

**Town of Lodi**  
**Town Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 28, 2017**

**1. Call to order & roll call:** Meeting called to order by Chairman Marx. Board members present: Chairman Tom Marx, Supervisor I James Bechen, Supervisor III Robert Benson, Supervisor I Jon Plumer. Absent (excused): Supervisor I James Brooks. Also present: M. Kay & Martin Wetzel, Ron Treinen, Roberta Arnold, Peg Vaughan, Bob Collins, Joe Fobes, Joanne Faust, Tom Faust, Jay Gawlikoski.

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

**3. Citizen Input:** none

**4. Conditional Use Permit to operate a computer technical support business (Angel e-Design Solutions) via a Columbia County Major Home Occupation Permit in the former motel building located on 0.65-acre Parcel 11022-263.E, located in Section 8 @ W11511 CTH V owned by Martin & Mary Kay Wetzel:**

Marx – the Plan Commission recommended approval with the following 8 conditions, as read out loud by Supv. Bechen:

- *The Major Home Occupation Permit is not transferable.*
- *The business shall be constructed in accordance with information provided with application.*
- *Establish hours for pickup and delivery of computers.*
- *Establish a limit on the number of employees cannot exceed 4 by ordinance.*
- *A site plan which shows the parking for drop off and pick up must be included with any final application*
- *The applicant and owner shall comply with and obtain all necessary permits required by applicable federal, state, and local regulations.*
- *The owners will allow inspections any time during the period from 8 am to 5 pm by town officials and Planning & Zoning staff Inspections outside of the period shall be arranged with the owners.*
- *Conditional use permit may be subject to revocation or alteration if the Planning & Zoning Committee finds that these standards or the standards for all conditional use permits in Section 16-15-070D are not being met.*

*Benson/Plumer motion to approve Conditional Use Permit with those 8 conditions; MC 5-0.*

**5. Ron Treinen re: additional field access for Parcel 423.041 at intersection of CTH V/Ryan Road:**

*Bechen/Benson motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> field access on Ryan Road as shown on map provided by Treinen; MC 5-0.*

**6. Preliminary discussion of possible roadwork in 2017:** Marx – what I'd like to do this evening is get a head start on what we need to do this year. There are roads, such as Dalton, Lang and Thunder Hills, that need extensive work. I'd like the board members to consider attending a road tour of our roads with Columbia County Highway (they can provide a van) as has been done in the past (suggested dates next week Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) . The County is ahead this year with already having asphalt prices early, so we should be able to approve some roadwork as early as in March. Benson – I think we need to definitely look at the roads that have a Paser rating of < 5 (Mack, Dalton, Thunder Hills, Raymond, Cactus Acres, S. County Line, Joan, Park, Real Short, Red Cedar, Rodney, Spring Creek). Marx – the chip sealing done by the County last Fall is a mess, and I will be following up on them this Spring.

Mary Boisen – I live on Thunder Hills Road and it is awful. Note: Thunder Hills is Paser rated 2. Joann Faust – I live on Dalton Road, what is it listed at? Benson – its Paser rating is only a 2 also.

**7. Town Engineer:** Marx – our long-time Engineer John Lichtenheld has retired from Ayres Associates, only working with us on projects he was involved in at the time he retired. Ayres has admitted to us that the transition since has not been done well. They are not responding to items we've asked to have an Engineer look into. I had a representative from Strand talk to me about engineering services, costs, etc... and he prepared a proposal. Yesterday I had a call from the Vice-President of Ayres, who I will meet with at 2 PM tomorrow, to discuss continued engineering services. I'd like direction from the Board as how to proceed with this. Bechen – when would we use a Senior Project Manager. Marx – for items such as a major road reconstruction (like Rodney Drive last year). Another note: Kris Krause has been the Chairman of our Plan Commission for 14 years, but will not be continuing as Chairman after April 2017, do not know yet if he will remain on the Plan Commission in any capacity. I've been talking to Town Attorney Larry Bechler about the process in the future for the Plan Commission. Benson – when you meet with Ayres you have to be firm with them as to our expectations and that we are looking at another firm. But we should always give the firm that we've been with to make changes to stay with us. Plumer – clearly Ayres is aware that we are not happy with their service lately, but we should give them a chance to fix the problem. Bechen – they need to know the problem(s) so they're given a chance to fix them.

**8. Winter Parking:** Marx – this issue was brought up by Margaret Vaughan. At Goeske's suggestion she's presented to us tonight the City of Lodi's Snow Emergency parking ordinance. Signs would have to be (which some already are) on CTH V at both ends of Harmony Grove, and Shamrock Road and both ends of CTH V of Okee should be posted with the signs stated the ordinance. Bechen – and it could be put on the town's website and in the Lodi Enterprise. Marx – and could be sent out with the newsletter in tax bills. Bechen – there's no language in this ordinance regarding fines for parking when not supposed to be. Benson – possibly consider being able to tow vehicles that are not moved. Marx – we need to decide whether to tow a vehicle the first time it's in violation? Benson – yes, we need to get the vehicle moved so the snowplow can do what it needs to do and keep the roads safe for those using our roads. Plumer – I like changing the ordinance to clarify when you can and cannot park in the road right-of-way 11/15 – 4/15, plus fines or towing. Bechen – a car can sit there for hours and not get moved, then what we do. I'd say tow it the first time, and if they do it again then they get towed again AND a fine. Marx – Goeske informed me, and I confirmed it, that someone on one of the "fingers" had graveled an area in the road right-of-way in front of his home to use for his own personal parking. Benson – if we get the word out letting people know the ordinance, do we give them a grace period to move their vehicle before it gets towed?

