

TOWN OF LODI
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES*
JUNE 25, 2019

1. Call to order, roll call & Pledge of Allegiance: Meeting called to order by Chairman Henry at 6:00 PM. Board members present: Brian Henry, James Brooks, Chad Wolter, Aaron Arnold. Absent: Jon Plumer (excused due to State Assembly budget meeting). In addition: Attorney Bill Morgan (Murphy Desmond SC), Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jay Gawlikoski. Also present: James Kratzke, Allison Seaton, Jim Seaton, Joan Zavoral, Kathy Neander, Alaine Barr, Jim Wartinbee, Tess Carr, Tom Marx, Bob Collins, Roberta Arnold, April Goeske, Rick Goeske, Attorney Robert Shumaker, Joe Fobes, Rick Waugh.

2. Public Input: Jim Kratzke – I’ve heard that April Goeske didn’t fit into the Town’s vision. What are your plans?

Allison Seaton – Has anyone on the Board taken the Towns Association orientation? All Board members replied, “No.” Brooks – I’ve never heard of it.

Joan Zavoral – At this year’s Annual Town Meeting there was a large group of residents that expressed appreciation of April and her services to the Town. A lot of us are very upset.

Joe Fobes – Can you please talk to us about your vision for the Town? Attorney Bill Morgan – This is the Public Input agenda item for citizens to give input to the Board. It is not properly noticed for the Board to be able to give out information in response.

Kathy Neander – We all live here and want to know what is going on.

Allison Seaton – I would like to request that a discussion of the Town Board’s vision and the termination of April Goeske be added to the next agenda. Attorney Bill Morgan – We’re not stonewalling, but not all of that information might be appropriate for a Board meeting.

Alaine Barr – This is the first Town Board meeting that I’ve attended. I’m not sure why the Board won’t explain its vision.

Jim Wartinbee – I have a question regarding the condemnation notice for the property on Summerville Park Road. Brian Henry – Surveyors have staked out the old home before razing it. The owners are working in good faith. Wartinbee – I have a second question about how the Town addresses falling or dead trees. Henry – We go on complaints that we receive. Wartinbee – On the left side of Summerville Park Road and Bay Drive there is a large dead tree on that lot. The lot is owned by the Cleary family. Is that the Town’s liability? Does the Town notify the owner? Henry – I’ll go out and take a look at it tomorrow after work.

Tess Carr – I’m noticing that the Board has answered other questions here, so clearly it’s possible to discuss things. Why can’t we discuss April’s situation? Attorney Bill Morgan – That is item #9 on tonight’s agenda, the closed session. Carr – I understand about not discussing the potential litigation situation, but the Town’s people deserve an answer on the Board’s vision. Morgan – Since “vision” is not noticed on the agenda, the Board can’t discuss it. Carr – Do we usually have a question & answer session as part of Citizen Input? James Brooks – We do not usually do Q&A. Carr – In my interactions with April, she has been responsive, professional and knowledgeable in every situation. She was a great asset to the Town and I’m sorry to see her go.

Joan Zavoral – Why is item #9 even on the agenda? I thought April’s situation was settled, so why is it on here? Brian Henry – I can’t respond.

Tom Marx – It is difficult for the Board, as the employer, to discuss anything regarding personnel matters in an open meeting.

3. Appointments:

(a) Park Commission

(i) Citizen member (currently vacant): Letter of Interest was received from Mike Linak.

Mike Linak – I have been a resident of the Paradise Island Condominiums for about 10 years. I am a retired State employee and have an interest in garden and landscaping. I serve as the lead landscape person for our condo association and would like to offer my services to the Town.

Brooks/Wolter motion to appoint Mike Linak; MC 4-0.

(b) Board Liaison to Harmony Grove Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

(i) Town Board member (was Jim Bechen):

The HGLPRD has a few meetings in the summer, usually June, July & August.

Wolter/Brooks motion to nominate Aaron Arnold; MC 4-0.

