

**FIRST: RECORDING OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING.**

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

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

On the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026. Lodi, NY 14860.

Supervisor Luke Latini 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 woman.

**OFFICIAL ROLL CALL: Town Meeting 7:03-**

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

Those in attendance including, Supervisor Lucas Latini, Councilman Jim Utter, Councilman Bruce Terry, Councilman Dan Jacobsen, Councilwoman Martha Mosher and Town Clerk Connie Rosbaugh. To take the official recording of this said meeting.

Attorney: M. Mirras.

Absent: none

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE ADGENDA:**

Adding the library contributions under old business

**REVIEW AND APPROVE BILLS.**

**Abstract (A)** Vouchers -1-11 in value of \$5,558.54.

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

**(Councilwoman Mosher- does not support the Woods, Ovitt, Gilman- voucher numbered 9, and questions the State Comptrollers invoice for clarity)**

**Vote: 4 yes / 1 no- Passed**

**Abstract (DA)** Vouchers 1-8 In value of \$4,343.79.

Motion in the first by Councilman Jim Utter. Motion in the second by Councilman Dan Jacobsen.

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

**Abstract (DB)** Voucher \_\_\_\_\_ In the value of \$.-NO EXPENDATURES

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

**APPROVE MINUTES OF MONTH PREVIOUS. – Councilman Terry, and Councilwoman Mosher abstain from the vote for reasons of not being seated during said meeting.**

**Presented: ( December and December Final Financial)** Motion in the first by Councilman Dan Jacobsen. Motion in the second by Councilman Jim Utter. All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED.**

**PRESENTATIONS:** none

**Public Comments:**

Councilwoman Martha Mosher addresses the Board. She addresses a letter to The Editor in the Finger Lakes Times.

Issues addressed- the solicitation of the Pledge of Allegiance\National Anthem. The First Amendment and the right of free speech, including non-speaking and or participation of.

Second addressed- recordings of the Town Council meetings.

Supervisor Luke Latinis response addressing the board, that he was the one who requested and promoted the audit, to use in the investigation of the New Town Hall. The report giving is not the execution of the Board Martha is referring to. It was actually, the execution of the prior Board.

**HIGHWAY REPORT: Rick Jacot**

Superintendent Rick Jacot updates that the team has been busy plowing and sanding residential roads.

In their off-road time, the team has also been busy replacing the board deck on the town owned trailer reporting savings of \$2,800.00 in taxpayer dollars, in addition the inhouse repair of the air compressor on the 2012 ten wheeled dump truck, saved another \$4,000 as the team didn't need to outsource the work.

Superintendent Rick Jacot addresses the Board on creating a motion allowing him to use the \$13,375.00 received from the auctioned off equipment of the highway barn.

Rick states that his team is under starting wages, of other townships similar and surrounding ours. He asks that he is permitted to use the auction funds to increase each highway employee's hourly wage, in addition the 7% from the 2026 budget.

Decision of vote tabled until the next monthly meeting.

Supervisor Luke Latini instructs Superintendent Risk Jacot to prepare and present a proposal of his request. Showing intent, proposed wages and figures.

Adding that he must meet with accounts payable to figure out the errors of the overspends.

Supervisor Luke Latini approves the 7% increase in wages for the year 2026. Noting that the fiscal budget could withstand these increases.

Motion in the first to accept the highway report by Councilman Dan Jacobsen. Motion in the second by Councilman Jim Utter.

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

**TOWN CLERK REPORT: Connie Rosbaugh:**

All monies collected will be remitted to accounts payable/ Supervisor Latini, for the purpose of being added to the general fund. Funds such as:

Paid to Supervisor for general funds. Certified copies, and local fees.

Paid to AG & Market. Animal control.

Paid to NYS Health Department for Marriage Licenses.

**The Tax Collection Clerk**, as tax collector for district 4953 all dollars collected will be distributed to first the Supervisor of the Town, through accounts payable Nancy Swartwood, with the purpose to be entered into the General Funds /operational monies of the Town of Lodi. Secondly the County Treasurer will receive County portions and lastly the interest collected will be giving to the general fund of the Town. The collection period will run between the months of January until April 1, 2026.

Documents such as certified vital records including birth, death, and marriage licenses.

Agriculture and markets licenses, burial permits, FOIL requests, K9 licenses, and business operational licenses, along with accessibility permits.

Additional documents completed are payment vouchers, payment archive and overall general documents of the town.

Motion in the first to approve the Clerk/ Collector Report, by Councilman Jim Utter. Motion in the second by Councilman Dan Jacobsen. All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED.**

**CEMETERY REPORT:** Cemetery is Closed for the 2025 year and will re-open Spring of 2026. Weather permitting.

**Special project & Committee Reports**

**PLANNING BOARD REPORTS:** none heard.

**SUPERVISOR AND COUNTY BOARD REPORTS:**

**OLD BUSINESS: -**

Supervisor Luke Latini reads the contract from the Lodi Whitter Library. Said contract asks the Township to contribute a value of \$1,650.00 for the year 2026. Itemizing their intent for the funds.

Contact is vailed from: 01/01/2026- 12/31/2026

Motion in the first to enter into contact with and provide the Lodi Whitter Library with the sum of exactly \$1,650.00. by Councilwoman Marth Mosher. Motion in the second by Councilman Dan Jacobsen. All members of the Board. **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Cable Service Agreement- the Board has Discussed and approved a 3% franchise rate. The contract was signed and sent back for company approval.

