

TOWN OF LODI
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 27, 2017

1. Call to order & roll call: Called to order at 6 pm by Chairman Marx. Board members present: Tom Marx, James Brooks, Robert Benson, Jon Plumer. Absent (excused): James Bechen.

Lodi Area Fire Department: Chief Bobby Annen; Deputy Chief John Lehr; Assistant Chief Eric Hardel; Captain Michael Phillips; Firefighters Jeff Gort, Matt Knickerbocker, Josh Lanzendorf, Dan Markart, Keith Kaether, Sheldon King, William Hermanson, John Meade, Robert Peterson, Colby Hoffman, Chad Wolter.

Also present: Audrey Attoe, Dave Attoe, Cliff Arthur, John Arthur.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Chairman Marx.

3. Citizen Input: Re: recent Letter to Editor in the Lodi Enterprise by Margaret “Peg” Vaughan as follows: *“Fires are a wakeup call: By midweek now our town’s residents know about two homes burning to the ground on Demyck Road over the weekend. It is our wakeup call: whoever we are -- business or household or renter or visitor for a summer stay -- it tells us that we are absolutely unready for a fire of any size, since we found that a half-dozen surrounding fire departments were needed to fight the blaze in high winds, and that only Baraboo’s department had the needed equipment to pull water from the bay to actually stop the fire. Sparks were carried a number of blocks northward from the site of the fire, so every drop of water counted. What we have here is a budget item that needs immediate attention from our town board. Margaret Vaughan, Okee”*

LAFD Chief Bobby Annen – I and all the firefighters here this evening would like to address the Letter to the Editor recently in the Lodi Enterprise written by Town of Lodi resident Margaret Vaughan. I’m not sure why Ms. Vaughan chose to throw the LAFD under the bus. She states that the LAFD is not ready ever to respond to a fire. We take offense to that statement; our firefighters have thousands and thousands of hour’s worth of training ... and our response to the recent fire in Okee shows that. The statement that Baraboo Fire Dept. had to respond to this fire because Lodi doesn’t have the capability to take water from the lake. That is not true at all. Shortly before 11 pm we were dispatched to the fire, I arrived first. A 700-sq. ft. cottage was fully-engulfed. A neighbor had reported the fire and got residents out. Then there was a huge wind burst, which lit the pines and spread cinders onto the next home. We established water supply, and I called for additional assistance through the MABAS system. Ms. Vaughan suggests that we had to ask for help because we can’t handle a fire. A fire like this can’t be handled with just a small fire department. Demyck Road is not very wide, we could only get one truck down the road, we had to back other trucks, and the trees were too thick to raise a ladder truck. Many firefighters had to park their trucks on Summerville Park Road and walk to the scene. Baraboo did have a truck we don’t have, to supply more breathing air. We were at the fire until shortly after 4 a.m. and left the station around 6 a.m. Ms. Vaughan says we “have a budget item that needs attention”. I’m not sure what she means. Of course we’d like more money. I/we want you to know that we train hard, we train hard ... we’re ready. This fire was an eye opener. Ms. Vaughan says that both homes burned to the ground. That is not accurate. The first home that started on fire was still standing after the fire was put out, but was so structurally damaged that we had Lanzendorf bulldoze it so we could make sure there were no hot spots. Fobes/Nichols are the heroes, they saw the fire, they called it in, and they got the people out of the home.

Marx – I know that the LAFD does an excellent job with what they have to do it with. Hopefully people don’t believe what Ms. Vaughan has said. She has written false letters about me also.

Plumer – I think the LAFD did and does an excellent job. I did drive over to that area and talk to neighbors and they too praised the LAFD. You have our total confidence.

Benson – I’ve dealt with Ms. Vaughan for 20+ years and I wouldn’t listen to what she has said. We support the LAFD 100% and back you. This fire could have been a whole lot worse. That area is a difficult situation for emergency services.