4. Fern Glen Farms Final Plat involving Parcels 11022-453; 11022-455; 11022-465 (W11381 CTH J); 11022-465.A (W11373 CTH J); 11022-466; 11022-476 & 11022-480 owned by Francis W. Groves Rev. Trust, c/o Jackie Groves: Jim Grothman – Rick Schmidt and I are here for final plat approval. There have been no changes to the plat. Rick made changes to the covenants and forwarded them to Attorney Bechler, but we were not aware that Attorney Bechler is out on vacation. The City has already approved this plat as part of their extraterritorial zoning. The Plan Commission requested cleaning up the language in the covenants. We were expecting to be on the agenda for the Town Board’s May meeting. Bill Morgan (Murphy Desmond) – There are no issues that I’m aware of. Brooks – Attorney Bechler said that the Board can approve with a deferred effective date. Wolter – The Plan Commission noted that a “hammerhead” driveway turn around was required. Brooks – The Fire Commission has no interest in hammerheads. They want a “roundabout” turn around. Schmidt – The Town’s language said a cul de sac, looping drive, hammerhead or other means must be provided for emergency vehicle turn arounds. Brooks – A round about is better than a hammerhead because that way no EMS or Fire crew member is required to be outside spotting while backing up; that crew member can instead be inside with the patient. Wolter – I totally agree something needs to be there. Hammerheads are not as good, and they also tend to be full of plowed snow in the winter. Grothman – The family really wants to move this ahead and is hoping to get everything done in July. The County says they haven’t heard anything back from the Town regarding the zoning. *Brooks/Wolter motion to conditionally approve the Fern Glen Farms Final Plat provided that they remove hammerhead turn arounds and use a looping drive or cul de sac instead and with the condition that all contingencies get met and all necessary changes are forwarded to Attorney Bechler or his designee for approval within the next week.; MC 4-0.*

Grothman – A recommendation on the rezone is also needed where we are rezoning residential to ag as discussed at the Plan Commission meeting. Do you all have copies of the final plat? If not, I’ve brought several copies along. (Grothman distributed copies to each Board member.) We are looking for approval of this rezone by Columbia County next Tuesday (July 2, 2019). Outlot 1 was agreed to be rezoned from residential to ag. Morgan – Did you submit the required rezoning application? I see that the clerk requested the

application in mid-May. Wolter – I agree that we talked about rezoning at the Plan Commission. The County provided a summary on March 19th regarding the rezone. Brooks – I believe a check was written. Grothman – I will double check to see if or what was submitted. Morgan – It would be OK to approve conditionally. *Wolter/Brooks motion to approve rezoning Outlot 1 and Outlot 2 from residential to ag contingent upon making sure that all necessary paperwork has been submitted and all fees paid.* Roberta Arnold - This is not on the agenda. You could maybe have a third Board member attend the Plan Commission, notice it properly and then take action there. Henry – We can't take any action on the rezone tonight. Wolter – I withdraw the motion. Henry (to Grothman) – We'll work with you on this. Grothman – Our meeting with the County is on Tuesday next week (July 2) and anything that can be done before then would be appreciated.

5. Harmony Grove Association Special Event:

(a) Special Event License – Harmony Grove Festival, Byrns Park, August 8-11, 2019
Henry/Arnold motion to approve Special Event License as requested. MC 4-0.

(b) Byrns Shelter – Waiving of Rental Fee
Henry/Brooks motion to waive Byrns Shelter rental fee as requested. MC 4-0.

6. “No Dumping Sign” on Summerville Park Road: One or more residents have been dumping ashes, leaves and/or grass clippings. Columbia County Highway Department has estimated a cost of \$182.56 to install a No Dumping sign. Bob Collins – I think that there's already a sign there, but people keep dumping. Aaron Arnold – There is a sign near the No Parking posts. Chad Wolter – This issue has been going on for a while? Tess Carr – What is the amount of the fine? I would suggest adding the dollar amount of any potential fine to the sign. That would seem to make it more effective. Joe Fobes – I had contacted April about people dumping along the edge of the pond. There's no sign there now, but one used to be there. James Brooks – I would ask the public to keep a watchful eye, write down any details of violations and forward them to the Board. Wolter – It's littering. Where do we draw the line? Brian Henry – Any vehicle descriptions or license plate numbers would be helpful. Rick Waugh – April already sent out letters and the debris piles are all cleaned up now. *Henry/Brooks motion to table until next meeting so that the dollar amount of the fine can be added to the sign.; MC 4-0.*

7. 2019-2020 Beverage Operator License renewals: Brian Henry – I reviewed the background checks for the applicants listed and all are okay. *Brooks/Arnold motion to approve renewal of all licenses as listed below.; MC 4-0.*

