

**TOWN OF LODI  
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 23, 2021**

1. Call to order & roll call: Meeting called to order by Chairman Henry via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. Board members present: Brian Henry, Aaron Arnold, Marc Hamilton, Karla Faust; James Brooks @ 6:26 p.m. Staff present: Renee Bock, Deputy Treasurer, Brian Ecklor, Public Works Director; Auditor Andrea Jansen , Baker Tilly), Engineer Mike Payant (Ayres). Audience: none

2. Citizen Input\*: none

3. Closed session per WSS 19.85(1)(f) “*Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations*” re: Accounting/Audit firm

*Henry/motion to table to future special town board meeting due to new information coming in. MF due to lack of a 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

(a) Closed session: *Hamilton/Faust motion to go into closed session per WSS 19.85(1)(f); MC 4-0. (Included in closed session – Henry, Arnold, Hamilton, Faust, Jansen. James Brooks logged in at 6:26 p.m. Goeske not in closed session.*

(b) Motion to return to open session: *Hamilton/Faust motion to return to open session at 6:54 p.m.; MC 5-0.*

(c) Any action on closed session matter: *Henry/Hamilton motion to take no action at this time; MC 5-0.*

4. Audit firm: *Henry/Brooks motion to do no review or take any action at this time; MC 5-0.*

5. Closed session per WSS 19.85(1)(f) “*Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations*” re: Ayres Associates

(a) Closed session: *Hamilton/Faust motion to go into closed session at 6:58 p.m.; MC 5-0.*

(b) Motion to return to open session: *Henry/Hamilton motion to return to open session at 7:35 p.m.; MC 5-0.*

(c) Any action on closed session matter: *Henry/Brooks to table any action at this time; MC 5-0.*

6. Ayres contract updating rates: *Brooks/Faust motion to table this matter until our March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting; MC 5-0.*

**7.** 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*” re: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

(a) Closed session: *Hamilton/Brooks motion to go into closed session @ 7:45 p.m.; MC 5-0.*

(b) Motion to return to open session: Henry/Faust motion to return to open session at 8:25 p.m.; MC 5-0.

(c) Any action on closed session matter: *Faust/Hamilton motion to approve a Deputy Clerk up to 40 hours/week with pay up to \$25/hour based on experience with a vacation package and for at least up to 1 year; MC 5-0.*

**8.** Disposal of light bulbs from Transfer Site: Ecklor – the price CCSW charges for lightbulbs of any kind is \$1/each. I obtained prices from several companies. PKK Lighting will pick up the lightbulbs at our Transfer Site. Another one RCS charges per pound, but don’t have to put bulbs in different containers based on size; but they also have a \$75 fee for pickup. Hamilton – what is your recommendation? Ecklor – I recommend trying out PKK. We currently have 50-100 lightbulbs stored right now. Hamilton – I worked with PKK years ago and they were very good. Ecklor – with PKK we can continue to use our own containers, and they have containers we can rent if we need more. Henry – do we have to sign a contract with PKK? Ecklor – he didn’t mention a contract.

*Hamilton/Henry motion to begin working with PKK; MC 5-0.*

**9.** Town-owned lake access properties: Hamilton – I was looking at a lot of the public access and boat launches in the Town. In Dekorra, along the lake from CTH V/Tipperary Road the residents pay to have their piers on the property because the town owns it. Back in 2006 when Roger Wetzel was Chairman the study of these public access/boat launches was done and the town began to look into what could be done with some of these. Looking at the information provided I see maybe 3-4 locations that could be used for rental property or be sold. Arnold there’s one on Red Cedar that is large enough to be a buildable lot. Hamilton will discuss with Atty. Bechler. Goeske to find previous Bechler info on these properties.

**10.** LAFD Fire Engine purchase: Resolution 2021-01: *Brooks/Faust motion to approve Resolution 2021-01; MC 5-0.*

**11.** Sale of Surplus Equipment: Goeske – per WTA attorney the residents only approve sale of town-owned land and buildings, but not equipment. Brooks – I think selling through Wisconsin Surplus would be the best way to go.

*Brooks/Faust motion to go ahead with sale of surplus equipment; MC 5-0.*

**12.** Training: Effective Electronic Public Meetings – Part 1 “The Basics” 02/24/21 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Brooks, Hamilton and Henry are registered for that class on-line. Henry - currently there is no money budgeted for Board member training.

*Brooks/Hamilton motion to take \$500 from Contingency to Town Board training; MC 5-0.*

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

- (a) Report on End-of-Year Financials: no report available to-date.
- (b) Town Board Meeting Minutes of 11/24/20, 12/29/20, 1/19/21 & 01/26/21:  
*Hamilton/Faust motion to approve all minutes; MC 5-0*
- (c) Revenues vs. Expenditures Report thru 01/31/21:

Revenues:	\$325,635.34
<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>\$102,150.36</u>
Balance:	\$223,485.08

- (d) Payment of Bills thru 01/18/20:

Misc:	\$ 147.29
Liability Checks:	\$ 8,432.41
Payroll Checks:	\$ 6,636.57
<u>Checks #24733 - #24782:</u>	<u>\$ 2,906,057.70</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 2,921,273.97

- (e) Building Permits thru 01/18/20: no report, no additional permits issued since 01/26/21 meeting.

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

- (a) Chairman Report: we finally resolved the Falkenstein tax issue. They were issued a refund for their overpayment, and we will take measures to make sure that doesn't happen again in the future.
- (b) Transfer Site: Ecklor – issue with compactor last weekend. Warmer weather is bringing in a lot more people. Working on options for the compost pile. Henry – mold issue in the back shed was taken care of by Ecklor, will be finished as soon as possible. Brooks – have you (Ecklor) gotten any prices on a new compactor? Ecklor – they have not returned the call yet. Hamilton – I think we should consider having a policy for closing the Transfer Site on days when the temperature isn't going to be above 0 degrees. The hydraulics on the compactor don't work well in that cold and could be damaged doing so, and risking employee frostbite.
- (c) Public Works: Ecklor – with it warming up I'll be back out trimming; following up on roadwork projects; getting mower ready.
- (d) Plan Commission – no meeting in February. March 16 meeting with WisDOT regarding the proposed Ganser Development on STH 113. Brooks – I reviewed our 2030 Comprehensive Plan regarding where the town wanted future subdivision development. Next meeting should be March 9<sup>th</sup> for Manchester variance(s).
- (e) Park Commission: no meeting in February. Will meet in March.
- (f) LAFD Commission: Faust – I was unable to attend their February meeting, waiting to get the minutes.

(g) LAEMS Commission: Hamilton – did everyone get the letter from the LAEMS regarding saving \$175,000 last year, yet asking for more money? I will email it to Goeske so she can email it to all of you.

15. Upcoming meeting date(s): March 9<sup>th</sup> Plan Commission; March 10<sup>th</sup> Park Commission; March 10<sup>th</sup> Fire Commission; March ? EMS Commission; Special Town Board meeting TBD within next 2 week.
16. Future agenda item(s): Brooks - Selection Committee to Commission/Committee/Board/Dept reports on future agendas. Audit and Lightbulbs from tonight's meeting; hours of operation for Town Hall in inclement weather.
17. Adjourn: *Arnold/Hamilton motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.; MC 5-0.*

*April D. Goeske*  
Clerk-Treasurer

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