

**TOWN OF LODI**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 30, 2016**

**1. Call to order & roll call:** Meeting called to order at 6 pm by Chairman Marx. Board members present: Tom Marx, James Brooks, James Bechen, Robert Benson, Jon Plumer. Also present: Barb Knox, Michael Delaney, Allison Seaton, Peg Vaughan, Gene Fleming, Ingrid Fleming, Kathy Delaney, Pete Price, Trish Frankland, Neil Heskin, Rose Holerud, Loraine Cline, Chris Gallagher, Rick Waugh, Barb Kalan, Bruno Kalan, Joe Fobes, Martha Alberti, Robert Satterfield, Jim Ness, Joan Zavoral, Nancy Long, John H. Pickle, Jr., Monica Brereton.

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

**3. Citizen Input:** Allison Seaton – I would like to thank Jim Bechen (and his son Matt) for power washing the Okee School.

Gene Fleming – the brown car is still sitting at W10583 E. Harmony. You said in May this would be taken care of. Marx – we have contacted the police and they informed me of the process we have to follow. Fleming – has that been done? Marx – not to-date. Fleming – I can give you the owners new address.

Margaret Vaughan – I have 2 questions: (1) you (Marx) have asked me for my input on what the town could spend any extra money on; I came with a proposal and gave it to you. Brooks also asked for my input on the same, so I'm answering the same again. One of my ideas is town access points, many of which are not improved. So I'd like to know what you are doing about those? (2) Regarding Fleming's comment above, does the town have an ordinance relating to parking restrictions? Marx – not yet. Vaughan – if the town adopts an ordinance regarding No Parking then signs need to be posted letting the public know.

Ruth Holerud – I would like to thank those responsible for getting the light at the intersection of STH 60 & Lindsay. There's also a "T" intersection sign needed at the end of Smith Road where it intersects with CTH V.

**4. Final Plat (Pleasant Valley) creating 10 residential lots on 15.69-acre Parcel 11022-487.02 located @ W10518 County Highway J in Section 22, owned by Richard & Constance Ness:** Marx – the Plan Commission has recommended approval of this Plat with the following: (1) submission of cash to act as surety in the amount deemed appropriate by the Town Engineer, representing 120% of the estimated costs of the public improvements, to be placed in escrow by agreement of any authorized Wisconsin title company; (2) submission of a duly signed Storm Water Management Maintenance Agreement; (3) submission of a duly signed Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions; (4) submission of soils testing report determining suitability of the lots for conventional on-site wastewater treatment facilities. Both the Town Attorney Lawrence Bechler and Town Engineer John Lichtenheld have worked diligently to assure that these documents are completed and approved. Atty. Doug Kammer (for Ness') – all the documents have been drafted and approved by both Atty. Bechler, myself and the Ness'. Benson – I think this is an excellent development for the Town. Plumer – I am very impressed with the cooperation of all parties involved in this and that it is good for the town.

*Benson/Brooks motion to approve the final plat of Pleasant Valley upon the following: (1) submission of cash to act as surety in the amount deemed appropriate by the Town Engineer, representing 120% of the estimated costs of the public improvements, to be placed in escrow by agreement of any authorized Wisconsin title company; (2) submission of a duly signed Storm Water Management Maintenance Agreement; (3) submission of a duly signed Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions; (4) submission of soils testing report*

*determining suitability of the lots for conventional on-site wastewater treatment facilities; and authorizing Town Officers to sign upon the occurrence of all. Roll call vote: Marx – yes, Brooks – yes, Bechen – yes, Benson – yes, Plumer – yes; MC 5-0.*

**5. Certified Survey Map combining Parcels 11022-61 and 11022-62 plus previously vacated public right-of-way located on N. Lake Point Dr. in Section 4, owned by James Jennings:** Marx – the intent is to combine these 2 parcels and the vacated right-of-way into one single parcel and sold as that.

*Bechen/Benson motion to approve Certified Survey Map as presented; MC 5-0.*

**6. Town of West Point Open Space Committee regarding US Bike Route 30:** Darrell Lehman – this is a bicycle route that is being mapped running from Portland, Maine to Yellowstone National Park. When I became involved in this I'd found that, in this area, all but Columbia County and the Town of West Point had approved the portions of this route in this area. That has been taken care of since. The toughest portion of this route is from Reedsburg to Madison. AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials) is responsible for naming all roads and bike routes, with support from the affected communities. We're trying to keep the bicyclists off of the section of STH 113 between the Merrimac Ferry to Okee. And we'd like to make a safe trail along the railroad tracks that go between Merrimac and West Point for bikes and possibly snowmobiles. And I've told Assembly Rep. Keith Ripp that could go even further, such as in to the City of Lodi. John Pickle – once all the municipalities have signed on/approved Bike Route 30 they become eligible for grants to improve facilities along the bike route (such as parks, etc...).