LAST NAME	FIRST	EMPLOYER
BOOTH	Brittany	Fitz's
HILL	Gene	Fitz's
BENISH	Joseph	KD's
BENNETT	Brady	KD's
CABLE	Emily	KD's
DOWNER	Kristine	KD's
DURFEE	Jordynn	KD's
HELLENBRAND	Rebekah	KD's
JESSE	Stacy	KD's

KAUFMAN	Tina	KD's
KUDEK	Denise	KD's
LIND	Justacy	KD's
MEFFORD	Lauren	KD's
PURCELL- THILL	Megan	KD's
RAMIREZ	Kaylee	KD's
RYAN	Grace	KD's
RYAN	Melissa	KD's
SMITH	Bryan	KD's
SOMERS	Nicholas	KD's
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BRABENDER	Clayton	Lucky's
CARNS	Sarah	Lucky's
CHANDLER	River	Lucky's
EVANS	Kayla	Lucky's
KLUENDER	Kristen	Lucky's
KLUENDER	Mitchell	Lucky's
NIMMOW	Tekla	Lucky's
PRANGE	Kacy	Lucky's
RAEMISCH	Logan	Lucky's
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BEYER	Meagan	Smokey Hollow
CROWNOVER	Geneva	Smokey Hollow
CURTIS	Bailey	Smokey Hollow
FULKERSON	Donald	Smokey Hollow
PAYNE	Amy	Smokey Hollow
THOMPSON	Amelia	Smokey Hollow

8. Tree Removal at Red Cedar Drive Boat Launch: There is a very large, dying cottonwood tree with dead limbs that needs to be removed. Brian Henry – Meister’s K&M gave us an estimate of \$3000.00 to cut down the tree, leave the stump flush-cut and remove the debris. James Brooks – We’ve had both Lodi Tree Service and the County Highway Department look at it, but neither could do it. Henry – The price is the same to remove just the dead limbs as it is to remove the entire tree. Aaron Arnold – That quote seems expensive. Maybe we should get some other bids. Henry – Removal will require a permit since the tree is within 35 feet of the shoreline. The tree is a safety issue, but since we were this close to our Board meeting, I put it on the agenda. *Brooks/Arnold motion to contact Lodi Tree Service and find out their charge to cut the tree down. If cheaper, go with Lodi Tree Service, or if they are unwilling, then go ahead with the Meister’s K&M bid. MC 3-1.*

9. Motion to go into Closed Session per WSS 19.85 (1)(c): Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. *Brooks/Wolter motion to go into closed session; MC 4-0.*

(a) To consider employment of Clerk-Treasurer

(b) To consider compensation of Public Works Employee

10. Motion to return to Open Session: *Henry/Wolter motion to return to open session; MC 4-0.*

11. Any action on Closed Session matters:

(a) To consider employment of Clerk-Treasurer. *Brooks/Arnold motion to reinstate April Goeske as Clerk-Treasurer with back pay effective immediately.; MC 4-0.*

(b) To consider compensation of Public Works Employee. *Brooks/Henry motion to hire candidate and offer a salary of \$18/hour with single pay health insurance or \$20/hour without health insurance, all holidays off except for emergencies, 2 weeks of vacation after 6 months of employment, and 6 sick days per year.; MC 4-0.*

12. Appoint Public Works Director: Still need to make an offer of employment after tonight's closed session, so no further discussion or action taken.

13. Temporary Town Hall Hours & Staffing: *Henry/Brooks motion not to change any hours.; MC 4-0.*

14. Chairman Report (Henry): A resident on Airport Road has asked about getting some "Caution/Slow Children Playing" signs installed. We've been dealing with quite a few tree/safety issues around the Town.

15. Clerk-Treasurer Reports (Gawlikoski)

(a) Town Board Minutes of April 30, 2019 and May 28, 2019: *Wolter/Brooks motion to approve the 04/30/19 minutes. James Brooks – The minutes from April 30 are not correct. The clerk's comments are not included and now she isn't here to correct them. Attorney Bill Morgan – Are the minutes accurate as presented, but missing some information? Brooks – Yes. Morgan – The Board could either table, withdraw the motion or approve as presented. I would recommend approving the minutes as presented and then supplementing with any additional information at a later date. Henry – Jay, please take a roll call vote. Wolter/Brooks motion to approve the 04/30/19 minutes. Arnold = Y, Brooks = Y, Henry = N, Wolter = Y; MC 3-1.*

Brooks/Wolter motion to approve the 05/28/19 minutes. Arnold = Y, Brooks = Y, Henry = N, Wolter = Y; MC 3-1.

