

TOWN OF LODI
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 26, 2016

1. Call to order & roll call: Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Marx. Board members present: Tom Marx, James Brooks, James Bechen, Robert Benson, Jon Plumer. Also present: Jack & Vicki Hill, Rick Weigle, Gene Fleming, Ingrid Fleming, Mindy Skinner, Wendy Jones, Jameson Jones, Joe Fobes, Julie McKiernan, Jim Jager, Dave Jager, Chris Goodman, Rick Waugh (Supervisor – Transfer Site & Parks), Bob Bosman (Employee - Transfer Site & Parks), Rachelle Blair (Lodi Enterprise)

2. Pledge of Allegiance: lead by Tom Marx.

3. Citizen Input: Gene Fleming, W10593 E. Harmony Dr. – I'd like to talk to you about the email Chairman Marx sent me last week. Since you (Marx) seem to think I'm a constant complainer, I will start with the blue truck. It's been sitting then for over a year, and you've given them more time to work on it. When did you send a letter? Nothing is being done on the truck by the 15-year-old owner. I also don't know who the 16-year-old kid is that you state another of our neighbors is holding a non-operating a car for. Then regarding the puppy next door, they've had it since last September so it's now old enough to need to be licensed. I've sent you several videos of that dog going after people on the road, as well as their other dogs. They claim to have an invisible fence – but they don't, it doesn't exist. And the camper that hasn't moved in 4 years. If I was such a bad neighbor, why would I have come before this board to fight for the 4-way stop on Tonja to protect kids that catch the bus there. And you said you had no problem with a semi being parked in the neighborhood. The former Town Chairperson Char Brereton, made sure those were not parked in family neighborhoods. Marx – I talked with the sheriff recently regarding all these matters, explained the actions I've taken, and he was fine with that. If things are not taken care of by June, then I will take further steps.

4. Certified Survey Map combining Parcels 11022-50.010 & 11022-50.011 for construction of new home and detached garage; located on Arbor Valley Road, owned by Jack & Vicki Hill: Marx – the Plan Commission reviewed the CSM and talked to the Hills and made a motion recommending approval of the CSM at their April 6th meeting. Jack Hill – we originally were going to build our home in the middle of these 2 lots. But after we purchased the 2 lots we found out that there was a water main easement down the common property, that the realtor didn't tell us about, which wouldn't allow any buildings on it. I obtained the approval of the Harmony Grove Sanitary District for a driveway spur across the easement.

Benson/Plumer motion to approve the Certified Survey Map as prepared/presented; MC 5-0.

5. Introduction of and setting 05/31/16 date of public hearing for resolution to vacate a portion of public right-of-way land between Summerville Park & Paradise roads (* the portion between the Paradise Island Condominium parcel 11022-Condo-516099 and the Chandler (Fobes/Nichols) parcel 11022-177.01): Marx – this is just to legally meet the requirement that we set a date/time for a public hearing regarding this resolution to vacate a portion. Public hearing will be Tuesday, May 31, 2016 beginning at 6 p.m.

6. Markers (signs and posts) for no parking in certain areas of the Bay Drive public boat launch: Marx – this was brought up at the April 19th Annual Town meeting, as users of the public boat launch park so that it blocks the flow of traffic, and could possibly block emergency vehicles. Brooks – I wouldn't recommend metal or concrete posts; I would suggest bendable/flexible plastic posts. Benson – how far back do you want to go with the posts? Don't want users of the boat launch to have to park blocks away. Marx – how about we have LAFD and EMS look at it and let us know how much space they need to turn their vehicles. Bechen – I disagree with Brooks, plastic will just get run over and ignored. Kwik Trip used to get their buildings run into almost weekly, now that they put concrete bollards that problem has been solved. Possibly have Town Engineer look into where they should be put. Plumer – I agree with Bechen and that we should have LAFD and EMS check them out. Skinner – how soon can LAFD and EMS look at this, as boating season is coming up on us. Brooks –

I will be seeing both the Fire Chief and EMS Director tomorrow, so I can mention this to them then. Chris Goodwin – the school bus has problems once the boat launch users start the parking problems, so there’s definitely no room for a fire truck. Without bollards and signs the parking problem will continue. People will park wherever they can and want, they don’t care if they’re blocking the road or the neighbors. Joe Fobes – would “No Parking Here to Corner” signs help to start with? Mindy Skinner – the signs might be a quick temporary fix, but maybe the signs should say the same as the ones on the cul-de-sac that say “No Parking Between Signs”. Chris Goodwin – will those signs be on both sides, as sometimes people park on both sides and narrow the road so it’s nearly impassable.