Brooks – I’m on the Fire Commission. I see members in the audience who were firefighters when I was in kindergarten. The # of fires your members have battled has to be in the hundreds or much more. The LAFD is an exceptionally professional department, and I’m sorry a resident wrote such an article. I know that you take care of what you do to the best you can.

Wolter - I was running the engine at the boat launch that evening, and we were set up when the first truck pulled up for water, and we had water flowing for the entire evening. We did not go anywhere else to get water. I hate to see comments come towards the LAFD that make everything we do to not be enough.

Marx – volunteer fire departments care a lot about their community. You do this because you really care about your neighbors. What I’m suggesting, and I’ve talked to City of Lodi Mayor Jim Ness about it, that the fire call fee be included in the budget.

Brooks – one thing possibly needed is another dry hydrant.

Goeske – the one thing I heard from so many was “only 2 houses went up, they (the fire depts.) really did their job”.

King – our doors are always open, the public is welcome to see our equipment, watch our training (Monday nights).

Wolter – I want to bring my concerns for the water main break near the BP in Harmony Grove, which I understand the blacktop couldn’t be fixed in the winter months. But the temporary patch is still there and still not permanently fixed.

Wolter – I live behind the bank in Harmony Grove. The shoulder on the corner (Lake Point) next to the laundromat is washing away. It needs to be filled in.

Dave Attoe – it’ll be a year since Kim Sopha, who owns the property next to us, started the work altering the driveway next to us, causing water to now run down onto our property, and nothing has been done to-date. Marx – we’ve had some issues with the town engineering services being provided, which hopefully are now corrected. Marx – I apologize for not responding to your recent phone calls.

Marx – just so everyone knows regarding the Stimac fireworks. I did call Todd Stimac and ask to meet and talk with him, but he never did, and then emailed the office saying he was cancelling his Fireworks Permit application, stating he was going to do them at his other property instead (not in the Town of Lodi).

4. Troy Gile, W11608 Demyneck Road re: drainage issue: Mr. Gile not present, though informed he was on the agenda. Marx – Troy Gile had contacted me regarding a small gravel area along the road next to his lawn that the weeds were growing up through and didn’t look nice. So, I had Columbia County Highway address the matter, and then Troy decided he didn’t like what they did and asked to appear before the Town Board

5. **2017-2018 Operator licenses:** *Benson/Brooks motion to approve as listed; MC 4-0.*

AMARSON'S (HGBP)	FITZ'S	KD'S	LUCKY'S	SMOKEY HOLLOW
GHOTRA, Rattan	OBOIS, Mark	LARRABEE-LANE, Katie	RIPLEY, Rodney	STYER, Bud
MIRANPURI, Harmit	HILL, Gene	ARNOLD, Aaron	CUTSFORTH, Reganne	CURTIS, Bailey
GHOTRA, Surjit	CIBULKA, Emily	CABLE, Emily	EVANS, Kayla	FULKERSON, Donald
	LEATHERMAN, Merry	DURFEE, Jordynn	HENN, Ashley	FULKERSON, Peyton
	STEINE, Sharon	HELLENBRAND, Rebekah	OLESTON, Heather	HILLESTAD, Kori
		JESSE, Evan	TATRO, David	JIRAN, Sierra
		JESSE, Stacy	TRAGER, Brittany	LOPER, Dianne
		KALTENBERG, Melissa	VEROEVEN, Brendan	MEIXNER, Molly
		KAUFMAN, Tina	WEISENSEL, William	PLUNKETT, Carla
		LIND, Justacy		SIMPLOT, Abigail
		NICHOLS, Brooke		
		PAULSON, Autumn		
		PLETCHER, Aaron		
		ROLFE, Max		
		RYAN, Grace		
		RYBACCZYK, Randy		
		SOMERS, Nicholas		
		THILL, Megan		
		THOMPSON, Julie		

6. **Transfer Site Permit 2018+:** Goeske – I searched the internet to get prices for stickers, and the least expensive would be \$0.45 per sticker from a company in Waunakee. We usually order 2,000 permits, so that would come to \$900. Currently we are paying (a local resident) \$0.07 per card for printing, so 2,000 comes to \$140.