(b) Revenues vs. Expenditures Report thru 06/21/19: Brooks – Snow removal was a blindside this year. Mother Nature hit us hard so we'll have to watch the Roads budget. Wolter – Why are the Town Hall (73% of budget so far) and Okee School (89% of budget so far) utility lines so high? Gawlikoski – I'll have to check on that and get back to you. Brooks – Not sure on that, but our Okee Schoolhouse Repair & Maintenance line is over because of repairs made after winterizing the building. Wolter – Also, why are we over budget so much on ERN signs? Brooks – There was a bad batch of signs that faded. I had one of them. We also are over on Publishing Fees due to ordinances that had to be published. Also our Street Snow & Ice line is at 116% and our Transfer Site Snow & Ice is also quite a bit over. Henry – I maintained a zero-tolerance policy for ice at the Transfer Site.

- (c) Payment of Bills thru 06/21/19: Brian Henry – We had to put down \$11,508 for County Highway to do repairs on Richard Road. James Brooks – The check to Mid-State Equipment (#23705) is for a Stihl trimmer. We were charged full price on this before they realized that Stihl has a government rate. So our discount due here will be reflected on a later invoice for a chainsaw purchase. *Brooks/Wolter motion to approve payment of the following 47 disbursements totaling \$53,449.89; MC 4-0.*

**Town of Lodi
Disbursements Summary
for Town Board Authorization**

May 25 - Jun 21, 2019

Count	Type	Begin #	End #	Amount
3	Electronic Payments	EP0028	EP0030	\$2,997.81
4	Debit Card Transactions	DC0078	DC0081	\$120.37
10	Direct Deposit Paychecks	DD1094	DD1103	\$6,059.86
30	Checks - Settlers Bank	23679	23708	\$44,271.85
47	Disbursements Totaling:			\$53,449.89

- (d) Building Permits thru 06/21/19:

DATE TOL	# 19-	OWNER(S) AND/OR (CONTRACTOR)	SITE ADDRESS	PROJECT COST	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
01/02/19	01	DONALD DENURE	W10958 W. Harmony	2,000	shed
01/03/19	02	STEVEN BEUTLER	W10546 CTH V	4,000	electric service
01/07/19	03	CRAIG & ANDREA GIESE	W10351 Dalton	12,600	shed
01/08/19	04	CHAD & DONNA MILNE	W11428 Bay	500,000	SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE
01/16/19	05	ROBERT & GINA BUETTNER	Parcel 418.03 (CTH V)	0	driveway
01/16/19	06	JAMES & SHARI RIPHON	N2705 Smith	35,824	garage/electrical
02/08/19	07	RICHARD & MARIE BACH	N2674 Summerville Park	10,000	remodel
03/12/19	08	STEVEN BOLLWEG	W11547 Island View	57,000	finish basement
03/18/19	09	SCULLION BUILDERS	Pleasant Valley		driveway
03/21/19	10	SHAUN AGAN	W11474 Bay	55,000	finish bonus room
03/25/19	11	JARED & AMY TATRO	N1562 Pleasant Valley	425,000	SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE
03/28/19	12	WILLIAM & SUSAN PFEIL	N2561 CTH V	48,500	garage/electrical
04/01/19	13	JOHN & DEBORAH STEPHANI	N2150 Okee Bay	30,005	replace deck
04/08/19	14	THOMAS & KATHRYN MARX	W10975 Lakeview	4,000	replace deck
04/10/19	15	JOEY & RENEE TOMPKINS	W. Harmony	3,000	access/driveway

