

**TOWN OF LODI
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 28, 2017**

1. **Call to order & roll call:** Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Marx. Board members present: Tom Marx, James Brooks, James Bechen, Robert Benson. Jon Plumer excused. Also present: Roberta Arnold, James Johnson, James Schmalz, Troy Cross, Tamar Myers, Curt Walters, Cliff Roberts, Andora Ayala, Richard Waugh, Joan Zavoral, Thomas Pederson, Andrezej Kliczak.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** led by Tom Marx
3. **Citizen Input:** Troy Cross announced that he is running for Circuit Court Judge, Branch III and gave a brief synopsis of his background. Joan Zavoral spoke in protest of the amount that the Town of Lodi agreed to contribute to the Womans Club Library for 2018 stating that it should have been more. Cliff Roberts reported that Cross Street is hazardous to bike riders as it is full of pebbles from the crack filling that was done. Marx will take a look at it.
4. **Curt Walters, Rural Insurance:** Mr. Walters presented his co-worker Andora Ayala. He said that he will be going part-time. Ms. Ayala will become the contact on town insurance. He went on to discuss insurance coverage stating that there weren't any big changes. Inflation raised the coverage to a total of \$892,000. Personal property is set at \$30,000. Brooks feels that this is not enough with Marx suggesting that an inventory be done of all personal property. Mr. Walters said that the bobcat is insured separately for \$31,800 with a \$1,000 deductible. Marx said that the bobcat will be purchased in January so this valuation and category placement could change.
Marx asked the premium change if the town made a decision to put a dogpark on town property. Mr. Walters said that there would be an \$25.00 additional charge a year. Brooks asked about insurance for municipalities with police departments. Mr. Walters stated that he didn't have the experience so couldn't advise. Marx asked about coverage for volunteers and Mr. Walters said that they would be covered under workmans compensation but the amount paid would be set by the job the volunteer was actually doing. Bechen asked how much the new premium had gone up and Mr. Walters said that it had gone up \$259.00 which is less than 3%.
5. **James Johnson, Parcel 11022-866 @ N2715 Cross St. re: access to lagoon/channel Parcel 11022-53.C.** James Johnson stated that he bought property in June and since he doesn't have water access but does have access to town property, could he put in a dock on the town property or a path to the water. Bechen said he does not have a problem to foot traffic but a dock couldn't be allowed. Mr. Johnson wondered if could purchase a strip of land from the township that would have water access. Marx stated that any sale of town land has to approved by residents at the annual meeting. After further discussion Mr. Johnson was advised that it would be allowable for him to mow a strip of land from his property through the town property to the water. He would need to fill out a form to mow the path and to maintain it as a volunteer as it is on town property. Bechen added that if the town allowed him to put in a dock it would set a precedent and other people could ask to put one also.
6. **Resolution 2017-04 Agreement for Jurisdictional Transfer of a Portion of Reynolds Road from the Town of Lodi to the City of Lodi.** Marx gave a brief explanation of what led up to this agreement and stated that the town would lose some road aid but this would most likely would be offset by work done

on Pleasant Valley. He also stated that the agreement is agreeable to both entities and that transferring the road only would not remove any value from the town.

Benson/Brooks motion to adopt Resolution 2017-04. Benson/Brooks motion to amend the previous motion to correct error on Page 1, Item #1 that Exhibit "8" should actually be Exhibit "B". M/C 4-0. Motion (Brooks/Bechen) to adopt Resoution 2017-04 as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Bechen-aye, Marx-aye, Brooks-aye, Benson-aye.

7. **Resolution 2017-05 Resolution Parks Budgets** Marx said that this is a non-binding resolution to offer advice to future boards. Bechen explained that the Parks budget was substantially increased this year as new equipment was badly needed for the Madeline Summers and Lewis Burns parks and other parks as well.

Brooks/Benson motion to adopt Resolution 2017-05 with Beschen edits. MC 4-0

8. **2018 Roadwork.** Marx met with Don Nichols, Construction Manager at Columbia County Highway and that the Board needs to take action tonite on highway repair so that the town can apply for a fall grant program. He stated that there is \$148,000 left in 2018 budget. Also, if approved tonite the town's work would be first on the list in the spring. Discussion held on the estimates given regarding Red Cedar Drive. The cul-de-sac on Red Cedar wouldn't be included as it is owned by association.

Brooks/Bechen motion to approve the repair of Red Cedar from CTH V to the termini for the estimate of \$99,748.71. Discussion held regarding the grant, and holding the county to the statement that the town would be first on the list. Arnold asked with \$40,000 then remaining in the 2018 budget and the possibility of the winter causing serious road damage, how would that be paid for. Marx responded that the town does have undesignated funds available and Bechen stated that with the previous road repair done, there shouldn't be damage. Ms. Arnold had concerns about Shamrock Road construction during the CTH V construction work and whether the county would cover all of costs, Particularly if there was only \$8,00 left in the 2018 budget. Marx responded that the work is being done in 2019 .

