

**TOWN OF LODI  
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 26, 2021**

1. **Call to order & roll call:** Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom by Chairman Henry. Board members present: Brian Henry, James Brooks, Aaron Arnold, Marc Hamilton, Karla Faust. Also present: Brian Ecklor (Town of Lodi Public Works Director), Brett Burdick (Rural Ins.), Chad Wolter
2. **Citizen Input:** none
3. **Rural Mutual Insurance; Brett Burdick, Agent, re: review of Businessowners and Workers Compensation policies:** Burdick – thank you for having me, glad to see you all. No changes in current policies from last year. We could do a reassessment, usually done every 5 years (you’re not due for it yet). Hamilton – what is our MOD rate? Burdick – you’re below a 1 (no rating history in the past 5 years; so that gets put down as a MOD rate of < 1), you’ve had 3 small claims in all your years with Rural. Hamilton – MOD rate of 1 or less means you pay the average premium rates; I think we currently should be paying 10% less than average. Also, why don’t we receive a Worker’s Comp refund check for no accidents years? Burdick – that refund starts for those with premiums for WC of \$5,000 or more. Henry – Burdick, can you provide us a list of items we should list with Rural to make sure we have coverage. Burdick – your personal property, anything of value > \$2,500, for a limit of \$30,000. Brooks – is the Bobcat on it’s own policy; if the garage at the T-Site with all the equipment in it covered if it’s < \$30,000? Henry – would the compactor be covered? Burdick – I don’t find that listed. Henry – I’ll have our Public Works Director contact Burdick and go over all our equipment, where it is, value, etc...
4. **RemoteTech Inc. (Kay Wetzel) re: computer miscellaneous:** Proposal on file. Brooks – I’m hoping that soon at least some or all of us will be able to be at the Town Hall for our meetings. When he get back to meeting at the Town Hall there will most likely need to continue the meetings also being Zoom in addition for those who would like to attend remotely. If we don’t update the Lenovo laptop we’ll be looking into other computer additions. Hamilton – do we need this right now, or could we wait to see if there’s another Road to Recovery Grant. Faust – I like how Hamilton’s thinking. I think we should hold off for awhile and have Kay Wetzel online with us when we discuss this again. Henry – I agree, we need to make a list of technology needs and table this tonight.
5. **Columbia County Solid Waste:**
  - (a) **Second Addendum to contract with Columbia County (Solid Waste):**

**SECOND ADDENDUM**

This Second Addendum to the existing Contract between Columbia County, Wisconsin, a body corporate, 112 E. Edgewater Street, Portage, Wisconsin 53901, referred to in this Contract as “County” and the Town of Lodi, W10919 County Road V, Lodi, Columbia County, Wisconsin 53555, referred to in this Contract as “Town” is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

**IT IS HEREBY AGREED:**

County shall provide containers for recycling at the drop off site located at N2437 County Road V, Lodi, Wisconsin 53555. County shall also provide collection and processing of all materials deemed to be recyclable.

Town agrees to pay County an annual fee of \$8,500 in 2021 for services described above.

All other terms and conditions of the existing Contract between County and Town shall remain in effect.

In witness whereof, this Second Addendum has been executed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

*Hamilton/Henry motion to approve the amended contract (Attachment A), with the fee for furnishing containers being \$90 (aka "pull fee"); MC 5-0.*

**(b) Price increase(s):**

**Columbia County Solid Waste  
Price Increase for 2021**

**Prices effective 1/1/2021**

<b>Fluorescent bulbs</b>	(call for charges)
4-Foot Fluorescent	\$ 1.00 ea.
8-Foot Fluorescent	\$ 1.00 ea.
Ballast	\$ 5.00 ea.
High Press/Metal Halide	\$ 1.00 ea.
<b>Electronic Prices</b>	
Computer Monitor	
32 " or larger	\$ 25.00 ea.
Less than 32"	\$ 15.00 ea.