04/12/19	16	MATT & KRIS MC MORRIS	W10675 Airport	30,000	bathroom remodels
04/15/19	17	BENJAMIN & KIMBERLY MEYER	N1774 STH 113	20,000	shop
04/15/19	18	WANDA HINRICHS	W11645 Demynck	70,000	replace boathouse
04/15/19	19	DANIEL & MICHELE DOLSON	W10996 CTH J	150,000	interior remodel
04/19/19	20	TOM MOELLER	N2685 Tonja	4,000	privacy fence
04/22/19	21	JON VICK & HEATHER ASBJORNSON	W11025 Eagle	12,000	deck
04/25/19	22	RONALD ATKINSON	N2588 Summerville Park	40,000	shed
04/25/19	23	STEVE NEANDER	W11060 Bayview	150,000	addition/remodel
05/06/19	24	TONY ZEMAN	PARCEL 11022-323.01	4,000	electric service (for irrigation system)
05/08/19	25	KORY & ASHLEY LOCHNER	Reynolds Road	3,000	access/driveway
05/08/19	26	JOHN & KARLA LARRABEE	N1576 CTH J	45,000	detached garage
05/13/19	27	AUSMAN FAMILY TRUST	W9974 Richards	1,200	electric service upgrade
05/13/19	28	TIMOTHY GRICUS	N505 Kelley Town of Dane	0	electric service upgrade
05/14/19	29	ROBERT & GINA BUETTNER	W11042 CTH V	360,000	SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE
05/20/19	30	TRAVIS & BETTY QUAMME	W10992 Lake Point	4,000	deck
05/20/19	31	TIM & TERRI ESCHER	N2378 SummervillePark	500	electric upgrade
05/20/19	32	MICHAEL MALONE	W10696 Airport	2,230	shed
05/20/19	33	RORY PATCHIN	W11380 Red Cedar	20,000	boathouse
05/22/19	34	NATHAN & TONYA OSWALD	W11338 CTH V	20,000	remodel
05/28/19	35	TYLER HAARKLAU	W10906 Lakeview	15,000	finish basement
05/30/19	36	THOMAS YAEGER	N2190 Shamrock	20,000	addition/garage
05/30/19	37	KORY & ASHLEY LOCHNER	W11645 Reynolds	385,000	SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE
06/11/19	38	ED & SHELLY LADWIG	W11396 High Point	17,000	basement finish

2,559,859

2019 NEW HOME SUMMARY:

		OWNER(S) AND/OR CONTRACTOR	SITE ADDRESS	PROJECT COST	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
	04	CHAD MILNE	W11428 Bay	500,000	SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE
	11	JARED & AMY TATRO	N1562 Pleasant Valley	425,000	SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE
	29	ROBERT & GINA BUETTNER	W11042 CTH V	360,000	SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE
	37	KORY & ASHLEY LOCHNER	W11645 Reynolds	385,000	SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE

1,670,000

16. Commissions/Committees/Districts/Departments:

- (a) Plan Commission (Henry/Wolter): No Plan Commission meeting held in June.
- (b) Park Commission (Brooks): We need to replace a park bench in Michael Park. The installation of new playground equipment at Byrns Park & Michael Park was started today with an additional piece scheduled for installation at Kalscheur Park. Nancy Mitchell said she is looking for a can of red paint/vinyl coating that is possibly in the Town Hall basement. The Park Commission approved the purchase of a pole chainsaw, 2 other chainsaws depending on price, and related safety tools, chaps, gloves, etc. There is a government rate for Stihl equipment so the chainsaws were obtained at a substantial discount. Lanzendorf will be addressing the sinkhole in Michael Park. They will temporarily fill in the hole with rocks until we get better, drier weather

to complete the job. Park mowing has been getting done by Brian Henry, James Brooks, and Steve DeMars along with help from volunteer residents until the Public Works employee takes over the mowing. The Byrns Shelter was de-winterized and the water fountain was repaired. Nancy Mitchell – Is there an outdoor faucet available at the Okee Schoolhouse? The playground equipment installer needs it to mix up some bags of Quikrete. Rick Waugh – Yes, there is.

- (c) Emergency Services Building Feasibility Study (Brooks): The feasibility study is being finalized and a session will be scheduled with Public Administration Associates.

18. Upcoming meeting date(s): June 27 – Okee Bridge & County Road V Pre-Construction Meeting @ 5:00 PM; July 9 – Plan Commission @ 6:00 PM; July 10 – Park Commission @ 6:30 PM; July 29 – Open Book @ 6:00 PM; July 30 – Town Board @ 6:00 PM; August 14 – Board of Review @ 9:00 AM.

19. Future agenda item(s): Town vision (requested by Allison Seaton), boundary agreement.

20. Adjourn: *Brooks/Arnold motion to adjourn at 9:25 PM; MC 4-0.*

Jay Gawlikoski
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

**approved by Town Board 08/27/19*