7. Driveway issues @ W10739 E. Harmony Drive; Parcel 11022-1192 owned by James & Wendy Jones: Brooks - showed pictures of the 2 driveways on this property. Brooks – I question Mr. Collins constantly complaining about these 2 driveways when the property across the street has 2 driveways. Goeske – when the Jones’ came before the board for a variance in 2014, the fact that this 2nd driveway was already there prior to the year 2000 when the # of allowed driveways was lowered from 2 to 1. So if this driveway was there prior to 2000, then it was grandfathered in. Benson – as Goeske said, the fact that the driveway was there prior to 2000 wasn’t brought up when they came before the board in 2014. But I’m against giving a variance unless there is a real safety need for it. But shame on our building inspector not checking into this before he issued a building permit for the new shed. Plumer – I agree with Benson. I drove out to this property today, and the first thing I thought of was look at this new shed and how did they expect they’d get to it.

Benson/Bechen motion to acknowledge that this 2nd driveway is grandfathered in as it was created prior to our 2000 ordinances, and refund the \$125 variance fee they paid; MC 5-0.

8. Roads:

(a) Mack Road: Marx - this is a road created for a proposed subdivision, which never ended up happening. So now it’s a town road leading to just 1 home. Back then towns were funded by the State based on the miles of roads they had, so that’s why you see so many rural roads leading to only a few or one home. But that is no longer the case. I checked to see what the cost would be to pave that road and then give it back to the property owner, and it would cost \$29,000. There is also a culvert on that road that is large enough to be considered a bridge. Benson – we could buy a lot of gravel for that price. Marx – this could be revisited in the future if need be.

(b) Rodney Drive: Goeske - Bid documents are out and will be published in the Lodi Enterprise this week and next. Bids are due May 24th. So this will be on the May 31st Town Board meeting agenda. Marx – it was discovered that the cul-de-sac isn’t built where it’s supposed to be, it’s 15’ off to one side = on private property, thus we need 2 easements to allow the road to stay there. There are also drainage issues that the town needs 2 easements from 2 of the property owners on the cul-de-sac to create swales to take the water to the lake. What our Town Engineer is now estimating is \$190,000, which is \$32,000 more than originally estimated by Columbia County Highway. I am meeting with Town Engineer Lichtenheld and 2 of the property owners at the cul-de-sac on May 6th regarding the cul-de-sac and easements. The bids are 2 part, one for the road and cul-de-sac, and one for the road and not the cul-de-sac.

9. Transfer Site (Benson): We’re over budget already due to a compactor motor needing to be replaced, and adding limestone for the path to the mulch pile. If we’re looking at increasing the # of employees working each shift; we’re also looking at keeping the Wednesday and Saturday hours year-round, but discontinuing Sunday 10-1 hours (no other municipality has Sunday hours for their Transfer/Recycling Sites).

Bechen – I think we’re going to receive a lot of negative feedback if we close the Transfer Site on Sundays. So I’d be opposed to closing the site on Sundays. Chris Goodwin – I’m opposed to closing the site on Sundays also.

Marx – I plan on introducing budget amendment(s) at the May 31st Town Board meeting. One of the areas that needs additional funds is the Transfer Site.

(a) Lighting: Looking at \$3,500 for 2 lights to use the existing poles but replace the current fixtures with LED lights. Bechen – that’ll be 20,000 lumens and that’s plenty of lights for these 2 poles, won’t need to use the 3rd pole currently there.

Bechen/Brooks motion to approve the lights; MC 5-0.

(b) Cardboard compactor: We possibly need to think about a cardboard compactor, which cost around \$11,500 for a rebuilt one. Marx - I could include it in the budget amendment proposal for May 31st. Brooks – cardboard is increasing constantly. Bechen – in my line of work I am around cardboard compactors. They do break down. Waugh – this one is a compactor, it doesn’t make bales. The county would just pick it up and dump it. It would sit next to the shed, and Bayview Electric can run electric to it. Fobes – is there a cost savings cardboard compactor vs. bins for cardboard.