*Hamilton/Brooks motion to table action on other fees until next month so we can work on ALL fees; MC 5-0. Brooks/Faust motion to increase the fees immediately for Computer Monitors (INSERT); MC 5-0. Ecklor – only prices that increased are the computer monitors, which went into effect 1/1/21. Goeske to repair a report on costs vs revenues for Transfer Site.*

**6. Update on "Public land" between Linda Circle & Lakepoint Drive** (known as Linda Circle Park): Brooks – there is a Harmony Grove Sanitary District pump station near the park property that the town has been mowing for years. We need to look at this plat and determine whether the land the pump station is on belongs to the sanitary district or to the Town. If the sanitary district then they should be paying for it.

**8. Mobile Home Park License Renewal (02/01/21 – 01/31/22) – Harmony Mobile Manor (Tom Cooke, Owner):** *Brooks/Faust motion to approve; MC 5-0.*

**9. ZOOM account:** Brooks – I keep getting solicitations from Zoom that if we renew for 1 year in advance they'll give us a refund of part of the 2020 fees we paid and a discount for 2021; approx. \$125/year. Faust – I agree this is how things like this go now, with discounts for paying in advance. Arnold – I like to keep Zoom so board members and residents can attend meetings via Zoom from anywhere.

*Brooks/Faust motion to renew Zoom for another year; MC 5-0.*

**10. Streets (including but not limited to):**

**(a) Chrislaw Road – speed limit (continued from 12/29/20 meeting):**

01/16/21 Email from WIRusticRoads@dot.wi.gov: *"The official rules of the Rustic Roads Program, contained in Trans-RR 1 of the WI administrative code, state that: **Trans-RR 1.14 Speed limits. (1) The speed limit on all officially designated rustic roads is 45 miles per hour but may be changed by the maintaining authority. Any increase in the speed limit above 45 miles per hour requires the approval of***

*the department. (2) Pursuant to s. 346.57 (6), Stats., official signs giving notice of the speed limit shall be posted by the maintaining authority for the speed limit to be in effect.”*

Liat Bonneville | *Rustic Roads & Scenic Byways Coordinator* |  
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Websites: | wisconsindot.gov/rusticroads | wisconsindot.gov/scenicbyways |

*Hamilton/Arnold motion to put 45 mph signs on Rustic Chrislaw Road, one at each end; MC 5-0.*

**(b) Clar-Mar:** Henry – last week Public Works Director Brian Ecklor and I met with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from Ayres. They still do not have the Clar-Mar Drive bid package ready, using Covid as a reason. They kept telling us during the meeting that this road is in very good condition. So this project could be much less expensive if less work needs to be done to solve the drainage problem. They want to do a core sample first to see what the conditions are under the road surface. Brooks – if you go down Clar-Mar in front of the home on the right the road pavement is severely peeled away. I’m asking Brian Ecklor tonight to tomorrow go look at the road in front of that home to see how broken up it is. Brooks – I question whether Ayres can do their job when they’ve been working for over a year on this with an estimated cost of \$175,000+ and now they tell us the road is in great shape and doesn’t need as much work?!

*Brooks/Hamilton motion that all billing from Ayres on Clar-Mar needs to be put on hold; MC 5-0.*

## **11. Transfer Site:**

**(a) Heater for compactor:** Ecklor – we’re looking for ways to heat the hydraulic fluids so we don’t have so many problems and risk of severe damage in the cold weather. Hamilton – I prefer the magnetic ones considering this is a used compactor and they’re less expensive; but if we get a new compactor we should put in the electric heaters. Arnold – or should we just wait until we buy a new compactor and put in the heaters. Ecklor – last week it tripped 5 times and had to be reset, several times the Wednesday before that. The cost for a reconditioned compactor is \$18,000. I’m getting the price soon for a new one. I agree that the magnetic ones are what we need and could help prevent having to replace the motor again at \$2,500.

