

Ladoga Master Utility Planning Study Public Hearing Minutes

July 11, 2026

09:00 AM

Ladoga Town Hall 121 E. Main St. Ladoga

Mike Hubble: The first order of business is to open the public hearing for the planning grant. April is that you?

April: Yes, I have a little bit that I need to read, we are going to be applying, and it is due tomorrow. So I'll go ahead and read this and there is a resolution to pass and sign as well as local match commitment and permission for me to take minutes. On or about July 12, 2026, the Town of Ladoga intends to apply to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a grant from the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Utility Planning Grant Program. This program is funded by Title I of the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used for a community development project that will include the following activities: A Master Utility Planning Study and Analysis of the drinking water, wastewater and storm water systems. The total amount of CDBG funds to be requested is \$90,000. The amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low- and moderate-income persons is approximately \$50,292. The Applicant also proposes to expend an estimated \$9,000 in non-CDBG funds on the project. These non-CDBG funds will be derived from the following sources: Water, Wastewater and Storm Water Funds. The will contribute \$3,000 from each fund. Are there any questions about that? None, ok. Also, we did complete the engineering procurement process. Fishbeck was the lowest scoring, then-I forgot the name of the second, I apologize-American Sourcepoint- was second and Ken Smith scored highest. Ken is the engineer that was chosen by the town representatives for this CDBG funded project.

Mike: So Municipal Civil won that?

April: Yes.

Mike: OK. Alright. Are there any comments from the public on this?

Ken: The purpose of this study is because IDEM has had an adversarial tone with the town for a while. One of the things is the legal agreement with the town stating the town will do certain things. They want you to when you flush your toilet for it to go downhill and to keep it going downhill, and thank goodness. They want you to get rid of the rainwater going into your sewers and that has been an ongoing process. In 2011 you sliplined your system, and that helped a lot. In 2018 IDEM signed an agreement with you to get more out. So every three months we send a report which was sent on Friday. So now we need to go out and put meters in manholes and take the readings, which April is helping with, so we can tell how much water was used. We'll take is street by street and meter the manhole. We can see if the manhole has 100,000 gallons going through it, but the water meters say only 15,000 gallons was delivered, we can see where the problem is. That is the point of the study is to find out where that water is so you can stop it. If not, they can fine you and do all kinds of bad things.

Jay: Is it a matching grant? That seems high.

April: Yes, it is matching. That is why we are committing the \$9,000 of local funds.

Jay: But it's got to be done.

April: This will also show us what we need to have as our priority. We've got several issues, this will give us a plan of action to address those.

Mike: Any more comments from the public?

Mike: Here is the resolution authorizing application and local match commitment. Resolution 2026-1 I will make a motion to pass this resolution.

Ron: Second

Mike: Motion has been made and seconded to approve the resolution 2026-1. Those in favor?

Motion passed unanimously

Mike: Any questions or comments from the public? Hearing none, I will close the public hearing.

Attest

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "April Bradley", is written over a horizontal line.

April Bradley, Grant Admin.

07-11-2026

Date

## **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

### **JULY 11, 2026**

The Ladoga Town Council met on July 11, 2026 in the Ladoga Town Hall at 9:00 AM for a Regular Council meeting. Present were Council President; Mike Hubble; Councilmember; Tricia Garcia; Councilmember; Ronald Endicott Brown; Clerk Treasurer; Amy Holladay; Deputy Clerk; April Bradley; Town Employee; Donnie Long; Town Employee; Dwayne Scott; Town Employee; Justin Miller; Town Marshal; Mike Hunley; Town Engineer; Ken Smith. Town Attorney; Dave Peebles was not present. Citizens present: Trent Lowe, Tiffany Lowe, Jack Ellers, Gina Scott and Jay Prosser.

Mike Hubble called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Mike asked for any corrections to the June 24th Regular Council meeting minutes as written. Hearing none, Mike called for a motion to approve the June 24th Regular Council meeting minutes. Tricia made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; motion was seconded by Ronald; motion passed. Ayes-3. Mike called for a motion to approve the Claim Docket; Mike made a motion to approve the Claim Docket; motion was seconded by Ronald motion passed. Ayes-3.

**DEPT. REPORTS: UTILITIES: DON LONG:** Donnie noted that he and Dwayne took the bucket truck to Delphi for repairs. CEL&P has been notified in case of an emergency. Donnie also noted that the pump in the well at the water plant is working fine. **DWAYNE SCOTT:** Dwayne noted that there were several trees and flowers close to the sidewalk that will be replaced on South St. He also noted that Trent Lowe has a stone wall close to the sidewalk also. Emmingers, who will be replacing the sidewalk, were concerned about these issues. Trant Lowe noted that he would remove his stone wall and talk the Lisa Estep about the trees and flowers. **JUSTIN MILLER:** Justin noted he is getting a quote from BBC Pump to work on the lift station on Cherry St. **LEGAL:** Not present **LAW ENFORCEMENT:** Mike noted that after serving Fuzzy Bear Pre School with an ordinance violation for mowing, the grass had not been mowed completely. Council will need to check the yard to see what the next step should be. **KEN SMITH:** Ken noted that the next round for INDOT paving grant will be in September 2026. Next round after that will be September 2027.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** No old business was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS: RESOLUTION 2026-1 AUTHORIZING APPLICATION SUBMISSION & LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT:** Mike made a motion to pass Resolution 2026-1; motion was seconded by Ronald; motion passed. Ayes-3. Mike made a motion to suspend the rules of read and pass Resolution 2026-1 on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> read; motion was seconded by Ronald; motion passed. Ayes-3.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD:**

**CLERK TREASURER:** Nothing

**DEPUTY CLERK:** Nothing

**TOWN COUNCIL:** **Ronald** asked Dwayne if he had gotten another estimate on the hydrant buddy. Dwayne noted that he had already gotten 2 estimates. Ronald noted that someone complained about a vehicle parked in the shelter house during the Farmers Market. Gina Scott, who oversees the Farmers Market, noted that there were no vehicles in the shelter to her knowledge.

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

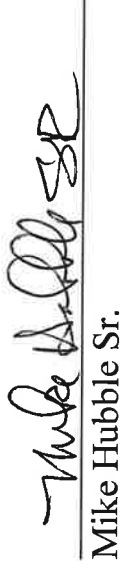
The meeting was then re-opened by Council President; Mike Hubble to discuss an item that was not on the agenda. Mike read a letter from Colton Waggoner of 704 E. Main St asking for a water leak adjustment. The letter stated that the leak had been fixed. Mike made a motion to adjust the bill the maximum allowed of \$300.00; motion was seconded by Ronald; motion passed. Ayes-3.

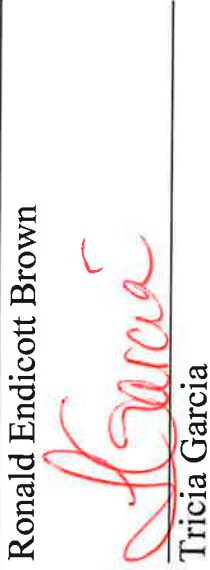
Tricia made a motion to again adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Ronald; motion passed. Ayes-3.

ATTEST

  
Amy J. Holladay, Clerk Treasurer

LADOGA TOWN COUNCIL

  
Mike Hubble Sr.

  
Ronald Endicott Brown

Date: 7-29-26