

TOWN OF LODI
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020

1. Call to order- Roll Call: Meeting called to order at 8:50 pm by Chairman Henry. Board members present: all. Also present: Allison Seaton, Larry Bechler, Ali Padley, Mike & Helen Keller, Ben Peotter, Chad Wolter, Kris Heiser, DC Zypad, John Manchester, Laura Kruck, Terry Joz, Roger Henn, Russ Schafer, Tony Zeman, Roberta Arnold, Carol Davidson.

2. Citizen Input: none

3. Appointment to EMS Commission: Only 1 person has submitted a letter of interest, from Tom Marx. *Henry/Brooks motion to appoint Tom Marx to fill the Town of Lodi Citizen Member vacancy left by the resignation of James Tooley; MC 5-0.*

4. Intergovernmental Agreements LAFD and LAEMS: Brooks - this is something we've been working on since Fall 2019. We had a general agreement last Fall that the 3 municipalities would continue to meet annually to discuss the budget and other items. The formula for calculating the percentage of budgets for EMS and LAFD were adjusted and voted on. Atty. Bechler and I completely re-did the 2 agreements. This has taken much time, and those agreements are ready now to present in a meeting with the other 2 municipalities. I have been trying to get the 3 municipalities to meet for several months, with nothing set up to-date. In addition the LAEMS has surplus money from 2019, of which about \$40,000 would be the Town of Lodi's, and that is being held hostage because of no joint meeting. LAEMS Director Russ Schafer wants to present some ideas to the 3 municipalities that would not return that surplus to the municipalities, but use it for additional LAEMS expenses. I have informed Russ Schafer not to spend any of the surplus money until the 3 municipalities take action on it, as is governed in the agreement. You have before you tonight the revised agreements, both the redlined version and the clean version.

Brooks - I do have a recommendation for 1 change to the LAEMS and possibly the LAFD agreement only. Henry - (to Brooks) - what are you looking for at tonight's meeting. Do we need time to review and take action on at the last meeting?

Bechler - when I began this revising project in Fall 2019 the purpose was to take the good things in each agreement and blend them together so they'd parallel each other. These were presented as done/complete January 21, 2020. I heard nothing since then and was surprised to recently hear from Brooks that no joint meetings had been held.

Arnold - the last LAEMS meeting was held in February 2020, and that is when they brought up that they had surplus funds left from 2019 and wanted to spend it. Is this still part of that? Brooks - yes.

Hamilton - was Larry working on our behalf, or was he working for the 3 municipalities? Henry - he works for the Town of Lodi, on our behalf. Bechler - the redlining doesn't affect what was agreed on previously. Brooks - this is basically just a cleaning up of both documents. Makes the agreements more compatible and in-line with each other.

Karla - so you want us to study this for the next meeting, and there's a change you want to make to the LAEMS agreement, and we take action at the next meeting? Brooks - yes. We need to look at them as they are now, and

we should vote on them. In addition, the LAFD Bi-Laws are going to need to be rewritten. The 2 agreements before you are 99.99% ready.

Hamilton - so we took it upon ourselves to rewrite both of these agreements without any input from the other 2 municipalities and now we're going to present it to them and ask them to agree to it? Brooks - that is the problem that occurred when the municipalities voted to no longer meet as one group, rather 3 separate meetings.

Russ Schafer - I'd like to clear up a few items stated incorrectly by Brooks. The City of Lodi actually pays a larger % share of the LAEMS than the other 2 municipalities due to call volume. Brooks stated that \$40,000 is being held hostage by the LAEMS Commission. That is absolutely not true. We have presented possible things we could spend that money on that would offset costs to the municipalities, such as updates on equipment. I am willing to come to 1 joint meeting of all 3 municipalities or come to each municipality individually, whichever is preferred.

Roberta Arnold - I understand that our Lodi Deputy CT is handling the books for the LAEMS. Could Chairman Henry discuss the LAEMS financials with him?

Arnold/Brooks motion that board members review the agreements presented tonight and be ready to take action at the August meeting; MC 5-0.

5. Tony Zeman High Capacity Well: Zeman - the Town was talking with me regarding partnering on the high-capacity well that I have installed on my property. Bechler - what is it used for now? Zeman - irrigation. Bechler - is it potable water? Zeman - no. Bechler - if its to be used for fire suppression can we use non-potable water, we'd need to check with WI DNR. Goeske - the town had 2 gentlemen make a presentation to the board regarding using local farmers high capacity wells for firefighting. Brooks - the legal issues are something we need to look into, and what WI DNR requirements are. Arnold - (to Zeman) - do you have a filter on your system? Zeman - yes. Chad Wolter - I am on the LAFD, and I'm also a State Licensed Water Operator for the City of Lodi. Water used for fire suppression does not need to be potable, as long as it is only used for fire suppression. Faust - are you looking into entering into a lease or partial purchase with the town? Zeman - I'm open to ideas. My thought was for a 1-time fee. Henry - (to Zeman) - would the fertilizer you use in your water get into the water that the fire department would pump? Zeman - no, I'd show the LAFD the switch to turn the fertilizer off. Faust - with the fire last week on CTH V in Okee would having water at Zeman's benefitted the town? Chad Wolter - I was at both the fire on Demynck last year and the recent fire on CTH V and water from Zeman's well wouldn't have changed the outcome.