Benson – I believe staying with cards is the most economical, especially if we can hand-stuff tax bills ourselves so that property owners only get 1 card no matter how many properties they have.

7. **Chairman Reports:** Lang Road has been done, Columbia County Highway Dept. states they will start on the other roads we approved (on March 31st) starting on August 14th. A drainage issue on Summerville Park - I will be looking at why the work wasn't done 3 years ago. We had washout issues on Hill and Lakeview, Columbia County Highway Dept. has taken care of those. James Brooks has gotten us the radar speed sign and is looking at locations for poles throughout the town. Resident on Tonja Dr. stating there is a bad sinkhole on Tonja. I went and looked at it, it was minor, Waugh will go with bucket of gravel and fill it.

8. **Clerk-Treasurer:**

(a) **Town Board meeting minutes of May 30, 2017:** *Benson/Plumer motion to approve; MC 4-0.*

(b) **Revenues vs. Expenditures as of June 23, 2017:** Change radar sign from contingency expense to law enforcement expense.

(c) **Payment of Bills:** CCHD bill: Brooks – why are we being charged \$2,075.89 for sweeping roads that the county put too much pea gravel on last Fall. Marx – I've recently sent the county an email regarding this, the brushing, the gravel they didn't get out of the yards, last winter's snowplowing, etc... I also informed them, in writing, that any brushing they do without prior approval from me we will not pay for it. *Benson/Plumer motion to not pay 06/16/17 Columbia County Highway Dept. Inv. 15039 totaling \$36,192.28 at this time; MC 4-0.*

Plumer/Benson motion to approve checks #21740 to #21766 + ACH totaling \$29,669.41; MC 4-0

(d) Building Permits:

2017 TOWN OF LODI BUILDING PERMIT LOG					
Lodi Issue Date	# 17-	Owner or Contractor	Site Address	Est. Cost	Project Description
11/04/16	16-87	PETER BONERT	W10924 W. Harmony	5,000	shed
12/12/16	16-91	STEVEN/DOREEN POWERS	N2738 Cross	2,000	replace old service panel
01/03/17	01	MICHAEL POTTER	W11043 W. Harmony	5,000	remodel entry
01/12/17	02	BRIAN/JENNIFER HENRY	W11298 CTH V	20,000	remodel entry/laundry
01/12/17	03	BRIAN/JENNIFER HENRY	W11298 CTH V	inc in above	fence
01/18/17	04	PESCH CONSTRUCTION	W11460 CTH V	0	raze house
01/24/17	05	STEPHEN/JANE PETRAKIS	W10971 Bay View	80,000	addition/remodel
02/15/17	06	TIM/TERESA ESCHER	N2378 Summerville Park	17,000	remodel
02/27/17	07	KEN ENDRES	W11354 Bay	20,000	addition/remodel
03/01/17	08	JON/CHRISTINE PLUMER	W11404 High Point	57,700	in-ground pool
03/06/17	09	RON/HEATHER TREINEN	Parcel	1,000	farm access
03/08/17	10	TIMOTHY/KIMBERLY STREIT	W10675 Gallagher	10,000	basement remodel
03/08/17	11	BENJAMIN/AMANDA SITZMAN	Richards Road	1,000	access permit
03/16/17	12	GREGORY/COLLEEN STANGL	N2864 N. Lake Point	17,000	remodel & bedroom addition
03/20/17	13	JOHN/JULIE CAKANIC	W11031 Lake View	2,200	fence
03/27/17	14	JOHN ARMBRECHT	W10974 Lake Point	500	tub & faucet replacements
04/05/17	15	DOROTHY KRUEGER	N2736 Smith	15,000	accessory building
04/05/17	16	JOE WAJNERT	W10902 Lakeview	180,000	NEW HOME
04/13/17	17	MARY SEE	N2118 Shamrock	2,500	deck
04/13/17	18	MIKE FAUST	N2828 Demyneck	3,500	driveway
04/13/17	19	RICHARD/CONSTANCE NESS	CTH J/Pleasant Valley	4,000	access/driveway
04/13/17	20	JODY FRIEDERS	W11067 Deer Run	75,000	addition/remodel
05/01/17	21	TYLER HAARKLAU	W10906 Lakeview	25,000	detached garage
05/01/17	22	RICHARD/CONSTANCE NESS	N1545 Pleasant Valley	398,573	NEW HOME
05/08/17	23	ALICIA HOFFMAN	W10675 Airport	2,000	fence
05/09/17	24	STEPHEN/JOANN STORMER	W10962 Bay View	2,000	replace deck
05/12/17	25	AUSTIN ANDERSON	W10702 Airport	1,500	fence
05/12/17	26	TEAM SERVICES	N2787 Smith	8,000	cell tower
05/30/17	27	RONALD HILLER	W10970 Bay View	7,500	attached garage addition
06/01/17	28	MICHAEL POTTER	W11043 W. Harmony		residential remodel
06/05/17	29	GENE/INGRID FLEMING	W10593 E. Harmony	12,000	remodel
06/05/17	30	TOWN OF LODI	W10919 CTH V	1,580	sign
06/05/17	31	SCOTT ALLEN	N1731 Adlaw	18,000	detached garage
06/12/17	32	TOBIN HELLENBRAND	N671 Kelley	500,000	cattle shed
06/13/17	33	JERRY BREUNIG	N2377 Rapp	15,000	deck repair
06/19/17	34	MICHAEL FAUST	N2719 Demyneck	250,000	NEW HOME
			YEAR-TO-DATE:	1,759,553.00	

