

**TOWN OF LODI
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 30, 2018**

1. **Call to order & roll call:** Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Marx. Board members present: Marx, Brooks, Bechen, Plumer. Also present: Roberta Arnold, Lodi Enterprise.

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

3. **Citizen Input:** Cliff Arthur – looking into running for the Assembly Seat vacated by Keith Ripp. So I'm attending local meetings to gather information.

4. **Rebilling for smoke, fire & CO alarms:** Brooks – I think it should be no fee for CO alarms, false or real. Plumer – I think even a \$50 fee may keep someone from calling in when their alarm goes off. Bechen – I think the reason we made the change to the \$50 fee for false calls was because of the number of CO alarms that were false due to battery, etc... issues. Marx – if you want me to check with the town attorney I can. Bechen – I think the motion as amended last month is fine. Plumer – then it should be \$50 for a false CO alarm. Marx – what about false fire alarms? Bechen – if a fire alarm goes off what homeowner is going to call 9-1-1 if they don't see any smoke or fire? Marx – I think a quick call to the town attorney is warranted.

5. **Operator Licenses:** none

6. **Chairman Marx Reports:** Regarding the Oftedahl-Holm logging: Background – there is a family that owns 280 acres of vacant land in Harmony Grove. Early in 2016 they came to me stating that they were going to be doing logging (as required by the WI DNR) on that land and wanted to use town roads to get to their land with the logging trucks and equipment. I told them at that time that our roads weren't made for that, and that they'd need permits to haul heavy loads on town roads. Note: they do have access to their property off CTH V. In early January 2018 we were informed by residents that the logging had begun and the trucks were using Raymond Road and E. Harmony. So at a Special Town Board meeting on January 3rd Resolution 2018-01 was approved adding the following roads to Class B Highways roads (with a limit of 60% of the 96,000# limit set by the State of Wisconsin): East Harmony Drive (from Columbia to Inlet), Inlet Drive (from CTH V to East Harmony Drive), Airport Road (from Columbia to Oakwood Drive), and River Road (from CTH V to Columbia). Since then I have worked with the owners and the town attorney to approve a permit allowing the owners/contractors doing the logging to exceed the 60% decreased weight limit and which routes they could use.

Received a call from our auditor today informing us that they will be charging us an additional \$750 for the audit due to a variety of issues during the audit, such as having to taking longer due to WiFi issues.

One of the Transfer Site employees slipped on ice last Sunday. They did go to Urgent Care in Sauk. No lost time, employee will be able to return to work as scheduled. A Worker's Comp report was filed with our insurance carrier, Rural Insurance.

Regarding the issue of a high capacity well with pump to provide water to fill the fire department tankers for firefighting in the Okee area. I have talked to some experts who are willing to address this subject, our cost would be their travel expenses. There has been discussion as to whether the town could special assess costs of installing this well on all properties within the Okee Sanitary District. My questions to the board is: do we want someone to come speak to us, do you want me to do more research? Brooks – I think this is a great idea, but I'm not in favor of this unless the Okee Sanitary District is in favor of it, and the citizens in that district. Plumer – I am one of those residents, and I support it. Bechen – I feel we should keep the Okee Sanitary District completely out of this. They handle the sewer services in that district, they have nothing to do with water services of any kind. If

we as a board can put this in we can special assess it, and even spread the payments (depending on amounts) out over several years. If the residents may get a sizable decrease in their homeowners insurance I think they'll want this. Plumer – I'm in favor of having someone come to speak to us about this. I also believe we need more information. Goeske – to do special assessments we have to hold special town meeting(s), public hearings, and the people can give input and vote on it. Arnold – Goeske is correct. And information on the high capacity wells and the size of the hoses of the Lodi Area Fire Dept. and what pressure of water they can handle. The reason I suggested that there be an Okee Sanitary District section added for this is because the engineers the sanitary district uses are very knowledgeable of this type of high pressure pump. Marx – we'd also need to bring in the services of the town attorney. I did speak with Lodi Area Fire Dept. Chief Bobby Annen, who stated that the issue with taking water directly out of the lake is that sand and other debris (including fish) can get sucked up into their system and does damage to their equipment.

