

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

February 25, 2026

The Ladoga Town Council met on February 25, 2026 in the Ladoga Town Hall at 3:00 PM for a Regular Council meeting. Present were Council President; Mike Hubble; Councilmember; Tricia Garcia; Councilmember; Ronald Brown; Clerk Treasurer; Amy Holladay; Deputy Clerk; April Bradley; Town Employees; Donnie Long, Dwayne Scott; Town Marshal; Mike Hunley, Town Attorney; Dave Peebles and Town Engineer; Ken Smith. Town Employee: Justin Miller was not present. Citizens present: Jay Prosser, Megan Noggle, Ernie Fairfield, Reggie Perry and Marc Rape/ Strand Associates.

Ronald Brown called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Ronald asked for any corrections to the January 14th Regular Council meeting minutes as written. Hearing none, Ronald called for a motion to approve the January 14th Regular Council meeting minutes. Mike made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; motion was seconded by Ronald; motion passed. Ayes-3. Ronald called for a motion to approve the Claim Docket; Ronald made a motion to approve the Claim Docket; motion was seconded by Tricia; motion passed. Ayes-3.

DEPT. REPORTS: UTILITIES: Don Long: Donnie noted that Ernie Fairfield had built a house at Northern Acres with an existing fire hydrant in the driveway. Mr. Fairfield had hit the hydrant. He had also damaged an electric line 3 times that had been located by the Town. It was decided in the meeting held on December 17, 2025, that the Town would charge Mr. Fairfield for the replacement of the electric line and to move the hydrant out of the driveway. Mr. Fairfield noted that he would be willing to put bollards around the hydrant. Reggie Perry, Ladoga Fire Chief, noted that bollards would give limited access to the hydrant and that he did not think that was in the best interest of the safety of the residents because this is the only hydrant in Northern Acres. After further discussion, Council will meet with Ken Smith and the Town Employees to look at the hydrant. This item was tabled until the next meeting. **LEGAL: Nothing** **LAW ENFORCEMENT:** Mike Hunley noted that he would like the Council to amend the employee policy giving 4 hours of paid time off to part-time employees for holidays. He also asked Council to give part-time employees employed 1-10 yrs 20 hours of sick and 20 hours of vacation per year, with a maximum of 30 sick and vacation hours per year carried over the next year. Part-time employees employed 11-20 years earn 30 hours of sick time and 30 hours of vacation time with a maximum of 45 hours carried over to the next year. Mike made a motion to approve the employee policy change; motion was seconded by Tricia; motion passed. Ayes-3. This change will take effect March 1, 2026. Mike asked the Council for permission to purchase 2 Flock LPR cameras. The cost for a 3-year contract. The first year would be \$7300.00. Which includes 2 cameras at \$3000.00 each and installation fee of \$1300.00. The second and third year would cost \$3000.00 per camera. After discussion, Ronald made a motion to approve the purchase of the cameras; motion was seconded by Mike; motion passed. Ayes-2. 1- Nay- Tricia. **KEN SMITH:** Ken asked Council to award the Community Crossings grant bid for paving to Howard Companies. Ronald made a motion to award the bid to Howard Companies; motion was seconded by Tricia; motion passed. Ayes-3. Ken noted that the water line on Main St. will need to be moved by the end of June. He noted that since he had not heard from Busse Excavating, who was previously hired to move the water line, he is contacting other companies to do the project. Whoever is hired to do the project will have to do it for the same amount quoted by Busse. Ken also noted that the company moving the water line will also be asked to repair the curbs in front of HHSB and the post office. The curbs will be paid separately from the water line movement. Ken is also still working on the agreed order with IDEM.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Megan Noggle, Librarian, announced that the library will be having the daddy daughter dance on February 28th at the Old Normal and they have sold 100 tickets. She also noted that the library will be expanding soon. The library will have a gala at the end of July. **Amy Cating** noted that the air conditioner had been stolen from her business at 106 E. Main St. A police report had been taken. **Mark Rape/ Strand Assoc. Engineering** introduced himself to the council.

OLD BUSINESS: KROHN/ ELECTRIC RATE STUDY: This item was tabled. Dave Peebles will have the ordinance at the next meeting. **PLACEMENT OF SHED AT THE PARK:** The Town Employees have decided on a new location of the shed placed at the park by the South Montgomery School Corp. The town will provide a map for the school to show the location the shed is to be moved to. Ronald made a motion to have the shed moved by the school

and have the South Montgomery School Corp lease for the shed to be on town property; motion was seconded by Mike; motion passed. Ayes-3. **CURB IN FRONT OF HHSB AND POST OFFICE:** The Town will have these curbs repaired. **FIRE TERRITORY BOARD:** Discussion was held about appointing a town citizen to the fire territory board. There will be a special meeting on March 2nd at 7:00 in the Ladoga Town Hall for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS: TRECS PROGRAM: Discussion was held about the Town using TRECS collection program to collect unpaid utility bills. Tricia made a motion to pass Ordinance 2026-03 An Ordinance for Collecting Debt Owed to the Town on first read; motion was seconded by Mike, motion passed. Aye-3. Mike made a motion to suspend the rules of read and pass Ordinance 2026-03 on 2nd and 3rd read; motion was seconded by Ronald; motion passed, Ayes-3. **AWARDING CONTRACT FOR COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT:** The contract was awarded earlier in the meeting. **FARMERS MARKET:** Council read over the lease of premises and facility space for the farmer's market. There were a few items they would like to change. Dave Peebles will make the changes and present a new lease at the next meeting. Mike made a motion to edit and pass the lease; motion was seconded by Ronald, motion passed. Ayes-3.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD:

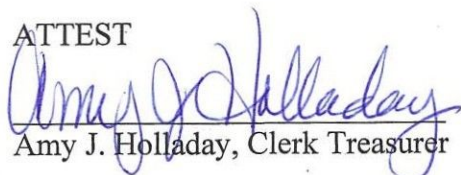
CLERK TREASURER: Amy noted that the new picnic tables had been delivered. Tricia made motion to declare all the old picnic tables surplus and give some of the tables to not for profit organizations, giving the Clark Township Library 1st choice; motion was seconded by Mike motion passed. Ayes-3. Any of the other old tables will be disposed of at the discretion of the town employees. Amy noted that the council needed to set a date for the Spring dumpster days. Tricia made a motion to have dumpster days on May 1st, 2nd and 3rd; motion was seconded by Mike; motion passed. Ayes-3. Amy asked Dave Peebles what could be done about electric meters that the town cannot access due to locked gates, mean dogs, etc. Dave asked Amy to send him a list of the customers in question, and he will send them a letter.

DEPUTY CLERK: Nothing

TOWN COUNCIL: **Ronnie** read letters from Lonnie Davidson. 312 E. Baldwin St. and Kimberlee Mejia 213 E. Taylor St., asking for an adjustment to their water and sewer bills due to a leak. Mike made a motion to adjust Lonnie Davidson's bill \$213.72; motion was seconded by Ronald; motion passed. Ayes-3. Ronald made a motion to adjust Kimberlee Mejia's bill \$300.00; motion was seconded by Tricia; motion passed. Ayes-3.


Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Tricia; motion passed; Ayes-3.

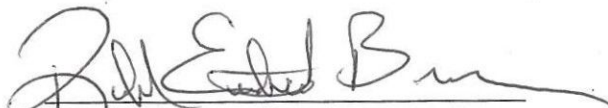
ATTEST


Amy J. Holladay, Clerk Treasurer

Date: 3-25-26

LADOGA TOWN COUNCIL


Mike Hubble Sr.


Ronald Endicott Brown

Tricia Garcia