*Brooks/Arnold motion to approve Service Quote #47491 from J-Mec totaling \$770.00; MC 5-0.*

**(b) Heating for garage:** Ecklor - these quotes are only for the heaters and installation. We would still need to purchase a LP tank. This would give me an area to do work in during the winter months. We’d have to put in some insulation so we don’t lose all the heat. Henry – could we do the insulating work ourselves? Ecklor – I’m sure I could. Hamilton – does the Bobcat have an engine heater? Ecklor – yes. I also tried to get oil heating quotes, but haven’t found anyone to do that. That way we could burn oil that is brought in. Hamilton – how much to insulate and panel? Ecklor – I think \$400 at most. Brooks – we should have some Menards rebates from when Roger was working for us.

*Hamilton/Faust motion to approve up to \$3,000 for Hillestad to install heating, plus Ecklor to do insulation and paneling; MC 5-0.*

(c) **Security lighting:** Ecklor – residents and employees have suggested that there be additional lighting for safety and security:

**ALT #1 (Front Shed) -- \$700.00**

- (2) 15-watt LED Flood (facing dumpster) equivalent to 70W metal halide
- (1) 17-watt LED wall pack (facing front entrance)
- installing surface mount conduit on inside of shed to run new wiring

**ALT #2 (Rear Shed) -- \$420.00**

- (1) 17-watt LED wall pack equivalent to 70W metal halide
- surface mount conduit on inside of shed to run new wiring

We've also reported to Alliant that the streetlight at the beginning of Larson Drive hasn't worked for quite awhile; makes it hard for people to see that road in the dark. Hamilton – if you look at my business I have LED lights that cost \$125 each and they really light up the area. Ecklor – I would be able to install those. Wolter – if you do anything that requires you to go into the electrical panel you need a licensed electrician do it. Ecklor – I wouldn't and won't do anything that requires going into the electrical panel. Brooks – if Ecklor is able to do the lighting by himself and there's money in the budget then he can go ahead and do the work, it's a security issue. Henry – I think an electrician should be available if needed.

*Brooks/Henry motion to have Ecklor & Hamilton check with our Building Inspector to see if its legal for them to do this electrical work and proceed; and if he can't then we go ahead with the Electric 1 proposal #1323-20 for \$1,715; Roll call vote: Henry – no, Brooks – no, Arnold – no, Hamilton – no, Faust – no; MF 5-0.*

(d) **Permit stickers:** Henry – current stickers expired 12/31/20. Law enforcement suggested not have the name Town of Lodi on the stickers, maybe just TOL plus the permit #'s, lettering all red, including the numbers. Ecklor – I'd suggest a brighter color like orange. They will again be handed out at the Transfer Site.

*Henry/Faust motion get prices, samples as stated above and have the information ready for the February meeting; MC 5-0.*

**12. Closed Session per WSS 19.85(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility: (a) Deputy Clerk-Treasurer**

*Arnold/Brooks motion to go into closed session; MC 5-0.*

**13. Motion to Return to Open Session:** *Faust/Hamilton motion to return to open session at 9:09 p.m.; MC 5-0.*

**14. Any action on Closed Session Matters:** *Brooks/Hamilton motion to create a panel including the CT and 2 Town Board members to create the job description, post the position, and then conduct the interviews and bring forward candidates to board for approval and funding; MC 4-0.*

Note: Faust left @ 9:10 p.m. for family matter.

Brooks/Arnold motion that those 2 Town Board members will be James Brooks and Karla Faust (or if Faust chooses not to be then Marc Hamilton will do it); MC 5-0