Margaret Vaughan – will there be restrictions on Bike Route 30 prohibiting motorcycles on the trails that are along railroad tracks? Lehman – yes. Vaughan – can you give a monetary impact to the Town for adopting a resolution supporting this? Lehman – the Town already did adopt a resolution in support back in 2010. Lehman will be sending a copy of his presentation from this evening. Pickle – you can find that information on the link [\*\(get from Darrell, who is getting the link from Pickle\).\*](#)

Pickle – I was raised in Arkansas. About 6 years ago they developed a sluice for kayaking, and because of that they received an 8 million dollar grant for developing a kayaking training area.

Joe Fobes – I've always wished I could ride a bike from Okee to Devil's Lake, but it's too dangerous right now to do.

Bechen – there's one of the oldest bike trails from Elroy to Sparta that is so used that the municipalities along it would suffer financially if it weren't for that trail. It's a beautiful trail that my son and I often ride.

**7. Lodi Women's Club Public Library Board:** Cathy Delaney (acting treasurer of library board) – each year we earmark the Town's donation towards technology costs, such as digital costs, e-books, downloads, online content, video – which is projected at \$2,600 for 2017. Also items such as cataloging, internet, wireless, etc. – in today's world this access is necessary. Our library is a leader in access for those who need it – in 2017 the projected cost is \$19,500. Copier upkeep us \$1,500. These are all year-to-year costs. We also do have a 5-year plan for rotating our computers. We are contractually required to keep our computers are in compliance in order to be with the South Central Library System. But due to budget constraints this year we didn't do this, so we're asking for additional monies from the Town of Lodi for 2017. The residents of the Town of Lodi use about 30% of the libraries. We're asking the board to consider increasing the Town's donation from \$6,000 to \$10,000 for 2017.

Marx – we won't be making a decision on this tonight, we will be working on the 2017 budget in September and October. We did ask for financial information from the library this year and we did receive it from Kristine Millard (co-director).

Joan Zavoral – is the \$6,000 the total contribution the total received from the Town of Lodi? Trish Frankland – no. Part of the taxes paid by residents goes to the county, and the county pays a portion of those to the library based on the usage by the town residents, approx. \$85,000/year. Zavoral – I still think the \$6,000 is a very small amount considering our usage. I think the town should donate even more than \$10,000.

Allison Seaton – this donation goes way back to when Char Brereton was Chairperson for the Town (early 1990's). What does the town receive from Charter now? Goeske – around \$24,000/year. The \$6,000 was set back when the Town was receiving \$12,000 from Charter. Seaton – then I think the town should stay with that 50% and donate \$12,000.

Marx – I'd like to get a show of hands tonight. How many people would like to see an increase in what is donated to the library? Unofficial – almost unanimous.

**8. Town Maps:** Marx – when I took a look at our ordinances relating to speed limits, there were roads listed and speed limits for each – but I also found several roads that were not listed and thus no speed limit. Then there's the question of where exactly are all our streetlights, where are the No Parking areas (can't enforce if we don't have an ordinance, even if there's a sign), where are the storm sewers that the town needs to clean out annually. Where are all the stop signs, etc. So my wife and I took a road trip on every mile of town road and marked down all these items on the official town map. I'm just presenting this information to the board tonight for input.

Benson – very nice, I thank you and your wife for all the work. This gives us a path forward on what we need to do. Bob Satterfield – could you put an additional layer of where lake accesses are? Marx – great idea. Brooks – a reasonably-priced CAD system would be good for this use. Pete Price – what's the speed limit on County roads, especially if they're not marked? Waugh – 55 mph.

**9. Transfer Site lighting & misc:** Benson – a while ago you asked me to improve the Transfer Site. I've had people ask if there was any way to be able to keep the site open on Wednesday evenings. We made some improvements, but found those lights are not enough to be able to keep the site open after dark. I got in touch with Alliant Energy and they can put a light on the pole where the transformer is (by where the recycling bins start) it would be a light that comes on at dusk and goes off at dawn. The only cost to the town would be \$18.90+ a 60 surcharge so roughly \$20.00 a month it would be a 200 watt high pressure sodium light. Once it would be put on there's a 3-5 year contract and they would maintain for no fee. If we thought it needed to be larger it could be replaced by a 400 watt bulb for around \$2.60 more a month. If we wanted a light we can turn on and off we would have to have poles put in + the wiring, as Alliant Energy won't allow a light put on their pole with a on off switch. If we went with the Alliant Energy option the cost would be roughly \$235.00 a year. Marx – would this guarantee being able to keep the site open after dark? Benson – we think so, but not guaranteed. Brooks – I think we should consider with adding electric around the Transfer Site. Marx (to Rick Waugh, Lead Transfer Site Operator) – do residents state to you often that they'd like the Transfer Site to stay open late on Wednesday's all winter. Plumer – I have no problem with doing the Alliant option now, but look at other options in the future. Benson – Alliant is a 3-year contract. Bechen – I look at the long term and cost savings, and it is much more economical to use LED lights. Goeske – you also have to consider the additional \$500+ month for employee wages.

Waugh – I'd like to hire Sheila Ballweg at the Transfer Site, she's been working out well at the Transfer Site and at Parks. Marx – I will do that.

