



VILLAGE OF LAWTON

Regular Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was held remotely

Lawton Village Hall – 125 S Main Street, Lawton MI 49065

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MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER** President Reeves called the July 14, 2020 Meeting of the Lawton Village Council to order at 7:01 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- III. ROLL CALL:** Present: President Reeves. Trustees: J Appleby, J. Peterson, E. Dudek, G. Dudek, and R. Turner. Absent: P. Knudstrup (excused). Others present: Village Manager Imus, DPW Superintendent T. Hackenberg, Chief Mack, Auditor Josh Gabrielse and 1 guest.
- IV. CONSENT AGENDA:** The Consent Agenda included the approval of the July 14, 2020 Council Agenda, the June 9th, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes as amended, and the approval of Disbursements in the amount of \$\$72,172.46. Peterson, supported by E. Dudek, made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present.
- V. COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**
 - A.** County Treasurer’s Tax Sale Properties Available to Local Governments – Imus explained that there was one property going up for tax sale in the Village, and the local government had the opportunity to purchase it for public use if desired. No action was taken.
 - B.** Comcast Heartland New Schedule was presented for informational purposes.
- VI. CITIZENS’ COMMENTS** – None.
- VII. OLD BUSINESS** – None.
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Fiscal Year 2019 / 2020 Audit Review: Josh Gabrielse from Siegfried Crandall PC reviewed the FY 19/20 Audit. Peterson, supported by Turner made a motion to accept the audit, place it on file in the Village and send to the State of Michigan. A roll call vote was taken with unanimous approval of those present.
- B. Fleis and VandenBrink Proposal for Michigan Wellhead Protection Program. After discussion, Appleby, supported by G. Dudek made a motion to approve the Fleis & VandenBrink proposal for Grant Implementation Services for the Michigan Wellhead Protection Program in the amount of \$3,757. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present.
- C. Imus announced that there would be a 2023 MDOT M-40 Project Planning Charrette on Tuesday, August 11, 2020. It will be a joint meeting of Village Council, Planning Commission and Downtown Development Authority and include all downtown stakeholders including businesses, property owners and interested residents. The charrette will look at buildings, uses, and the street to get ideas about connectivity, streetscape priorities and redevelopment sites. There will be a morning meeting to collect information – wants and desires from the community, then plans will be assembled for another meeting in the late afternoon to review the results and get final observations. Location and exact times are TBD, but all were encouraged to save the date.

IX. BOARD, COMMITTEE, AND STAFF REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission – Turner reported that there was not a meeting in July.
- B. Downtown Development Authority (DDA) - G. Dudek reported that there had been lots of activity. Accomplishments included a soft opening of the Splash Pad, sod and drain installation, and several volunteer workdays that included power washing and landscaping. Outstanding items include the fencing, security cameras, and pavers/flat work (that will be completed after the Splash Pad closes in fall).

- C. Community & Economic Development Committee (CEDC) – Peterson reported there was not meeting in July.
- D. Finance and Administration Committee - Reeves reported that the audit was reviewed, and the committee was updated on the workshare program.
- E. Police Committee – Appleby reported the committee was updated on use of force and other policies by Chief Mack. Body cameras will be in use by officers, soon. The speed trailers were in place and collecting data. In August, Chief will begin including that data in his monthly reports along with blight enforcement data. An engine brake ordinance would be presented to the Council in August. Recommended parking policies were being moved forward for approval and installation.
- F. Water and Sewer Committee - E. Dudek reported that Imus continued to refine the rate information with MRWA and BakerTilly, and recommendations were forthcoming ASAP.
- G. Police Department – Chief Mack presented his monthly report. Reeves asked about the camping on 3rd St with Mack reporting the PD was working with the residents.
- H. Public Services - Superintendent Hackenberg presented his monthly report.
- I. Village Manager – Imus reported that Council nomination petitions were due to the Township Clerk on July 21, that Staff and DDA were working on rental policies and fees for the pavilions at Chancy Lewis Park, that the next Summer Clean-up weekend was July 24 & 25.

- X. **COUNCIL COMMENTS** – E. Dudek reported that he had never seen Chancy Lewis Park busier and that Council needed to keep in mind future improvements. Turner agreed and suggested widening the drive at M-40.

- XI. **ADJOURNMENT** – Appleby, supported by Turner, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken with unanimous approval of those present.