FEMA Cats Elbow Culvert Replacement Project. Supervisor reports that he has been inContact with our FEMA contractor and that the systems porthole that tracks all of the projects showed that our project is nearly 50% and is moving on. Gaining further approval. Currently looking at a time frame of May 2026.

**NEW BUSINESS: -**

**BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:**

Motion in the first allowing accounts payable Nany Swartwood to modify the 2025 budget, using the underspent to balance the overspent (\$14,703.90). Including General A, Highway DA and Highway DB. Motion in the second by Councilwoman Martha Mosher. All members of the Board **IN FAVOER AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED.**

**2026 Resolutions**

**Resolution 2026-1: RULES OF PROCEDURE.**

Motion tabled until edited and approved.

**Resolution 2026-2: ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT.**

**Appointing Midey, Mirras and Ricca, LLP. 54 Fall Street Seneca Falls, New York. In accordance with the retainer agreement for the year 2026.**

Motion in the first by Councilwoman Martha Mosher. Motion in the second by Councilman Jim Utter.

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

**Resolution 2026-3: APPOINTING DOG CONTROL**

**Appointing Ben Caulkins for the position of animal control officer for the year 2026.**

Motion in the first by Councilman Jim Utter. Motion in the second by Councilman Dan Jacobsen. All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution 2026- 4: APPOINTMENT OF BOOKKEEPER, TOWN OF LODI.**

**Appointing Nancy Swartwood to the Bookkeeping position in the Town of Lodi for the year 2026.**

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

**Resolution 2026-5: APPOINTMENT OF REGISTER OF VITAL STATISTICS, TOWN OF LODI.**

**Appointing Connie M. Rosbaugh to the position of Register of Vital Statistics in the Town of Lodi for the year 2026.**

Motion in the first by Councilwoman Martha Mosher. Motion in the second by Councilman Bruce Terry. All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution 2026-6: FINANCIAL INSTITUTION**

Resolving that Five Star Bank of Ovid, Community Bank N.A are designate das depositories in which the Supervisor, Town Clerk, Justice, Accounts Payable by virtue of their office.

Further resolved Town investments can be made at other banks and institutions, AS REVIEWD AND APPROVED BY A FULL BOARD.

Motion in the first by Councilwoman Martha Mosher. Motion in the second by Councilman Jim Utter. All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: Motion CARRIED.**

**Resolution 2026-7: MILAGE RATES**

That a milage rate of 72.5 cents per mile, based on the 2026 IRS standard, shall be paid to any employee who must use their personal vehicles to perform work of the Township.

Motion in the first by Councilman Bruce Terry. Motion in the second by Councilman Jim Utter. All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution 2026-8: PUBLISHING INSTITUTES**

Resolved that the Seneca County Shopper and the Finger Lakes Times, be established as official posting papers. Motion in the first by Councilman Bruce Terry. Motion in the second by Councilman Dan Jaconsen. All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution 2026-9: HIGHWAY HOURLY PAY 2026**

Resolving that the 2026 budget provides a 7% increase in hourly wages for the 4 employees.

Motion in the first by Councilwoman Marth Mosher. Motion in the second by Councilman Jim Utter. All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution 2026-10: NEW YORK STATE RETIREMENT PROGRAM.**

Resolved that those Elected and Appointed who wish to join the New York State Retirement program, may do so and establish the standard workdays. Motion in the first by Councilman Jim Utter. Motion in the second by Councilman Bruce Terry. All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution 2026-11: MONTHLY MEETING, MEETING PLACE ESTABLISHED.**

Resolved that the Township will hold its Monthly Meeting at the location of the Lodi Fire Hall until further update is given. Motion in the first by Councilman Jimm Utter. Motion in the second by Councilman Bruce Terry. All members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION CARRIED.**

Councilman Jim Utter addresses a resolution presented in 2025- **SUPPORTING ALL BUSINESSES IN SENECA COUNTY.**

Councilman Utter reads from the voted down resolution from former Councilman Chance Van Cleef. He states that the current Board does not solely support the expansion and continued operations of Seneca County Landfill, known as Seneca Meadows. He asked that the resolution to be called for another vote, reflecting that the Town of Lodi Support all business. Removing the specific name of Seneca Meadows and leaving the resolution open to all businesses.

Motion in the first by Councilman Utter. Motion in the second by Councilman Bruce Terry.

Discussion, Luke states that he supports all businesses in Seneca County, no matter their location or operations to Seneca County. Luke has concerns with back tracking the Motion from year past. Luke recommends edits on the second paragraph from the bottom.

Bruce asks to rescind the resolution that supports Seneca Meadow by name... asking that it states all businesses.

Supervisor tables the vote until edit is made.

Suggested edit. Remove the entire paragraph of BE IT RESOLVED (first section) and continue from the last WHEREAS, INTO.... BE IT RESOLVED, the Lodi Town Board, after review and consideration rescinds Resolution 2024-13.

Motion in the first to table by Councilwoman Martha Mosher. Motion in the second to table by Councilman Dan Jacobsen. Members of the Board VOTING: MOTION CARRIED.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The Next monthly Lodi Town Board will be held at 7: pm on February 2026. In person at the Lodi Fire Hall at 7:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT- TIME:** 8:12 P.M. Motion in the first by: Councilman Dan Jacobsen Motion in the second by Councilman Bruce Terry. All present members of the Board **IN FAVOR AND VOTING AYE: MOTION TO ADJOURN CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted, Municipal Clerk Connie Rosbaugh.