*Village Meeting*

State of Illinois

County of Iroquois

Village of Loda Board

March 12, 2025

The Village of Loda Board of Trustees held a Regular meeting March 12, 2025, at the Village of Loda town hall. Present were President Carol Arseneau, Trustees: Jon Boone, Dave Arseneau, Sandy Coffey. Teresa Reck. Absent: Terry Henrichs, Pat Allen. Treasurer: Myles Reck, Clerk Regina Ptacek.

Jon approves the February minutes and waives the reading of the minutes. Dave, in favor, all in favor, motion carried.

ERH work report, Jon inquires for what was in the hole they repaired, Dave states was possible tile damage possibly from internet work that had been done. Jon had been asked about how long till the alley was reopened, Carol advised it to settle and put more rock on it. Carol said it may take possibly month.

North vacated Elm Street- Carol asked board on pursuing it. Trustees agreed we need to. Carol talked to Lamonte Wilson, and he is willing to sell back to us but who will pay for the surveying and title work, will be for 35 feet and 215 feet north, is what will sell back so that Sue will have Street address. Sandy verified will take up to correct section before closing. Carol verified was a Village issue, and error. Teresa verified if that will be enough, Carol said yes should be enough. Sue Williams is present at the meeting. Carol asked how to go forward if want to get an amount on how much he wants or if to set an amount to say an amount to stay at. Dale advised that when discussing real estate can close meeting so not in public meeting. Teresa inquiries about asking a realtor, Carol said there is no negotiating, it’s more of his property and he is willing to sell. Sandy said her opinion to offer $5-$6000. Carol said she would go back and ask for a price and come back to the next meeting. Dale said can have in writing, so we have ready and move along for next meeting.

Water Plant- hoping to have estimate for ceiling, asked Mr Navarette for quote, he suggested not to put same type as every time they open it will fall. He suggested a heavier ceiling and installing shop lights and he will be doing an estimate and have the next meeting.

Old-

Treasurer- Auditor, we have signed an engagement letter, and they did say they took on too many other accounts and worked through getting others done then get them to us. The State keeps changing audit requirements, so audits are taking longer.

Lawyer-

Ordinance for sale of real estate 2025-01

\*Jon motion to accept ordinance 2025-01 for sale of real estate, Teresa second, roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Police- we are still in discussion with Buckley on how deputy is going to be assigned and haven’t heard any updates. Carol is concerned and hopes he will come to the meeting, what exactly are they going to do, ride around or sit on main street? Take care of rambunctious drivers? Enforce ordinances? Dale verified they will enforce traffic violations, will not be doing village ordinances. Carol is concerned with residents doing for instance doing 4th July fireworks? This year we had people running over trees and not telling residents. Dale said that they may take care of that.

Sandy said she is for it as the presence may help as only doing 10 hours and at different hours, will that help and in the summer hours, like during the day, what is he going to catch. But now I’m in between and have second thoughts. Carol said recently cars playing cat n mouse, we did have resident call and when a certain residents’ name mentioned that they were involved, they came down.

It was $11.5 for quarter aprox. Jon inquires how long it would be for. Verified was for a year. Verified with trustees that it would not be for ordinance enforcing. $22,000 a year and $60 an hour overtime. Dale understands that this is to employee a deputy over and above what that deputy would be doing. Discussion with the board on if wanting to continue with paperwork process.

\*Sandy motion to not continue process for the police with Dale unless the Sheriff contacts with more information. Dave second. Roll call all yes, motion carried.

Dale passed out letter regarding mapping, rates are reasonable and recommend for zoning map and in future consider extra territorial zoning.

\*Jon motion to look further into mapping, Teresa second. All in a yes. Motion carried.

Carol had been going through all the maps in the office and putting them in tubes and had a few that she took down to get a new copy and they couldn’t do as it was too brittle. She is getting all maps sorted and what is what to get labeled. Dale said he can also make some multi layers. She is getting things organized for the next person in office with upcoming election.

Dale did not proceed with the participation ordinance, waiting on information from the Attorney General

Bills- Teresa, Jon, second roll call, all yes. Motion passed

New-

Mowing contract- all including what need done. Taking bids, will be posted in locations.

Trees on back alley- there are evergreens and close to property line and a transformer, Carol wanted to have trees removed and asked Los Altos for a bid $1000, with stump grinding $1500 and if the village would split the bill.

\*Jon motion to split the cost $1500 with the owners for the evergreens on alley of Jackson and Alleys for $1500 to include stump removal. Teresa second motion, roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Tractor- Dave switch the tractors, and will be putting some gravel in couple locations

Jon inquiries about the dog across the street, Teresa was going to be contacting them. Jeff Eckley daughter.

Sandy mentioned there is a dog in that area that also barks and loose in the area, chasing few kids and getting into another property. When tied up he barks continuously. Teresa will get a letter to them.

Gene Breeden- garbage blowing around town, chestnut house has garbage blowing all over as well.

House on 200 Adams going up on auction.

John Z- Loda fireworks are non for profit and the Loda tractor pull will be August 9th, going to resurrect the Good ole days 25th 26th July, will have the Back Pages and a lot of tentative things lined up, thinking of straw maze. I want to make it family oriented. Lots of ifs and want to get ideas. Talking with Auxiliary to have things going and connect so community. Trying to get back with Loda Community.

\*Jon motion to let use the park on 7/25 & 7/26th, for the Loda Good Ole Days. Teresa second the motion. All in favor say aye.

Will supply music, raffles, there wont be fireworks, they are just too expensive, will be doing with IGA cookout. Little kid pageant, parade few of the items

Dave motion adjourns, Jon second 8:04 Attest RP