7. Clerk-Treasurer Reports:

- (a) **Town Board meeting minutes of December 26, 2017:** *Plumer/Brooks motion to approve as prepared; MC 4-0.*
- (b) **Revenues vs Expenditures:** Marx – just as a note there has been discussion between Goeske and I about changing to Accrual Basis Accounting, whereas we're currently using Cash Basis Accounting. Bechen – check the amount in Deputy C/T Health Insurance; Goeske – I will do that, as there should be nothing in that line. Bechen – as I did with the cost of snow & ice control by Columbia County Highway Dept., I have an issue with \$475 billed by ASBS for just the Town Hall parking lot in December. Marx – what I do with the parking lot of our business is I tell ASBS when they should and should not plow or salt our parking lot, we could do the same for them doing our parking lot. Brooks – I think we should talk to our insurance company first before we do that. Bechen – check \$950 for 5198002; Goeske – I will check that. Bechen – 5331102 Street Mowing, what exactly could the CCHD be mowing on Summerville Park Road in December. Goeske – then it should have been billed as brushing, not mowing. Note: brushing is supposed to be pre-approved by the Town Chairman. Marx – the only thing I know of in that area is the large hole in the walking path just outside of the park. Brooks – I think we need to check on what exactly was done, why, and who authorized it. Goeske – I will get that information and let you know. Bechen – where are the 3 accounts for Webster, Wildenberg, Arbor Valley Parks with \$5,000 each, not shown on this report. Goeske – I will check into that also. Bechen – could we also receive monthly reports of designated as well as undesignated accounts each month also. Goeske – I will work on that.
- (c) **Payment of bills:** *Bechen/Brooks motion that we withhold mowing, miscellaneous and outlay until further investigation from check #22040 to Columbia County Highway Dept. (-\$1,535.65) and pay the street drainage + snow & ice (\$11,489.63); MC 4-0. Goeske to check on billing since 2017 for Park Street.*

Bechen/Brooks motion to approve checks Debit Transactions #2018-01 through #2018-06 + Checks #22001 through #22039 + Checks #22041 through #22049; totaling \$4,074,582.11; MC 4-0.
- (d) **Building permits:** see Attachment A at end of these minutes
- (e) **Animal Control Officer Log:** nothing to report
- (f) **Communications:** none

8. Commission/Committee/Districts/Departments: Marx - No Plan Commission meeting in January. Bechen - Park Commission will meet 3rd Wednesday in March. Brooks – the Emergency Services Building Committee met and appointed a Chairperson (Peter Tonn). Bechen – there was discussion and motion previously about upgrading the lighting in the Town Hall to LED lighting. Bechen will look into this and present information in the future.

9. Upcoming meeting date(s): Goeske – there will be a Plan Commission meeting sometime in February. Tom will not be at the February 27th Town Board meeting; Bechen will chair the meeting.

10. Future agenda item(s): Fire Run rebilling; Columbia County Highway Dept. billing; high capacity well/pump;

11. Adjourn: *Brooks/Plumer motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.; MC 4-0.*

April D. Goeske
Clerk-Treasurer

ATTACHMENT A

Building Permits January 4 – 16, 2018

01/04/18	18-01	Dennis & Mary Harris	W11533 Island View	finish basement
01/04/18	18-02	Jack Johnson	N2715 Cross	electric upgrade
01/15/18	18-03	Greg Schmitz	W11550 Demyneck	shed
01/15/18	18-04	Joe Fobes/Vickie Nichols	W11514 Demyneck	single family home
01/15/18	18-05	Joe Fobes/Vickie Nichols	W11514 Demyneck	raze home
01/16/18	18-06	Dennis Neff	N2847 Demyneck	kitchen/bath remodel