



TOWN OF LODI

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TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 6:00 PM
Lodi Town Hall, W10919 County Road V, Lodi, WI 53555

Pursuant to WSS 19.84 the Town of Lodi Town Board will hold a Town Board Meeting as noticed above.

It is possible members of and possibly a quorum of members of other governing bodies of the Town may be in attendance at the above-stated meeting to gather information; no action will be taken by any governmental body at the above-stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to in this notice.

Minutes

Board Members present:

James Brooks, Marc Hamilton, Karla Faust, Chad Wolter, Tom Marx

Kristi McMorris, Clerk

Jina Decot, Treasurer

Brian Ecklor, Public Works Director

Citizens: Gene Fleming, Ingrid Fleming, Thomas Cooke, Kim Cooke, Alison Seaton, Jim Seaton

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER 6:01pm James Brooks

- a. Roll Call: Kristi
- b. Declaration of Quorum being present: Kristi
- c. Pledge of Allegiance

2. CITIZEN INPUT**

Discussion, review, and possible action may be taken on the following items:

3. LAFD

- a. Brian Ecklor response to fire calls during work hours.
- b. James Brooks presents City of Lodi policy

Motion Marx/Brooks: Adopt the policy with the language from the City of Lodi with the exception of the name Town of Lodi effective immediately.

Discussion: Hamilton, we won't owe compensation pay.

Amended Motion: INSERT LANGUAGE FROM POLICY

Vote: 5-0

4. BILL PAY

- a. Time of bill payment

Jina spoke to logistics and timing of when bills come in.

Marx, I don't see an issue with how it is being done now. There has not been a problem with this.

Brooks, Marx is 99.97% correct. We did have an instance in the past.
Hamilton, I caught the bill that was for \$1500 that shouldn't have been paid.
Brooks, I do go through the billing and have caught bills that we shouldn't have been billed for.
Jina does a spreadsheet for Columbia County and mowing.
Hamilton, I don't care. I don't like that we approve the bills that were already paid.
Jina, we do have bills that are due upon receipt, but I can ask for net 30.
Jim Seaton, is one of the problems that the board meeting was moved up 2 weeks?
Brooks, the reason for the switch was due to the hardships to those getting variances through the County.

Motion Brooks/Hamilton: That we go on a two-month trial basis of holding off on paying bills until after our town board meeting is held for approval.

Discussion: Brooks the 2 months will give us time to assess late fees.

Marx, if it ain't broke don't fix it. The situation that was spoken of should have been caught by the individual that wrote the check.

Hamilton, I disagree because if I wouldn't have caught it, it would have gone through. Why can't we try it for two months? If it is too much of a hassle for Jina we will go back.

Jina, it is a bad time due to tax season.

Faust, I would leave it as is.

Marx, we split the position and it gives us more checks and balances.

Brooks, is there a better time to do this?

Jina, yes at the beginning of the year.

Cooke, you have standard bills and non-standard bills. Can you just do the non-standard bills?

Amended Motion Brooks/Hamilton: That we go on a two-month trial basis of holding off on paying non-standard bills until after our town board meeting is held for approval. Jina will make payments of standard bills, but non-standard bills will be brought to the board for approval.

Discussion:

Vote: 3-2 Marx, Faust

Motion: To change the above motion to take effect Jan 1, 2022. Died for lack of a second.

5. NOISE ORDINANCE

Gene Fleming: Looking to change hours on the weekend for construction and operation of heavy equipment.

Alison Seaton: Shouldn't a supervisor that is on the committee that writes the ordinance follow up to see if the ordinance is being followed. I am speaking to the people at the county that write the ordinances.

Gene Fleming: I would suggest the board open a dialogue with the County Supervisors.

Hamilton, Faust: We will take a look at our ordinances and surrounding ordinances.

Marx, we can create ordinances, but Columbia County won't enforce them for us.

Jim Seaton, was having a constable voted down a couple years ago? If the people don't want a constable, it put us in a tough spot.

Marx, the board will listen to people. We love to hear from people and have a room filled with people.