Benson – we’re already having a problem with too much mulch. We had to have Lanzendorf come in with limestone and their own skid steer to pack it down, which ran \$3,000 – and we could have to do this again next year. We need to look at options of how to get rid of the mulch. Possibly put something in the newspaper about free mulch to anyone who wants to get it, residents, non-residents, landscapers, etc...

Benson – we’re getting a fair amount of construction trash. I think we should start charging for these \$25 - \$30 per load. To be on next agenda.

10. Appointments to Plan Commission, Park Commission, Fire Commission, and EMS Commission:

<u>COMMISSION</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTED</u>	<u>TERM*</u>
Plan	Tom Marx	Tom Marx	2016-2017
Plan	James Bechen	James Bechen	2016-2017
Plan	Jack Pfister	Jack Pfister	2016-2019
Plan	Jon Plumer	Ronald Smith	2016-2019
Park	Robert Benson	James Bechen	2016-2017
Park	Nancy Mitchell	Nancy Mitchell	2016-2019
Fire	Matthew Davies	Matthew Davies	2016-2018
Fire	James Brooks	James Brooks	2016-2018
EMS	Enrique Ramirez	Jon Plumer	2016-2018

**last Tuesday in April – last Tuesday in April*

11. Appointments of additional 2016-2017 Election Inspectors - Kay Bernards & Susan Benson:
Bechen/Benson motion to approve appointment; MC 5-0.

12. 2015-2016 Operator License - Sharon Steine (Fitz’s): *Benson/Plumer motion to approve; MC 5-0.*

13. Chairman Reports, including, but not limited to:

a. Lodi Police Dept.: James Brooks and I met today with new City of Lodi Mayor Jim Ness and City Administrator Dona Newman. The issue of the Lodi PD spending too many hours in the Town, over our budget for approx. 10/hours week was discussed. This is now under control. They are mostly driving in the Town on weekday hours to make their presence visible. We discussed mutual aid calls between the Columbia County Sheriff Dept. and the Lodi Police Dept. Chief Klicko (Lodi PD) says those have increased about 10%. Brooks – I talked to the Col Co Sheriff and told them that if they continue to give calls to the Lodi PD when they should

be responding that the Town may cancel their contract with the Lodi PD, which would mean the sheriff would have to increase their hours in the Town, something they don't want to have to do with their already short staffing issues.

If board members have items they would like to see in the proposed budget amendment on May 31st please let me know. Another item we may need to budget for would be updating our ordinances, which hasn't been done in around 20 years.

14. Clerk-Treasurer Reports:

a. Town Board meeting minutes - March 29, 2016 & April 19, 2016: *Benson/Plumer motion to approve; MC 5-0.*

b. Revenues vs. Expenditures - April 1 – 22, 2016: Election Inspector wages are high due to additional hours on the 4/5/16 election; figure under Columbia County Sheriff is actually for Lodi PD, Goeske will change the title of that budget line; snowplowing @ t-site is for snowplowing done in December 2015 billed in 2016 under contract

c. Payment of Bills - Mortgage ACH #20 + Checks #20145 through #21086 totaling \$34,644.32: *Bechen/Benson to approve; MC 5-0.*

d. Building Permits:

