

**Town of Lodi**  
**Town Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 31, 2017**

**1. Call to order & roll call:** Meeting called to order by Chairman Marx. Board members present: Tom Marx, James Brooks, James Bechen, Robert Benson, Jon Plumer. Also present: Jim Hellenbrand, Allison Seaton, Joan Zavoral, Jay Gawlikoski

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

**3. Citizen Input:** Joan Zavoral, N2835 Demyck Road – I'm here to complain about the snowplowing, particularly last week Wednesday the plow plowed about 2-3' away in front of our mailbox where there are 5-6 mailboxes, and plowed snow in front of all these mailboxes so that the mail carrier can't get to our mailboxes. I've also heard of 1 other mailbox that has been hit and destroyed by the mailbox. I reported this to Goeske and she contacted the contractor. They did nothing about it until today.

Allison Seaton, W11435 Bay Drive – I'm here regarding the 60' x 100' Guppy Getaway/Gary Epping "pole barn" with 900 sq.ft. apartment being built on Rapp Road. It is so detrimental to the neighborhood. I want the Town to do something about it, the County to do something about it, and Columbia County Planning & Zoning. I know all approvals are said and done.

Joe Fobes, W11514 Demyck Road – I have the same concern as Allison above. I too have a pole barn behind my home in the adjacent parcel. And Epping's have plans to build another storage building on the parcel behind this building (facing Summerville Park Road), and the driveway will go over the walking path from the Conservation Park.

Marx – the Town is controlled by Columbia County Zoning, and what size and types of buildings can be built on a property is under their jurisdiction. According to our Town Attorney the Town cannot arbitrarily say they don't like a building and deny a building permit if it meets all ordinance requirements. As far as the Town Board is concerned we will have discussions regarding these types of buildings in the future.

Allison Seaton – I know it's within Epping's rights to build this building, but I can't believe this won't set a precedent for others coming in to request the same. And no one was notified of any of this happening with the Epping property.

Marx – when someone comes in to apply for a building permit the neighbors are not notified. They're only notified if there's a variance, rezone, etc. required. Goeske – I did send out notices of the public hearing for the Certified Survey Map splitting the Epping parcel into 2 parcels.

Brooks – the only authority that can tell you what kind of home to build, size, color, construction is if the property is in a neighborhood association, which isn't possible in the area Epping is in.

Marx – I received a call from a neighbor adjacent to Epping who was denied building a garage on her property across the road from hers (she owns both).

**4. Snowplowing:** Marx – we've had a couple of ice and snow events in the past 4 weeks, and we've had complaints from people regarding late and poor quality snowplowing, especially in the Harmony Grove area. I met with Chris Hardy, Columbia County Highway Commissioner, before this winter and told him we wanted the roads plowed before 7:00 a.m. We do have 2 different people plowing our roads: Brian Schmidt Enterprises = 13.4 miles (41%) of the roads (including Okee) and Columbia County Highway = 19.48 miles (59%) of the roads (including Harmony Grove).

Benson – I would have to say (I live in Okee) and the first plow truck came through at 5:45 a.m. last Wednesday, and then he came through 3 times more. I received many calls from residents complaining, but mostly from Harmony Grove, and most of the Okee calls were favorable.

Brooks – anyone who has concerns about snowplowing should call the office.

Benson – we can take care of the concerns of Ms. Zavoral. In talking to Brian Schmidt the recent rain followed by heavy snow and ice breaks trucks down at a high rate.

Jim Matras, W11055 Eagle Drive – those in Okee who are complaining about the plowing that did get done, while us in Harmony Grove aren't getting plowed.

Bechen – I drive non-stop, and I was woken up during the worst snowstorm recently with drivers sliding into each other on the icy road.

Plumer – I was in favor of this trial using Brian Schmidt Enterprises for some of our roads, and I think the service being provided by Brian is excellent.

Brooks – Harmony Grove's having problems. Last week I didn't have a snowplow down my road until 2:30-3:00 in the afternoon. Then when they did come through the County Highway salted and then went back and forth 6 times and plowed the salt off.

Jim Matras - again, you people in Okee should be happy of the service they're getting because we're getting terrible service.

Benson – Brian doesn't have the equipment to do all of the Town of Lodi, and we're doing a test this year to compare costs and quality between the two.

Jim Matras – my taxes are paying for snowplowing, and that means my taxes are paying for Okee being plowed better than Harmony Grove. What is happening with the quality of snowplowing being done by Columbia County???

Marx – in talking to Chris Hardy he told me that the County is going through major problems with getting plow drivers, turnover of plow drivers, and I don't know why. And when there's issues on County Highways, State Highways and the Interstate in Columbia County the county must respond to them and that means town roads have to wait.

