

**TOWN OF LODI
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 24, 2015**

1. **Pledge of Allegiance:** lead by Chairman Marx.

2. **Call to order & roll call: Board members present** - Tom Marx, James Bechen, James Brooks, Robert Benson. Also present - Jim Seaton, Allison Seaton, Joe Ballard (Lodi Enterprise) Roberta Arnold, Bob Hunt, Monica Brereton, Vickie Nichols, Joe Fobes, Don Lovik, Mindy Skinner, Bill Haupt, Martha Dodge Alberti, Rick Weigle, Mark Vander Waal, Rod Ripley.

3. **Citizen Input:** Bill Haupt re: LACE (Lodi Area Community Endowment) – This was started in 2009 as a vehicle for those who wanted to support the community. In 6 years we have an endowment of around \$200,000 in the Lodi area. We’ve distributed around \$20,000 back to the community to about a dozen groups. We work within the boundaries of the Lodi School District area. Municipalities are non-profits and thus eligible for funding from LACE, and I encourage the Town to take advantage of that. The process is very simple by filling out a short application for a grant from LACE. We will work with applicants filling out the application. We just set up a partnership with the Lodi School District to help them get better investment on their endowment funds. This year we gave \$1,000 to the Lodi Library to help with adult literacy, and a donation to Reach Out Lodi. Website: www.madisoncommunityfoundation.org/LACE.

Mindy Skinner – I’m following up on my October 24th email to Town Board Chairperson Tom Marx and Park Commission Chairperson Peg Ford. I’d like to request the town do erosion control along the shoreline of the town-owned property on Bay Dr. Has the town attorney been contacted on the potential sale of this property? Marx – not yet at this point. Mindy – what is my next step? Marx – I will follow up with Peg Ford on this email and see if it will be placed on their next meeting (in January). Mindy – I would like to get the WI DNR involved.

4. Recommendation to Columbia County relating to Variances (4) to Columbia County Zoning Ordinances @ 1.08 Parcel 11022-269.01 located in S8, T10N, R8E @ W11577 County Highway V, owned by Lucky's Okee Real Estate LLC, Rodney J. Ripley, d/b/a Lucky's Bar & Grill on the Lake:

(a) 16-110-030(2) Road Setback: *Benson/Bechen motion to recommend that Columbia County approve the variance to road setback for the portable stage at 5 feet from the edge of the road right-of-way and 36.5 feet from the centerline of CTH V; MC 4-0.*

(b) 16-5-40 Water Setback: *Benson/Brooks motion to recommend that Columbia County the variance from water setback at 38 feet from waters edge; MC 4-0.*

(c) 16-125-260(I) Sound from Amplified music shall not exceed 65 dBA (75 dBA allowed by Town ordinance): *Benson/Brooks motion to recommend that Columbia County deny the variance allowing exceeding the 65 dBA allowed by Columbia County Ordinance; MC 4-0.*

Jim Seaton – we live about 1 mile up the hill and every weekend we heard the music all the way up there. I request you set the decibal level at 50 rather than 65. Goeske – I talked to the owners of the properties across the bay and none had any problem with it, and no complaints came from any of the property owners adjacent to Lucky’s. Jim Seaton – but those properties are parallel to Lucky’s and this blocked from the music.

(d) **16-125-260(I) Amplification device and staging location:** *Benson/Brooks motion (INSERT same as PC); MC 4-0.*

5. Recommendation to Columbia County for Conditional Use Permit allowing "Outdoor Commercial Entertainment" for same location as #4 above:

Benson/Bechen motion to recommend that Columbia County approve the variance to amplification device and stage location at 5 feet from the property line or right-of-way; MC 4-0.

6. Recommendation to Columbia County for Variance to Columbia County Zoning Ordinance #16-110-030(2) Road Setback to enclose current carport/porch to create living space, on Parcel 11022-214.A located in S5, T10N, Range 8E @ W11597 Demyck Road, owned by Sonenalinh & Casey Chanthaphone: *Bechen/Brooks motion to recommend that Columbia County approve the road setback as requested; MC 4-0.*

7. Don Lovik: appeal of Invoice dated 11/06/14 in the amount of \$1,097.56 for legal bills relating to condemnation of mobile home at W11675 CTH V (Okee): Note: Don Lovik left a few minutes before his turn on the agenda. *Brooks motion to table this until Mr. Lovik is present; motion dies for lack of a 2nd. Bechen – since Mr. Lovik was here and he left during item #6, I motion that we deny his appeal of Invoice 2014-; motion dies for lack of a 2nd. Arnold – does Atty. Fleming state what State Statute gave the board the authority to bill Lovik for these expenses. Goeske - no.*

8. Resolution 2015-11 "A Resolution of Approval & Support for US Bicycle Route 30": Email 10/28/15 from Jill Mrotek Glenzinski, Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator, WI DOT – the general route for USBR 30 is from Winona, MN through Trempealeau, Onalaska, La Crosse, Elroy, Reedsburg, Prairie du Sac, Sauk City, Middleton, Madison, Cottage Grove, Aztalan, Waukesha, West Allis and Milwaukee. USBR 30 will eventually pass from Montana to New Hampshire. Go to www.adventurecycling.org/routes-and-maps/us-bicycle-route-system for information and a downloadable map for the entire proposed system. This resolution is just asking for the town to approve and support (no cost to the town) the development of US Bike Route 30.