6. Sale of town-owned 0.06-acre parcel at intersection of Thistledown and Ryan Roads described as follows: located in part of the Northeast ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 21, T10N, R8E, Town of Lodi, Columbia County, Wisconsin, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the North ¼ Corner of said Section 21; thence S 0°37'02" E along the East line of the Northwest ¼, 918.39 feet; thence N 62°23'09" W, 78.42 feet to the point of beginning. Thence continue N 62°23'09" W, 149.30 feet; thence S 75°31'17" E, 148.11 feet; thence S 19°03'02" W, 34.04 feet to the point of beginning. This contains 2,513 sq. ft. or 0.06 acres thereof:

Note: motion approved by the people at tonight's Annual Town Meeting: *Karla Faust/James Brooks motion to approving selling this parcel to Neil McIntyre/Clay Investments in the amount of \$1,129.62. Motion Carried unanimously by roll call vote*

Hamilton/Arnold to instruct the town attorney to draft the proper documents to transfer this property to Neil McIntyre/Clay Investments; MC 5-0.

7. Driveway variance application for home @ W11007 Rodney Drive (Parcel 11022-892) owned by Daniel & Connie Birrenkott Revocable Trust: Dan Birrenkott - this is my wife's family's home and we're retiring here. The home is only about 1,200 sq.ft. We're looking to expand the house without going into the 2nd lot any further than we have too. To do the expansion is to combine the 2 lots into 1 legal parcel. Goeske (to Birrenkott) - did you talk to CCP&Z first about whether your proposed addition would be allowed?

Hamilton - I see Birrenkott's neighbor has 2 accesses (in a u-shaped driveway). I see no reason not to allow Birrenkott to have 2 driveways on what will become 1 parcel (currently Parcels 891 and 892). Bechler - INSERT ORDINANCE. You need to consider that in your action.

Hamilton/Faust motion to allow the variance to allow Birrenkott to have a 2nd driveway/access on what will become 1 parcel with the combining of Parcels 891 and 892 to allow an addition to current home; Henry - yes, Brooks - no; Arnold - absent; Hamilton - yes; Faust - yes; MC 3-1 (Arnold missing).

Roberta Arnold - this is permissible and has been done in other areas, there were 2 adjacent properties in Okee where the 2 owners joined their driveways in an horseshoe shape.

8. Motion to go into Closed Session per Wis. Stat. 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: (a) To consider employment of Clerk/Treasurer:

Hamilton/Faust motion to go into closed session; MC 4-0

9. Motion to return to Open Session: *Brooks/Faust motion to return to open session @ 12:27 pm.*

10. Any action on Closed Session matters: *Henry/Faust motion to approve a new 1-year Employment Agreement effective, to be provided by Atty. Bechler in time for Brian and April to sign by close of business day on Friday 07/31/20. 08/01/20 - 07/31/21*

Roll call vote: Henry - yes; Brooks - yes; Arnold - absent; Hamilton - yes; Faust - yes; MC 4-0

Faust/Hamilton motion to table the rest of the agenda items (#11 through #19 listed on page 4 of 4 of these minutes) until a Special Town Board meeting, date to be determine; MC 4-0.

20. Adjourn: *Henry/Faust motion to adjourn at 12:30 pm; MC 4-0.*

*April D. Goeske
Clerk-Treasurer*

- 11. Electronic Devices for Town Board:**
- 12. Light Bulb Collection Services:**
- 13. Rentals of town-owned facilities (Town Hall, Okee School, Byrns Park Shelter):**
- 14. 2020-2021 Operator Licenses: Stacy Kratt (Lucky's); Harmit "Harry" Miranpuri (HGBP):**
- 15. Roads & Public Accesses, including, but not limited to:**
 - (a) Clar Mar Update:**
 - (b) Summerville Park Road:**
- 16. Minutes, Financials & Reports:**
 - (a) Meeting Minutes of June 30, 2020:**
 - (b) Revenues vs. Expenditures Report thru 07/24/2020:**
 - (c) Payment of Bills thru 07/24/20:**
 - (d) Building Reports thru 07/24/20**
- 17. Chairman/Commission/Committee/Department Reports:**
 - (a) Chairman Report**
 - (b) Plan Commission**
 - (c) Park Commission**
 - (d) Fire Commission**
 - (e) EMS Commission**
 - (f) Public Works & Transfer Site**
- 18. Upcoming meeting date(s):**
- 19. Future agenda item(s):** LAFD & LAEMS Agreements; high-capacity well;
- 20. Adjourn:**

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