



# TOWN OF LODI

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## TOWN BOARD

Steve Neander, Chairman

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Michael Keller, Supervisor 2

Nicholas Eberle, Supervisor 3

Bill Pfeil, Supervisor 4

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Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

Jina Decot-Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

## ANNUAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 6:00 PM

Lodi Town Hall, W10919 County Road V,

Lodi, WI 53555

## MINUTES

1. **Call meeting to order:** Town Chairman Neander called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m
2. **Attendance:**
  - a. **Electors:** Steve Neander, Cliff Roberts, Rochelle Roberts, Ellen Keller, Mike Keller, Scott Roberts, Scott Manthe, Melissa Manthe, Timothy Meier, Nancy Mitchell, Bill Pfeil, Buck Kurt, Nicholas Eberle
  - b. **Non Elector:** Roberta Arnold
3. **Annual Town Meeting minutes of April 18, 2023:** *Ellen Keller/Nancy Mitchell motioned to approve minutes from April 18, 2023. Ayes: 7 Nays: 2 Sustained: 3. Motion carried.*
4. **Any other matters at the discretion of those present:**
  - a. *Cliff Roberts made the argument that Chad Wolter was incorrect when stating that property behind Tom Marx (Cross Street & Lakeview) owned by the Town of Lodi had no access, not buildable and the side hill.*
  - b. *Cliff Roberts made the motion that the Town of Lodi does not sell the land behind T Marx (Cross Street & Lakeview and leaves it as green space. Timothy Meier seconded the motion. Discussion continued: Timothy Meier feels he took ownership rights to the property after fifteen years of abandonment. Chair Neander stated it wasn't buildable property and people surrounding the green space would have first rights to purchase if Town of Lodi sold the space. Roberta Arnold said parcel doesn't transfer ownership just because you mow it, it isn't yours. Town of Lodi told them it was green space not a Park. Ayes: 8 Nays: 2 Sustained: 3. Motion carried. Binding motion*
  - c. *Roberta Arnold asked for a Fire Department Building Update. Chair Neander gave an update that he believes that it would go to referendum. The location to be looked at is near Waddle Inn, property hasn't been purchased, parcel does belong to Town of Lodi, there is one more parcel they are looking at that is still Town of Lodi property. If annexing the property, it would create an island and Don's Marine would move to the City. Chair Neander will not create an island and let Don's Marine go to the city. Also stated it does help the response time to Okee and Harmony Grove where locations are. EMS to go in with the fire department. Roberta Arnold: Would property owners be able to vote on a referendum or just electors. The IGA doesn't give Town of Lodi a fair opportunity for input, Chair Neander made it clear that the Town of Lodi will have a seat at the table when decisions are made for the building. Roberta Arnold: Would the old building be sold, and funds applied to new building, Chair Neander believes so. Ellen Keller: Are there any grants to help with purchase of land and the new fire department building? Chair Neander with timeline: three months to finish land, six months to get citizens on board,*

*Springtime for referendum. Chair Neander will check to see if property owners (non-electors) could vote on referendum including school referendum. Roberta Arnold: Could you get Fire Commission minutes on the website. No minutes since May 2023. No motions made. Discussion only.*