Bechen/Benson motion to approve Resolution 2015-11 "A Resolution of Approval & Support for US Bicycle Route 30"; MC 4-0.

9. Supervisor IV vacancy: Marx – the board has 3 options (a) the board can appoint tonight someone to the position; (b) we can put a notice in the newspaper asking for letters of interest; (c) leave the position vacant until the April 2016 election. Benson – I think it's in our best interest to appoint a candidate at this time as there is almost 5 months left in the current term. Brooks – I agree. Bechen – I agree, it's in our best interest to have a full 5-member board, vs putting it in the newspaper and wait a month to appoint someone. Marx – 3 people who have expressed interest in filling the vacancy. Bechen – Mark VanderWaal is present, and is who I would nominate. Marx – the other 2 interested parties are not present. Brooks – I did request the person who told me they're interested to be present this evening, but they are not present.

Mark VanderWaal – I was on the Lodi Area Fire Dept. for 10 years. I have run for the board in the past and been interested when there were vacancies previously. I've lived here long enough to see the growth in the town. Bring focus on the ag areas of the town, not always basically thinking of the town as Okee and Harmony Grove. Focus on the beautiful recreational businesses and areas of the town. We have a large tax base, a lot of money coming in, and the money being used for what it should.

Steve Attoe – I have lived in the Town my entire life (I'm the 3rd generation to live in the town). I've never been on the board, never run previously, but I've heard we need "new blood" on the board. I work as a lineman, but my 2nd job is as a realtor, so I have extensive knowledge of the town in that aspect also.

Marx – a 3rd person who has expressed interest in the vacancy is Jon Plumer, who is president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Brooks motion to nominate Steve Attoe; failed for lack of a 2nd.

Bechen/Benson motion to nominate Mark VanderWaal; Discussion: Marx – I think we should it be put in the newspaper. And nothing against Mark, but we have 3 HG residents on the board, Mark would make it 4. Bechen – not long ago we had 4 members who lived in Okee. Brooks – I agree with Marx about the # from Harmony Grove. ROLL CALL VOTE: Marx – no, Brooks – no, Bechen – yes, Benson – yes; Goeske – yes. MC 3-2.

Clerk-Treasurer Goeske swore in Mark Vander Waal as Supervisor 4.

10. Employee wages/salaries: Benson – currently we pay the 1 Lead Operator at the Transfer Site \$13.00/hour and the 3 Assistant Operators \$10.00/hour. I'd like the board to consider raising the Lead Operator to \$15.00/hour and the Assistant Operators to \$13.00/hour, and do the same for the 2 Park Maintenance employees. Brooks – I've spoken with Lead Operator Rick Waugh and he has concerns regarding earning too much due to disability. VanderWaal – I think they're well worth of the increase, they do an excellent job. Bechen – I agree, \$10.00/hour is an embarrassment. Marx – one of the biggest costs to any employer is turnover of employees, so if we pay a reasonable rate we can hopefully keep employees.

Brooks/Benson motion to increase Lead Operator (both Transfer Site and Park Maintenance) to \$15.00/hour and Assistant Operators (both Transfer Site and Park Maintenance) to \$13.00/hour effective 01/01/16; MC 5-0.

Marx – it is my intention to have a performance evaluation in place for Goeske by January 1st, 2016. I feel bad that the sanitary district recently gave their employee a 5% increase in 2016 and yet we only gave Goeske 1.5%.

Marx/Benson motion to give Goeske a \$450 bonus in 2015; MC 5-0.

11. Ordinance 2015-09 Amending Ordinance Section 2.34 Duties of the Town Clerk-Treasurer; (a)(6) Notices and Town Board - due to 2015 Wisconsin Act 79 signed by Governor Walker on 11/11/15: *Benson/Brooks motion to approve Ordinance 2015-09 Amending Ordinance Section 2.34 Duties of the Town Clerk-Treasurer; (a)(6) Notices and Town Board"; MC 5-0.*

12. AED for town hall: Bechen – do they require training and certification? Brereton – no, how to use them is right on the case. Brooks – only the battery, but that'd be about 3 years. VanderWaal – what about the LACE fund spoken about at the beginning of this meeting, could we look into whether that'd be allowed to cover this, or other funding?