Lodi Issue Date	Lodi Perm it #16-	TOWN OF LODI		2016 BUILDING PERMIT LOG	
		Owner or Contractor	Site Address	Estimated Cost	Project Description
01/04/16	01	ERNEST TUCK	W10867 W. Harmony Dr.	900.00	shed
01/11/16	02	TOM HANLEY	N2752 Summerville Park Rd.	150.00	electrical & alteration
01/11/16	03	PAMELA STIEREN	N2632 CTH V	9,500.00	plumbing upgrades
01/14/16	04	FRANK QUINN	W10948 Lake Point Dr.	1,600.00	electrical upgrade
01/20/16	05	DAVE MITCHELL	Demyck Rd.	0.00	access/driveway
01/29/16	06	ALAN LONG	W11114 Pollock Rd.	20,000.00	shed
			JANUARY:	32,150.00	JANUARY:
02/01/16	07	DAVE MITCHELL	W11522 Demyck Rd.	160,000.00	new home
02/01/16	08	JOHN WOPAT	N1597 Kohn Rd.	1,000.00	new elec service
02/04/16	09	ERWIN LUCKMANN	W10929 Arbor Valley Rd.	5,000.00	remodel
02/12/16	10	ANDREW KOPMEYER	W11102 Pollock Rd.	20,000.00	basement remodel
02/12/16	11	CASEY CHANTHAPHONE	W11597 Demyck	5,000.00	enclosing carport
02/19/16	12	CHUCK VERRI	N2190 Okee Bay Ct.	45,000.00	kitchen/bath remodel
			FEBRUARY:	236,000.00	FEBRUARY:
03/01/16	13	US CELLULAR	Smith Rd.	0.00	temp access/drive
03/08/16	14	TOM WALZER	N2112 Back Forty Rd.	96,000.00	remodel
03/16/16	15	PAT GATLING	W11626 CTH V	n/a	demo garage
03/24/16	16	JON PLUMER	W11404 High Point Rd.	14,000.00	enclose deck
03/31/16	17	ANDREW PRELL	W10943 Bay View Dr.	0.00	remedel cancelled
03/31/16	18	MICHAEL KARLS	W11480 Reynolds Rd.	3,100.00	raze shed/new elec
			MARCH:	113,100.00	MARCH:
04/08/16	19	EUGENE/NANCY VATCH	W11097 Rodney Dr.	27,000.00	breezeway
04/08/16	20	DAVID HENSIK	N1706 Ryan Rd.	15,000.00	pool cabana
04/12/16	21	NORRIS HEADLEY	W11044 Timber Ridge Trail	0.00	access/driveway

04/22/16	22	NORRIS HEADLEY	W11044 Timber Ridge Trail	411,589.0 0	new home
04/21/16	23	TIM ESCHER	W11460 CTH V	18,000.00	barn foundation/roof repairs
04/18/16	24	BRANDON BUSSE	N2097 Back Forty Rd.	19,000.00	garage
			APRIL:	490,589.0 0	MARCH:
YEAR-TO-DATE:				871,839.0 0	

e. Animal Control Officer Log: 04/11/16 call received at Town Hall from Nate Dorshorst (N2877 Smith Road) regarding a dog running loose that he's been seeing off and on since last November; skittish and won't let anyone get close to it. Information passed on to Gary Paepke, who set up a humane dog trap on Dorshorst property. Dog was caught Sunday, 4/17/16 and Gary kenneled it on his property (per the 1-week hold in agreement). Following email sent to public on 04/18/16: *Report from Town of Lodi Animal Control Officer Gary Paepke - Picked up a very elderly female Basset (? w/Beagle mix) on Smith Road this past weekend. Reports are that this dog has been running loose in the Smith Road/Koltes Road/CTH CS/CTH J/CTH V area for several months, yet seems to be tame enough that it might be someone's pet. If anyone is missing their dog, or knows who might own this dog, either call the Town of Lodi office, or Animal Control Officer Gary Paepke at (608) 576-0974.* Several people emailed the office and said they were going to put this information on their Facebook pages. Daughter of the owner of the dog (Dorothy Krueger, N2787 Smith Road) saw it on her FB page and called her Mother. Dorothy contacted Gary Paepke to make arrangements to pick the dog up (which the family had assumed had met an untimely demise all those months ago) and paid the \$20 pickup and \$20 kennel fee, plus renewed the dog license.

f. Communications: 03/31/16 letter from Keith Ripp, State Representative 42nd Assembly District regarding legislation enacted over the last 2 years (2015-16 legislative session). Copy on file.

15. Commissions/Committees/Districts/Departments:

a. Plan Commission (Marx/Bechen): 4/6/16 minutes included including Jack & Vicki Hill CSM, Steve & Kathy Neander variance.

b. Park Commission (Benson/Marx): Met on April 20th. Marx – we visited all the parks in Harmony Grove, except Arbor Valley, and did an inventory of things that need to be done at each, improvements needed, etc.... Will visit all Okee parks at the next meeting.

c. Any other commission/committee/district/department reports: 07/13/15 minutes of Harmony Grove Lake Protection District meeting plus 07/01/15 – 04/09/16 financial report. 03/17/16 minutes of Lodi Area Emergency Medical Service meeting and 03/17/16 Directors Report.

16. Upcoming meeting date(s): Tuesday, May 31st – 5:45 PM Board of Review, followed by Public Hearing, and then Town Board meeting.

17. Future agenda item(s): fee for construction trash, 2016 budget amendment

18. Adjourn: *Bechen/Plumer motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM; MC 5-0.*

April D. Goeske
Clerk-Treasurer