**10. Snowplowing & mowing:** Brooks – last year we put out for bids for winter snowplowing, and didn't get any. We also put out for bids for park and misc. mowing (not town roads) and received only 2 bids. But I'd like to put out for bids again for both. Benson – James Bechen and I have done a lot of work on these topics the past several years. The County does an ok job of snowplowing and mowing along town roads. But what we

have to do in order to compare county snowplowing vs. private contractor plowing we have to be somewhat careful to keep the county somewhat available. Benson – what we were looking at was that private contractors charge us a straight \$/hour rate. But with the County there’s the hourly rate, plus benefits, plus every other part and piece, etc.

Marx – I will talk to parties that have expressed interest in private snowplowing for the town and get back to the board.

Bechen – I think Scott Ness does a very good job mowing for the town, and it’d be an error to change it from him doing all our park and town hall mowing. Brooks – I just want to open the options for snowplowing and mowing. Benson – what Ness has to do for the town is mind-boggling, and defer to James Bechen to handle issues with Ness. Marx – I think right now we should look at snowplowing and defer mowing to the Park Commission.

**11. 2016-2017 Election Inspector - Jodi Burgess:** *Bechen/Plumer motion to appoint Jodi Burgess; MC 5-0.*

**12. 2016-2017 Operator licenses: Samantha Shatto (Lucky’s), Melissa Kaltenberg (KD’s):** *Bechen/Brooks motion to approve both; MC 5-0.*

**13. Chairman Reports:** I’m meeting with Chris Hardy, Commissioner of the Columbia County Highway Dept. tomorrow regarding snowplowing. Work on Rodney Drive will start Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**14. Clerk-Treasurer Reports:**

**(a) Town Board meeting minutes: 06/28/16 & 07/26/16:** *Benson/Plumer motion to approve 06/28/16 as presented; MC 3-0-2 (abstained Brooks & Bechen, not present at that meeting). Benson/Bechen motion to approve 7/26/16 minutes as presented; MC 5-0.*

**(b) Revenues vs. Expenditures as of 08/26/16:**

**(c) Payment of Bills: Mortgage ACH + Checks:** *Bechen/Plumer motion to approve ACH 24 and checks #21198 through #21246 totaling \$113,010.81; MC 5-0*

**(d) Building Permits:**

Lodi Issue Date	# 16-	TOWN OF LODI		2016 BUILDING PERMIT LOG	
		Owner or Contractor	Site Address	Est. Cost	Project Description
08/05/16	59	MICHAEL DVORAK	W11003 Eagle Dr.	60,000	deck & porch additions
08/08/16	60	PREMIER BUILDERS	Lake View Dr.	5,000	access/driveway
08/08/16	61	JOE GREER	N2791 CTH V	2,000	rear yard fence
08/08/16	62	PAT McMAHON	W11322 Red Cedar Dr.	-4,500	raze
08/08/16	63	PAT McMAHON	W11322 Red Cedar Dr.	1,000	temporary power
08/11/16	64	STEVE DICK	N2106 Back Forty		detached garage
08/17/16	65	SAM MOEN	W10964 W. Harmony	1,500	plumbing
08/17/16	66	BARRETT BLANKENBERG	W10225 Wells	2,000	plumbinb
08/18/16	67	FRED CROMER	W11337 CTH V		additions

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08/25/16	68	PAT McMAHON	W11322 Red Cedar Dr.	150,000	NEW HOME
08/25/16	69	JIM CHIZEK	W10298 Wells Rd.	6,350	bath remodel
			AUGUST	223,350	

(e) **Animal Control Officer Log:** none

(f) **Communications:** none

**15. Commissions/Committees/Districts/Departments:**

(a) **Plan Commission (Marx/Bechen):** Minutes of 08/17/16 presented. Marx – 2 of the items were on tonight’s agenda and the board took action on both.

(b) **Park Commission (Bechen):** Bechen brought 08/17/16 minutes to meeting tonight. Bechen – I’d suggest everyone go take a look at the basketball court at Michael Park in Harmony Grove. It is beautiful. Park Commission member Amber Elsing’s father did all the striping, including the tennis court lines. And Denise Patterson and her husband helped greatly with the ball diamond clean up at Byrns Park.

(c) **Any other commission/committee/district/department reports:** Minutes of Harmony Grove Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District’s 08/27/16 Annual Meeting brought to tonight’s meeting by James Bechen. Marx – at their annual meeting last Saturday here at the town hall they had 25 residents present, which is a great turnout considering the past 2 years almost no one came to the meeting.

**16. Upcoming meeting date(s):** Park Commission on August 31<sup>st</sup>, Plan Commission on September 15th; next Town Board meeting on September 27th.

**17. Future agenda item(s):** town assessments, budgeting for LAFD fire calls, building inspection fees, additional signage on Richards Road/Kohn Road end has not been installed to-date (Goeske to check to see if we’ve been billed for it).

**18. Adjourn:** *Bechen/Benson motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm; MC 5-0.*

*April D. Goeske*  
Clerk-Treasurer