Motion Wolter/Marx: to move agenda item #9 to allow Harmony Mobile Manor owners to leave.

Vote: 5-0

6. NEWSLETTER

- a. **Motion Marx/Wolter: To include the newsletter with the property bills.**
- b. **Discussion: Jim Seaton, is this a once-a-year newsletter? Faust, for now but we would like to increase our communication. Brooks, do we want to pay for this if it can live on website. Faust, for the first time yes. It shows our transparency. Brooks, I think it's a great thing. Marx, I agree with it being available electronically, but I think it should be in the taxes yearly to the population that is not online. Brooks, we could send this to the Lodi Enterprise.**
 - i. **Alison Seaton, I would like to see this go out with an invitation to the people to see how the government is run. I would like to see it monthly on your website. I think it would be fun to invite people to come to the website every month and ask their opinion on something. I will give Kristi a copy.**

Vote: 5-0

7. ROADS

- a. Clar Mar Update
- b. County Line Road
 - i. We were charged by mistake for a culvert that belongs to Dane. We will be refunded the amount by Columbia County or Dane. Brian will follow up.
- c. Richards Road Stop Sign- **Tabled until we know cost to fix it.**
 - i. Light is not blinking. Working to figure out the issue and cost to fix it. Currently costing us an estimated \$216.53 ytd. We can upgrade to a solar sign. Could be \$1600 or more. Would be approximately 6.5 years to pay for itself.
- d. Pea Gravel
 - i. Left over-get rid of it.

8. TRANSFER SITE

- a. Charging fees and process

Motion Hamilton/Marx: Effective immediately fee items will be cash only.

Discussion: Wolter, should we wait until we get a sign? Marx, I think we should give people notice. Brooks, I have to lean more towards giving a period of time to get signs made. We get this announced on FB and website first. Wolter, do it before Thanksgiving. Brooks, we need to start it when we have signage. Faust, how many times a week do people drop stuff off? Ecklor, everyday it's open. Faust to Ecklor, when do you think you should start this? Ecklor, we can do it immediately.

Vote: 4-1 Brooks

- b. Winter hours

Wednesdays 3pm-6pm | Nov 1- March 31
For this year we will start December 1
- c. Columbia County Waste Management Residential Pickup

\$14/\$15 a month for weekly pickup; recycles picked up every other week
4-5 year contract with Columbia County
Saves the town an average of \$3120 a month and \$37,444 a year

9. HARMONY MOBILE MANOR

- a. Approve 2022 Application

Motion Marx/Brooks to approve 2022 application.

Discussion

Vote: 5-0

- b. Assessor looking to change the way they value mobile homes to annually

Motion Hamilton/Wolter: To keep it the same as it was the past year status quo.

Discussion:

Vote: 5-0

10. DRY SPRINKLER SYSTEM

- a. Discussion on creating an ordinance for installing dry sprinkler systems in any multi-family or commercial building.

i. Clarification: Hamilton is speaking to dry hydrant that feeds into sprinkler system.

11. MINUTES, FINANCIALS, & REPORTS:

- a. Town Board Meeting Minutes

- 1. 7/13/21 **Motion to approve Marx/Hamilton**

Vote: 5-0

- 2. 7/22/21 **Motion to approve Marx/Hamilton**

Vote: 5-0

- 3. 10/12/2021 **Motion to approve Marx/Hamilton**

Vote: 5-0

- b. Revenues vs. Expenditures

- c. Payment of Bills

Motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$168,074.51 Marx/Faust.

Discussion:

Vote: 5-0

- d. Building Reports

12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. Clerk Report
- b. Chairman Report
- c. Transfer Site
- d. Public Works
- e. Plan Commission
- f. Park Commission
- g. LAFD Commission
- h. LAEMS Commission

13. UPCOMING MEETING DATES: Nov. 15th and Dec. 14th

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

- a. **January- Administrative fees**

b. Noise Ordinance

15. ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn at 9:45pm: Faust/Marx

Vote: 5-0

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Agenda prepared by:
Kristi McMorris | Clerk

Posted/Website: 11/5/2021 | 12:25PM