Brooks – what we're hearing tonight is what the board was looking for as far as comparison.

Benson – the instructions given to both groups doing our snowplowing were exactly the same.

Jim Matras – I thank you for the information tonight, but I still don't want to pay taxes to have other people's streets cleared better than mine.

Kate Manowske, W10987 Lake View Drive – we're new to Harmony Grove. I think it's great you're doing this trial with 2 different providers this year. And if the town would want to expand the areas that Brian does we'd need to give Brian enough advanced notice so he could plan for it. I manage a large storage facility, and have dealt with a lot of snowplowing companies. When you hire someone new do you drive around with that new person to show them the specifics of each road?

Marx – I can tell you I'm not an expert in snowplowing, so I can't tell them how to do the work. And town roads have variances to them, plus dead ends and cul-de-sacs.

Benson – I have done snowplowing. Did any one of us go out and show Schmidt around – no. We knew the trials this winter wouldn't be perfect, there's things to learn about every road.

Jim Hellenbrand, N1792 Ryan Road – regarding the mailbox issue at the end of Demyneck – that cul-de-sac is so unique that maybe the mailboxes should be moved to a better location.

Tom Quackenboss, W10987 Lakeview Drive - I drive school bus, including the Harmony Grove area, and the one-shot-down-the-road that the County has been doing in Harmony Grove doesn't work.

Allison Seaton – what concerns me with all this, is going back to when Char Brereton was chairman of the town, she would get the county highway to do work in the town to keep their employees busy. So when we contract privately and take work away from the county, are we taking work away from the county.

Goeske – Both the Town of Dekorra and Town of West Point have privately contracted snowplowing services.

Benson – I think that the input tonight is excellent as long as it's an agenda item and is kept under control.

Allison Seaton – if so many in the Town have concerns about snowplowing, why aren't they here this evening?

**5. Town road parking regulations:** Marx – one ordinance the Town has is 5.11(m) “Snow Emergencies and Winter On-Street Parking” which states as follows:

**5.11(m) Snow Emergencies and Winter On-Street Parking.**

- (1) *The Town Board declares that the Town of Lodi shall have the responsibility to declare any Snow Emergency, to make the appropriate announcements and to post, in the appropriate locations, the actual declaration of Snow Emergency.*
- (2) *Upon the actual completion of the posting, the Snow Emergency shall be formally declared. From that time period until the Snow Emergency declaration is rescinded by the Town Board, no person in the Town shall cause, allow or permit any person to park any motor vehicle on any public highway, road, street, or alley in the Town so as to cause obstruction of plowing, block traffic or inhibit traffic flow for emergency purposes in the Town. The Snow Emergency declaration shall be rescinded by the Town Board when it files with the Town Clerk-Treasurer a written termination of the Snow Emergency declaration.*
- (3) *It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in the following locations in the Town of Lodi at any time from November 15 to March 15 each year:*
  - (A) *All public highways within the boundaries of the Okee Sanitary District (also known as the Okee Urban Service Area);*
  - (B) *All public highways within the boundaries of the Harmony Grove Sanitary District (also known as the Harmony Grove Urban Service Area);*
  - (C) *Thistledown Drive;*
  - (D) *Brothertown Court.*
- (4) *The emergency and winter parking restrictions set forth herein shall be inapplicable to emergency vehicles and Columbia County vehicles.*

Benson – 5.11(m)(3) does not concern me as much if it's not enforced when there's not a winter storm. If there is an issue with cars being parked along the roads in Harmony Grove or Okee during snow emergencies.

Goeske – a suggestion would be to change our ordinance to read like the City of Lodi's does that states the Winter parking regulations begin when a “Winter Storm Watch” or “Winter Storm Warning” or “Blizzard Warning” is issued by the National Weather Service.

Bechen – our ordinance currently states that you cannot park along roads in the Harmony Grove and Okee sanitary districts from November 15 – March 15 at all. It should be that you can't park along any roads during a snow emergency...

Marx – we have situations where people park in the road right-of-way and some that have actually graveled their own private parking area in the town road right-of-way.

Jake Nowokolski – when I moved here I noticed the signs that said “No Parking ....” I thought that was nice that common sense was on a sign, rather than the alternate side parking mess in the City of Madison.

**6. 02/01/17 – 01/31/18 Mobile Home Park License renewal – Harmony Mobile Manor:** *Brooks/Plumer motion to approve; MC 5-0.*

**7. Ordinance 2017-01 “An Ordinance to Modify Portions of the Town of Lodi Fee Ordinance”:** *See ATTACHMENT A at end of minutes. Benson/Bechen motion to approve Ordinance 2017-01; MC 5-0*

**8. Chairman reports:** Marx – next month’s agenda be prepared for a long meeting, or possibly consider breaking it down into 2 meetings.