Motion carried. M/C 3-0. Benson abstained

9. **Transfer Site:** Waugh explained that the transfer site workers are asking for different hours on Sunday. The hours are currently 10 am to 1 pm and this doesn't allow them time to get projects done at their homes. Bechen said he didn't have a problem. Marx asked that if the request was granted there be sufficient time to allow the people to adjust. Waugh also asked if the site could be closed on Christmas Eve day. Bechen felt that this is a reasonable request. Benson said that most employees are comfortable with the hours of 9 to noon. Questions raised were conflict with church time, times when bins are overflowing and whether there would be a way to cordon off the leaf and brush pile so that it could be accessed at all times. It was explained that the site is open 3 times a week, that the county won't pick up bins unless they are full and the leaf and brush pile being open at all times would be taken under advisement. Benson said that it was important to keep our current employees as they were good employees.

Benson/Bechen motion to change Sunday hours to 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. M/C 4-0.

Bechen/Brooks motion to close transfer site on Christmas Eve. M/C 4-0.

10. **2018 Town Hall & Okee School cleaning**

Bechen/Brooks motion to postpone discussion on this item until January meeting.M/C 4-0

11. **Town Chairman (including, but not limited to):**

(a) **2017 CCHD roadwork estimates vs actuals.** Bechen how did the county miss the shouldering on Lang Drive by so much.

(b) **Lodi PD report** included in 11.(c)

(c) **ECCJMC reports:** Benson was concerned that some of the dates on the report show lengthy times to adjudicate them. Brooks said that most likely the client was fighting the ticket. Benson said he was also surprised at all the dismissals. Benson what like to see tickets processed to fullest extent. Marx said that he had asked why there were so many dismissals. He received a response that he is not liberty to discuss. Lodi Police Department did not say that any of these should have been pursued.

Marx then reported that several drainage issues were taken care of. Request to have lines painted on Kohn road will be addressed in the spring. Food distribution is set for December 9th.

12. **Clerk-Treasurer:**

(a) **Town Board meeting minutes of 10/30/17** *Bechen/Benson to approve the meeting minutes of 10/30/17. M/C 4-0*

(b) **Revenues vs. Expenditures:** Bechen noticed that the Town Hall utilities bill is up and suggested that the lighting should be replaced with LED's. The fixtures would not need to be changed. Marx stated that there is money in the town hall budget. Bechen will contact April with his other questions.

(c) **Payment of Bills:** Bechen/Benson motion to approve the checks starting with LEMS and LAPD to check 21916 thru 21947 in the amount of \$76,078.58. MC 4-0

(d) **Building Permits Report:**

ISSUE DATE	# 17-	OWNER(S) AND/OR CONTRACTOR	SITE ADDRESS	PROJECT COST	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
11/02/17	73	Tom Dunn/Jane Zavoral	N1533 Pleasant Valley	\$553,602	NEW HOME
11/14/17	74	Daniel/Kathleen Vaught	W11040 Rodney	\$1,005	electric service
11/14/17	75	Premier Builders	W10993 Lakeview	\$0	access/driveway
11/20/17	76	Kevin Ludlum	W11347 Red Cedar	\$800	8 x 10 shed

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(e) **Animal Control Officer Log:** There was some confusion as to what fees were paid on the report so Marx stated he would find out.

(f) **Communications:** Board decided to replace rock but due to culvetry would create a bigger problem. Meet with them. Not contacted back.

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

(a) **Plan Commission (Marx/Bechen):** No meeting held.

(b) **Park Commission (Bechen):** Bechen reported on the November 15th final year's meeting. The Commission will decide at the March meeting what equipment will be purchased. The naming of several parks were discussed and will be re-addressed. The trash container receptacle holders will be covered with mulch over the winter.

(c) **Any other commission/committee/district/department reports:** Brooks reported that Fire Commission was denied a grant. Various items purchased with equipment fund now empty. Marx asked if there was any idea why the grant was denied? Brooks said possibly all the wild fires and hurricanes took precedence. He reported that the dry hydrant on Hwy V. was put in with a grant received from DNR in 2001. He will ask the Fire Department what the plan is for the dry hydrant. He also stated that there have been no responses for the RFP feasibility study for a new building. Discussion held on creating a new water district in Okee. Marx will initially discuss with Connie Seares.

14. **Upcoming meeting date(s):** The next Board meeting is December 26th. Bechen will not be at the December meeting.

15. **Future agenda item(s):** None

16. **Adjourn:** Bechen/Brooks motion to adjourn. M/C 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. These minutes have not been approved and are subject to change or correction.

Adele M. Van Ness
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer