing was mention during the meeting either, but did state that you will not use town money to fulfill this. Jim questions Luke if that is Correct. Luke States that it is correct.

Motion in the first to table. Councilman Van Cleef. Motion in the second by Councilman Utter.

All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION TO TABLE CARRIED.**

APPROVE THE BILLS: Previous months.

*** Councilman Utter Comments on the bills.** He brings mention to the Attorney bills for the New Town hall. Jim Comments "I feel the spend is getting crazy." "things are starting to add up" "just conversation wise" "is over \$2,000 dollars"." You have an hour and thirty minutes for \$552.00". "That's just talking". "I'm sure you will have many more hours of conversation; how much money did we allocate to that?"

In 2024 it was \$12,000 for attorneys, and then a \$15,000 for forensics, Luke comments it was \$20,000.

Councilman Van Cleef questions were are we at on the spend.

Luke comments, about \$10,000, and have not yet been charged for forensics.

*Councilman Van Cleef questions Voucher 255, Woods, Overt and Gillman \$2,112.50. Councilman Van Cleef refuses to approve the bill, did not add signature and would like the bill pulled.

*Vote to pass voucher 255 Woods, Overt, and Gillman at \$2,112.50: Supervisor Latini- AYE, Councilman Sibley- AYE, Councilman Jacobsen- AYE. Councilman Utter- NA, Councilman Van Cleef- NA.

Official vote calls of the Clerk 3 AYE, 2 NA of 5... VOTE PASSED. Voucher 255, passed.

***Edit to the A fund. Voucher known as 240, in the value of \$9,609.27, pulled from the abstract for further research.**

Voucher removed and (A) fund approved at

A fund: voucher: 239-239/241-255 \$28,212.63

Motion in the first by: Councilman Sibley. Motion in the second by Councilman Jacobsen.

All member of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED.**

DA fund: voucher: 100-105 \$6,164.07

Motion in the first by: Supervisor Latini. Motion in the second by: Councilman Sibley.

All members of the Board **IN FAVOR VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED.**

DB fund: voucher: 106-112 \$6,384.35

Motion in the first by: Councilman Sibley. Motion in the second by: Councilman Dan Jacobsen. All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: CARRIED**

PRESENTATIONS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Diana Little, brings the open meeting law up. she states that the public meeting minutes should be available to the public 2 weeks after the meeting.

Harry Miller, addresses the board on forensic inspection of the new building, the increase of 500% in attorney fees. Occupancy of the new building and the time line of such. He in addition commented on Federal Funding Contracts with the Federal Forest. He further commented on the subjects of ARPA funds, and the New Town Hall.

He finalizes his comments with concerns that members of the community and other members of the Board do not feel comfortable bring things up to the Board, without intimidation, and are entitled to clear thoughtful answers.

Bruce Murray, comments to the Board about being pleased with the maintains that his road has received. He further comments on civic procedures, accounts and budget shortfalls. He comments that he had sent out emails with questions and concerns, but feels like he didn't get much response from the Board. "I was resorted to the Freedom of Information Law" (FOIL) on fund balances from 2019-2023, and projected of 2024, to 2025. Although the Clerk did reply, "I feel that my request was denied, as I didn't get what I wanted". As it turned out the documents I wanted were online, on open book.com.

I am hoping that the State Comptroller audit is almost finished. I hope we can be more transparent.

Jack Burrows, comments to Luke, on his vote agents the tourism grant on the County level.

Luke Comments, that overall he didn't feel like it was an equitable thing for Lodi to take on electric charging stations.

Jim Comments, that he isn't appose of charging stations, that he opposed that Lodi tax dollars are used to fund the project, or the liability of maintenance to the Lodi Tax dollar.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Superintendent Rick Jacot

Rick was absent, Deputy Superintendent gives report. The brush attachments were used on the escalator to trim back ditch lines and road sides. Stone material was hauled to repair the roads, and build the surface of roads. Equipment was repaired, and winterized, blow frames, plow and wings re-installed on the trucks. American salt has state bid, and delivered 2 loads of salt that was mixed with the cinder, to apply during winter months. A grant report was giving on the quotes and ideal building to benefit Lodi.

Motion in the First by: Councilman Dan Jacobsen. Motion in the second by: Councilman James Utter.

All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED.**

TOWN CLERK REPORT: Connie Rosbaugh:

The Clerk gives simple report of services provided through the Town Clerks office. Documents such as certified vital records, including birth, death and mirage licenses. Agriculture and markets licenses, burial permits, FOIL, K9 and operational Licenses, accessibility access permits. Additional documents completed are vouchers, payments and general documents of the town. The Clerk continues to work out of the Highway Barn.