**9. Clerk-Treasurer Reports:**

**(a) Town Board meeting minutes – November & December 2016:** *Benson/Brooks motion to approve both as prepared/presented; MC 5-0.*

**(b) Revenues vs. Expenditures for 1/1/17 – 1/27/17:**

Revenues: \$372,717.70  
 Expenditures: \$117,298.68  
 Balance: \$255,419.02

Brooks – the 2017 budget for EMS shows us paying more than the City of Lodi. Goeske – I am waiting for a response from EMS Director Russ Schaefer. Goeske – I will not pay the first ½ of that levy in February until I have clarification and possibly correction.

**(c) Payment of Bills:** Checks #21488 through #21559 totaling \$3,728,539.48. *Bechen/Brooks motion to approve; MC 5-0.*

**(d) Building Permits:**

Issue Date	# 17-	Owner or Contractor	Site Address	Est. Cost	Project Description
01/03/17	01	MICHAEL POTTER	W11043 W. Harmony	5,000	remodel entry
01/12/17	02	BRIAN HENRY	W11298 CTH V	20,000	remodel entry/laundry
01/12/17	03	BRIAN HENRY	W11298 CTH V	inc in above	fence
01/18/17	04	PESCH CONSTRUCTION	W11460 CTH V	0	raze house
01/24/17	05	STEVE PETRAKIS	W10971 Bay View	80,000	addition/remodel

**(e) Animal Control Officer Log:** nothing to report. Marx – ask Gary why there’s no report of the call that I got about a cat that I forwarded on to him?

**(f) Communications:** Notice of fee increase of \$5/hour from Murphy Desmond S.C. for 2017.

**10. Commission/Committee/Districts/Departments:**

(a) **Plan Commission:** January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting cancelled due to winter storm

(b) **Park Commission:** will not be meeting until March

(c) **Any other commission/committee/district/department reports: Harmony Grove Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District (Bechen):** 07/25/16 minutes just recently approved by that district, which I have distributed to you this evening.

**Transfer Site (Benson):** at the December meeting I asked for money for forks for the Bobcat, which was tabled to 2017. It's not on tonight's agenda. There's monies in the 2017 budget for Transfer Site R&M, so that would cover that. Bechen – the new lights at the Transfer Site are excellent. Brooks – the lights are great, but the center is still dark. Maybe one more light in that area. Marx – possibly motion sensor lights on the shed to light up around the compactor area. Idea: check cost of vests for the employees that actually light up.

**EMS Commission (Plumer):** EMS now has 3 full-time employees 7 days/week 6 a.m. – 6 p.m., 24 on 48 off.

11. **Upcoming meeting dates:** Election on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>; Town Board on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.
12. **Future agenda item(s):** Amendments to Town Road parking ordinance. Treinen field access, Engineering services,
13. **Adjourn:** *Bechen/Benson motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.*

April D. Goeske  
Clerk-Treasurer

**ATTACHMENT A**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-01**

**AN ORDINANCE TO MODIFY PORTIONS OF THE TOWN OF LODI FEE ORDINANCE**

The Town Board of the Town of Lodi, Columbia County, Wisconsin do hereby ordain as follows:

1. The following provisions of Section 2.71 of the Lodi Municipal Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

<u>APPLICATION/LICENSE</u>	<u>OLD FEE</u>	<u>NEW FEE</u>
Zoning Change Application	\$150.00	<b>\$300.00</b>
Variance Application	\$150.00	<b>\$300.00</b>
Conditional Use Permit Application	\$150.00	<b>\$300.00</b>
Dog License – spayed/neutered	\$ 5.00	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
Class “A” Fermented Beverage license	\$50.00/year	<b>\$100.00/year</b>
Class “B” Fermented Beverage license	\$100.00/year	<b>\$150.00/year</b>
Beverage Operator’s license	\$25.00/year	<b>\$ 50.00/year</b>
Class A” Intoxicating Liquor license	\$150.00/year	<b>\$200.00/year</b>
Class B” Intoxicating Liquor license	\$350.00/year	<b>\$355.00/year</b>
Class B” Intoxicating Liquor license for 6 month period	\$175.00	<b>\$180.00</b>
Tobacco Products License	\$10.00	<b>\$100.00</b>

2. All remaining provisions of Section 2.71 of the Lodi Municipal Code shall remain unchanged.
3. Section 10.05(f)(5)(A) of the Lodi Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“The land divider or subdivider shall pay a fee of ~~\$50.00~~ 300.00 plus \$2.00 for each lot or authorized dwelling unit within the Preliminary Plat or Certified Survey Map to the Town Clerk-Treasurer at the time of first application for Preliminary Plat or Certified Survey Map approval to assist in defraying the cost of review.”

Approved