Bob Collins – in Okee there are signs posted that state "No Parking on Streets during Snowfall". But it's never worked.

Bechen – it's legal to park in the road right-of-way, but not permanently. As to how much of the vehicle has to be on and off the road we'll have to check into that.

**9. Chairman Reports (Marx):** A couple of years ago there was a resident who lives next to the parkland on Bay Drive, where we had to take a couple of trees down that fell from the park into their yard.

March 16<sup>th</sup> Highway Department meeting in Wyocena. Goeske emailed information to you.

We're working on an update to the Comprehensive Plan. The Plan Commission should be voting on that in April or May, and then on to Public Hearing and the Town Board.

I've discussed with Atty. Bechler regarding "toy box" homes. He feels that the best place to regulate those will be in our Comprehensive Plan.

There was a complaint about ice on Ryan Road caused by water running off the driveway of the Lake Wisconsin Evangelical Free Church (@N1640 Ryan Road) across and along the road and freezing. Benson – Lanzendorf did work on the parking lot/driveway, I can talk to him about fixing that.

Have received several complaints from City of Lodi residents who live at Lodi Senior Housing Limited @ 239 Columbus St. (CTH K) regarding burning and other activities at property adjacent to them, which is in the Town of Lodi and owned by Larrabee Properties, LLC/Ben Larrabee @ W10440 CTH K. WI DNR is handling this.

Jay Gawlikowski informed me of standing water issues on Bayview Drive because of the road, driveways, ditches are all the same level, so it ponds in the apron of his driveway. I met with Jay regarding what could be done.

I met with Larry Ziegler on Reynolds Road regarding cutting the level of the hill without affecting the ditch line, so he can mow that area. I told him we’d have to have the Town Engineer look at it before he does anything.

I met with James Campbell (Fair Street) and Lodi PD Chief Scott Klicko regarding speeding issues on Fair Street. One idea was a lighted speed limit sign on the border of City/Town, with cost shared between the 2 municipalities.

**10. a. Minutes:** Benson/Bechen motion to approve 01/31/17 minutes as presented; MC 5-0.

**b. Revenues vs Expenditures:** Benson – can we see about getting a postage meter. Goeske – I’ve called Pitney Bowes several times, I’ll try again.

Marx – can we change the title of this report to say “Revenues vs Expenditures” rather than “Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual”? Goeske – I will check into it.

Bechen – I have done calculations of snow & ice to-date: \$10,425 labor County, \$9,048 labor Schmidt. Totals for labor, salt, and salt/sand comes to: \$21,296 County for 19 miles, 17,373 Schmidt for 13 miles. This is for 4 “events”. Benson – this is a good snapshot for us to look at. Marx – we will do that at end of season.

**c. Payment of Bills:** Benson/Plumer motion to approve mortgage ACH, checks 002-005 (debit card transactions) and checks #21560 through #21609 totaling \$2,325,404.96; MC 5-0.

**d. Building Permits:**

2017 TOWN OF LODI BUILDING PERMIT LOG					
Lodi 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
02/15/17	06	TIM ESCHER	N2378 Summerville Park	17,000	remodel
02/27/17	07	KEN ENDRES	W11354 Bay	20,000	addition/remodel
			<b>YEAR-TO-DATE:</b>	<b>142,000.00</b>	

**e. Animal Control Officer Log:** none

f. **Communications:** 02/17/17 letter received from ATC regarding tree trimming.

**11. Clerk-Treasurer Reports:**

a. **Plan Commission (Bechen):** Plan Commission recommended approval of the Angel e-Design CUP; more review done on Strander rezone, variances, etc...; further review done on CSM for Cave Bluff/Escher to add land into perpetual Conservancy & MFL; additional work done on Comprehensive Plan amendments.

b. **Park Commission (Bechen):** will be meeting in March 15th. Names will be presented to the Park Commission to fill the vacancy, they will make a recommendation to the Town Board. One of the first items they need to address is removal of several large trees near the Okee Schoolhouse.

c. **Any Other:**

1. 12/21/16 Joint Harmony Grove-Okee Sanitary District minutes
2. 12/21/16 Okee Sanitary District minutes
3. 01/17/17 Harmony Grove Sanitary District minutes
4. 01/19/17 Lodi Area Emergency Medical Service minutes
5. 01/19/17 Lodi Area Emergency Medical Service Directors Report,

**Lodi PD:** Bechen – I haven't seen any reports regarding the Lodi PD lately. Goeske to get those to board members. Can we ask for them to watch areas where there is a speeding problem? Marx – we can.

**EMS (Plumer):** we did renegotiate our contract with Life Quest, and will save about \$19,000/year. There was also discussion of making the EMS Commission members non-paid positions.

**Transfer Site (Benson):** I was out there last Wednesday and I suggested a light on the shed near the compactor to light that area, and one on the Goodwill shed for better lighting in that same area. Also will need to get additional signage regarding the new commingling containers. Bechen – would it be a good idea to get from the cards in the dash, use a sticker in the window instead.

**12. Upcoming meeting dates:** **March 9<sup>th</sup>** - Special Town Board meeting; **March 7<sup>th</sup>** – Harmony Grove Sanitary District, **March 13<sup>th</sup>** – Harmony Grove Lake Protection District, **March 15<sup>th</sup>** - Park Commission, **March 16<sup>th</sup>** - Plan Commission, **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Harmony Grove-Okee Joint Sanitary District, **March 28<sup>th</sup>** – Town Board.

**13. Future agenda items:** T-Site cards, Parking ordinance, Town Hall sign, flag & light, 2016 Audit report, roads,

**14. Adjourn:** *Plumer/Benson motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM; MC 5-0.*

**April D. Goeske**  
Clerk-Treasurer