(e) Animal Control Officer Log (June 2017): 06/06/17: Call from Paepke. Recently some unknown person or persons dropped off 2+ pregnant female cats at the David Mair farm @ W10348 CTH K ... and both cats have given birth ... farm now overrun with feral cats. Paepke was able to catch 11 of them and take them to the Columbia County Humane Shelter. 06/07/17: Cheryl McGraw came in and licensed all 6 dogs. 06/15/17: Call from Paepke. Able to catch 5 more kittens at Mair farm and take them to the Columbia County Humane Shelter.

(f) Communications: none

9. Commission/Committees/Districts/Departments:

(a) **Plan Commission:** no meeting needed/held in June; next meeting July 11th

(b) **Park Commission:** met on June 21st; next meeting July 19th

(c) **Any other:** EMS (Plumer): their response time per call now averages less than 4 minutes.

10. Closed session per WSS 19.85(1)(c)

(a) **Motion to go into closed session:** *Brooks/Plumer motion to go into closed session; MC 4-0.*

(b) **Closed session:** confidential personnel

(c) **Motion to return to open session:** *Brooks/Benson motion to return to open session; MC 4-0.*

(d) **Any possible action on closed session matter:** *Brooks/Plumer motion to extend current contract to July 31, 2017; MC 4-0.*

11. Upcoming meeting dates: July 11: 6:00 – 8:00 pm Open Book @ Lodi Town Hall; 6:00 pm Plan Commission @ Lodi Town Hall; **July 12:** 5:00 pm Fire Commission @ LAFD Station; **July 25:** 6:00 pm Town Board @ Lodi Town Hall; **July 27:** 9:00 am Board of Review @ Lodi Town Hall.

12. Future agenda item: snowplowing 2017-2018; cat ordinance; Goeske Employment Agreement; Columbia County Solid Waste here regarding comingled bins with small openings; plastic bags at t-site;

13. Adjourn: *Plumer/Benson motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm; MC 4-0.*

April D. Goeske

Clerk-Treasurer