Clerk Rosbaugh reports the preparation of the 2025 property tax cycle. Supplies have been ordered to complete the job. The Clerk reports that we again this year will collect out of the Highway Barn, and ask that we apply the same method of policy to this up-coming year as last.

REGISTER OF VITAL STATISTICS: Continued birth, death and marriage license. Accessibility permits also provided through the Highway Barn. (clerk's office systems). Revenues generated through these programs are turned over to the Supervisor for the purpose to be added to the General Fund of the town.

Cemetery Report: Superintendent Rosbaugh reports the 2024 year has been concluded. No further cremations will be accepted with the winter months. We will continue to sell lots, and conduct non burial businesses related to the cemetery in general.

Motion in the first by: Councilman Van Cleef. Motion in the second by Councilman Jacobsen. All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED.**

COUNCILMAN PROJECT UPDATES:

Jimmy Utter reports, we missed the time frame for the Computation this year, we will still be using Seneca County in 2025. I started in January on this project, and at the time I was not aware of any issues with option out of the program. I am recently learning that, there is a withdraw proceeding from 1976, that we have to file with the administrator by July 1st. I recommend that we start that now, and submit before July. Reducing the spend by around/over half.

Jim also comments on his concerns of the insurance with members of the court having side arms, and in addition the dog control officer asking if a side firearm was allowed during his dog encounters. The Town would need to recognize specific insurance to cover such events. The current insurance does not cover such events.

Councilman Jacobsen, comments on his concerns of dog control officer being able to carry a side arm. He urges that a further conversation happen, in regards to dog control being permitted to conceal carry, he has concerns of the lack of formal training, and the insurance spike on town dollars.

Conversation continues on the armed guard of the court, if the sheriff's department provides insurance of the court personal, it should not affect the policy, and it is a trained officer who will be permitted to conceal carry, during court session.

Councilman Chance Van Cleef reports, the grant for the New York State Archives is eligible in January, an inventory will be reported during the application process. The next event to come will be a firm assisting in the sort and digital archive of all municipal records, not including the justice system records.

The justice system will apply through JCAP, to process their records. The Process should start sometime in May, if the grant is approved.

Councilman Utter adds further comments to his report, he comments that the Empire State Well Drillers Association, has a giving back program that is for Veteran that need a well or pump, we will provide that at no cost. You must be a combat Veteran to receive the giving back program. DD214 forms will be required. I (Jim Utter) am the contact person, and I hope all feel free to reach out.

Councilman Jacobsen reports, that the salt barn application is in process, and that everyone continues to work towards the application.

Councilman Sibley reports that he is still working with the County manager on the selling of Lodi owned properties. The idea is to add these back into the Towns tax roll.

PLANNING BOARD REPORTS: none heard

SUPERVISOR AND COUNTY BOARD REPORTS:

Supervisor Latini reports that the County passed their budget during the last meeting. I believe it to be a 9.2% increase. The original target was a 25% increase, a few groups, including the Sheriff's department gave up some funds, resulting in the lower increase. As far as I understand, no personnel will be receiving raises. On management and Board levels. Moneys from a reserve fund were used, over the next few years that money may deplete, causing a hit to the tax base. If no additional revenue streams come into the County.

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS: - meeting time conversation on the possibility of changing the time of the meeting from 7:00 to 7:15. An official decision will come in the upcoming meeting of January.

RESOLUTION: 2024-

Whereas the Town of Lodi has \$25.26 dollars in ARPA funds, and

Whereas the Town wishes to resolve that the value of \$25.26 be added to the Towns line item, known as New Building Funds.

Now therefore be it Resolved that the Towns Bookkeeper may transfer the ARPA funds into the appropriate fund.

Motion in the first by: Supervisor Latini. Motion in the second by Councilman Sibley. All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next regular board meeting date 01/08/2025 In person at the Lodi Fire Hall. 7:00 P.M.

The end of the year CLOSE OUT meeting is to be held on December 30th at 7:00 P.M. in the location of the Lodi Fire Hall.

EXECUTIVE MEETING.

Motion to enter into executive session by Supervisor Latini. Seconded by Councilman Sibley.

All member of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED.**

Those invited, Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor, and all Councilman Seated, along with Attorney M. Mirras.

Session started at 9:19.

Motion to leave executive session made by Councilman Sibley. Motion in second by: Councilman Utter.
Session end 10:32.

ADJOURNMENT- TIME: 10:32 P.M. Motion in the first by: Councilman Sibley. Motion in the second by Supervisor Latini. All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION TO ADJOURN CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted, Town Clerk Connie Rosbaugh.