**15. Minutes, Financials & Reports:**

**(a) Preliminary Report on End-of-Year Financials:**

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGETED</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	
<b>REVENUES</b>	\$1,018,082.14	\$1,058,910.00	(\$40,827.86)	
<b>Cares Grant</b>	\$54,000.00			
	<u>\$1,072,082.14</u>	<u>\$1,058,910.00</u>	<u>\$13,172.14</u>	
 <b>EXPENDITURES</b>	 \$822,871.42	 \$1,053,151.00	 \$230,279.58	
<b>LAFD Equip Fund</b>	\$18,680.00			
<b>LAEMS Equip Fund</b>	\$14,000.00			
<b>Arbor Valley Park Fund</b>	\$2,500.00			
<b>Webster Park Fund</b>	\$2,500.00			
<b>Wildenberg Park Fund</b>	\$2,500.00			
	<u>\$863,051.42</u>	<u>\$1,053,151.00</u>	<u>\$190,099.58</u>	
			(\$143,307.55)	to Streets Fund
	Balance		\$46,792.03	to Undesignated Fund
 <b>STREETS - BUDGET</b>	 \$239,415.00			
<b>STREETS - EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>\$96,107.45</u>			
<b>BALANCE REMAINING</b>	<u>\$143,307.55</u>			

**(b) Town Board Meeting Minutes of 11/24/20 & 12/29/20:** Brooks/Hamilton motion to table until in final form; MC 4-0.

**(c) Revenues vs. Expenditures Report thru 01/18/20:**

Revenues:	\$322,433.82
Expenditures:	<u>\$ 43,644.48</u>
Balance:	\$278,789.34

**(d) Payment of Bills thru 01/18/20:** Brooks/Hamilton to approve as follows; MC 4-0.

Checks #24665 through #24729	\$3,636,886.98
Direct Deposits #1300 through #1305	\$ 5,478.31
EFT (Liability Checks)	<u>\$ 9,324.58</u>
Total:	\$3,651,689.87

**(e) Building Permits thru 01/18/20:**

TOWN OF LODI BUILDINGS PERMITS ISSUED TO-DATE:					
DATE	# 21-	2021 ISSUED TO	ADDRESS	CONST. VALUE	FOR
01/02/21	01	JEFFREY & ANDREA SIMMONS	W11614 Demyneck	\$12,000	remodel
01/19/21	02	THEODORE & CHRISTINE TRAEDE	N2118 Shamrock	\$20,000	basement
				<u>\$32,000</u>	

**16. Chairman/Commission/Committee/Department Reports:**

(a) **Chairman Report:** Public Works: Ecklor - I'm going to focus in the next month on road repair, etc... issues and creating a list for February on roadwork 2021. I've cleaned up the tree/brush pile on Red Cedar finally. If there are projects I need to work on please let me know.

Chairman: Henry – issue with a new parcel that was put on the 2020 tax roll that shouldn't have been until 2021.

(b) **Plan Commission:** Met on January 12<sup>th</sup> re: **Variance:** to sideyard setbacks; required to rebuild the home destroyed by fire on 07/15/20; Parcel 11022-306, owned by Jeff & Cindy Zuelke, W11361 CTH V & **Certified Survey Map:** relating to Parcels 11022-1373.03 & 11022-1374.02 located at W11404 CTH V, owned by Thomas & Kathleen Pederson

(c) **Park Commission:** Brooks – Ecklor has talked to me about some of the dog waste depots, which usually are removed in the winter. That was not done this winter, and they're being emptied still weekly. So it looks like there's a need to keep them out year round.

(d) **LAFD Commission:** Henry – the Commission made a motion to be involved in the IGA's.

(e) **LAEMS Commission:** Arnold – I haven't heard anything more about the possible sale of the old EMS building.

(f) **Transfer Site:** Ecklor – so far everything at the T-Site is going well. I'm working on options to getting rid of mulch/leaves, as is Arnold also.

**17. Upcoming meeting date(s):** EMS Commission February 10<sup>th</sup>, Fire Commission February 17<sup>th</sup>, February 23<sup>rd</sup> Town Board

**18. Future agenda item(s):** Compost pile @ Transfer Site, Town-owned lake access properties, Hamre Laundromat in HG, Deputy Clerk

**19. Adjourn:** *Arnold/Brooks motion to adjourn at 10:02 p.m.; MC 4-0.*

*April D. Goeske*  
Clerk-Treasurer