- d. Nancy Mitchell – Public works position – Chair Neander: The town board made the decision that it was not a good fit, cost of equipment and safety (you can't send one person out to cut a tree), that services (i.e. mowing, snow removal, tree removal) could be contracted. We are looking and taking applications for seasonal help – maintaining parks, cleaning ditches, street maintenance. No motion made. Discussion only.*
- e. Nancy Mitchell – Town Hall Parking Lot Expansion – Chair Neander: Meet with the county to go over putting in second driveway, variance to get driveway and have preliminary plans. No motion made. Discussion only.*
- f. Timothy Meier – Any ideas on fiberoptic in Harmony Grove. Buck Kurt that would be Charter Chairman Neander: good contact for that would be Tess Carr, the Town Board did allocate monies if the grant was given, however grant was not received. Mobile hotspot? No motion made. Discussion only.*
- g. Bill Pfeil: Update on Wegner Pond – Chairman Neander: All applications/paperwork is in, waiting on final approval from DNR. They will give us a timeline and we will comply with that. No motion made. Discussion only.*
- h. Rodney Drive Update – Chairman Neander: When work was done in 2016, the end of the cul du sac was not completed. Town Engineer now has a plan, and we will move to get Rodney Drive done. No motion made. Discussion only.*
- i. Michaels Park – the tennis court will be modified to get 3 pickleball courts. No motion made. Discussion only.*
- j. Dog Park – City of Lodi is putting in a dog park. Bill Pfeil talked to Jameson O'Brion and could use the Jameson Park dog park in the Village of Poynette, using a dog license for a fee of \$ 5.00. This is on the Park Commission Agenda for tomorrow evening. No motion made. Discussion only.*
- k. Okee Beach Parking Lot – Property was surveyed. There is no legal document between the landowner and the Town of Lodi. The town is working on getting an easement in place with the landowner. The landowner will pay his share and the Town of Lodi will pay their share. The entrance off V will be closed off with guardrail. No motion made. Discussion only.*
- l. Nick Eberle – Could we charge an annual fee for the use of the transfer site? Chair Neander: tax dollars pay for the transfer site. The dumpsters are a luxury, and that's what we collect to offset the cost of dumpsters. City of Lodi are getting rid of their dumpsters. No motion made. Discussion only.*
- m. Roberta Arnold – Is the transfer site not receiving brush/leaves, Chair Neander: We haven't stopped collecting brush, in the winter where leaves are dumped causes a problem when we have snow. Could that be removed from the website, so citizens know you are accepting brush? No motion made. Discussion Only.*
- n. Nancy Mitchell / Roberta Arnold – A couple of website requests: 1. Could a list of approved election workers be listed on the website indicating chief inspectors. 2. List of building permits issued be attached at the end of the minutes online, this was done in the past. 3. Archive of past minutes. No motion made. Discussion only.*
- o. Scott Manthe – Culverts under driveway is homeowners' responsibility. N2787 Cross Street has a ditch and I use to mow and maintain it so the property would look nice, however the county came in a put large rocks to help water control to culvert. It is not doing anything; no water runs there. Chairman Neander made note and will look at the culvert & ditch. No motion made. Discussion only.*
- p. Bill Pfeil – we are a very active board, and we are indeed trying to get things done. No motion*

*made. Discussion only.*

- q. Police Update: Chairman Neander – We are in contract with Columbia County Sherriff as of May 1, 2024, to end of year. More coverage in the summertime, hope to slow people down, making it safer for everyone. Also looking to move our light up speed limit board over by Hwy V in Okee to make people aware of their speed limit. Columbia County Sheriff will help us with ordinance enforcement. No motion made. Discussion only.*
- r. Highway 113 Update – Chair Neander – They have started construction on Highway 113, there was some misunderstanding with the signage the first day, worked with the state, project manager and the sheriff's department to get the signage changed so local traffic could use Ryan Road. If you cross the bridge, you are asking for a ticket as it is a hard close there. They will be closing the ferry to do paving and will be planning that around Wednesday/Thursday. The plan is to have from Waddle Inn to Ferry done by Memorial weekend. Downtown Lodi to County J will be paved using a flagger to avoid a hard close. No motion made. Discussion only.*
- s. Short Term Rental Update – Chair Neander – currently working on a ordinance that requires enforcement that sheriff will help enforce. You want the short-term rental then you need the responsibility to know what's going on at your rental. No motion made. Discussion only.*

**5. Adjourn.** *Mike Keller/Buck Kurt motioned to adjourn. Motion approved unanimously at 7:31 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Jina Decot  
Deputy Clerk