Bechen/VanderWaal motion to table this until next meeting; MC 5-0.

13. Snowplowing/Salting/Sanding of Town Hall parking lot; Snowplowing of Okee Conservation Park walking path, Salting/Sanding of Transfer Site, and Snowplowing/Salting/Sanding of end of Demynek Road - beginning 1/1/16: Marx – at this point we don't have a trailer to haul the Skid Steer this winter to do the

snowplowing at the locations other than the Transfer Site, and we have a contract with ASBS, LLC currently until 12/31/15.

Brooks/Benson motion to extend the current agreement with ASBS, LLC through May 2016; MC 5-0.

14. Transfer Site - lighting: Bechen – the information I’m presenting is for retrofitting lights to the current poles. The poles are round, so they’d have to be chiseled to fit these on. You take the fixtures we currently have at the T-Site, remove the old bulb, and retrofit these LED’s into them. My estimate the cost for 60w @ \$297 and the 105w @ \$417. Then there’d be the cost to install (very easy) and then determining what the current wiring is disconnected at the Transfer Site.

Brooks/Bechen motion we put this out for estimates from multiple electrical contractors for bringing the wiring up to code; MC 5-0.

Check with Mark Jankowski regarding inspection for the wiring that is needed

15. Operator Licenses - Jonathan Sommerfeldt (Fitz's); Tonya Tallard (KD's): *Bechen/Benson motion to approve as presented; MC 5-0.*

16. Chairman Reports: We’re still working on the streetlight for the intersection of Lindsey Road/STH 60. Trees on Lindsey Road have been removed and the guard rail has been installed. Final letter sent to Kochan regarding barking dog, as they’ve done nothing about it and their 30 days they requested has passed. A contractor for the new home going up @ W11645 Demyneck contacted us with only 1 day notice stating they were going to have to completely close Demyneck Road – we told them no, they needed to figure out a different way.

17. Clerk-Treasurer Reports:

(a) Town Board meeting minutes of October 27, 2015: *Benson/Brooks motion to approve as prepared/presented; MC 5-0.*

(b) Revenues vs. Expenditures as of November 20, 2015:

Revenues:	\$980,576.21
Expenditures:	\$858,698.38
Balances:	<u>\$121,877.83</u>

(c) Payment of Bills: Retirement ACH + Mortgage ACH #15 + Checks #20814 through #20847 = \$41,916.57: *Bechen/Benson motion to approve these payments/checks; MC 5-0.*

(d) Building Permits:

11/02/15	74	Wanda Hinrichs	W11645 Demyneck Rd.	324,000.00	NEW HOME
11/04/15	75	Wanda Hinrichs	W11645 Demyneck Rd.	0.00	Demo current home
11/04/15	76	Diann Sypula	N2682 Smith Rd.	10,000.00	alterations
11/05/15	77	Casey Chanthaphone	W11597 Demyneck Rd.	8,000.00	remodel
11/05/15	78	Reid Wilson	W10575 Airport Rd.	0.00	driveway permit
11/05/15	79	Timothy Dahl	Cross St.	0.00	access/driveway

11/10/15	80	Kevin Joachim	N2237 Lang Rd.	40,000.00	shed
11/12/15	81	Tim Dahl	N2796 Cross St.	216,000.00	NEW HOME
				598,000.00	

(e) **Animal Control Officer Log:** November 20, 2015 - Kochan dog barking issue continues @ N2810 Demyck Road. FINAL warning letter sent.

(f) **Communications:** 11/06/15 WI DNR Public Notice of an Air Pollution Permit Application Review for renewal of facility wide operation permit #111003090-P28 for operation of the existing electric power generation facility owned by WPL-Columbia Energy Center located at W8375 Murray Road, Pardeeville, WI.

18. Commissions/Committees/Districts/Departments:

(a) **Plan Commission (Marx/Bechen):** See agenda items above (#'s 4, 5, 6)

(b) **Park Commission (Benson):** At their last meeting they discussed projects for next year.

(c) **Any other commission/committee/district/department reports:** Bechen – I did provide the Harmony Grove Sanitary District meeting minutes.

19. Upcoming meeting date(s): Tuesday, December 29th.

20. Future agenda item(s): flag light; public right-of-way off Summerville; update from county regarding a stoplight at the intersection of Richards/Kohn; Fair Street speeding issue; law/ordinance enforcement contract; AED at town hall; discussion regarding Fire Dept. rebilling

21. Adjourn: *Bechen/Benson motion to adjourn at 8:12 PM; MC 5-0.*

April D. Goeske
Clerk-Treasurer