



VILLAGE OF LAWTON

Regular Meeting Minutes – Tuesday January 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was held remotely and in person

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

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MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** President Knudstrup called the January 26, 2021 Meeting of the Lawton Village Council to order at 7:03 p.m.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- III. **ROLL CALL:** Present: President Knudstrup. Trustees: J Appleby, E. Dudek, G. Dudek, N. Smith, J. Peterson and R. Turner. Absent: None. Others present: Village Manager Imus, Superintendent Hackenberg, and 3 other guests.
- IV. **CONSENT AGENDA:** The Consent Agenda included the approval of the January 26, 2021 Council Agenda, the January 12, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes. Peterson, supported by E Dudek, made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken with unanimous approval.
- V. **COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**
- VI. **CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**
- VII. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
 - A. Manager Imus gave a brief summary of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Appleby made a motion to open the public hearing to discuss the Master Parks and Recreation Plan with support from Peterson. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor.
 - B. Public comment for the proposed Parks and Recreation plan, Paul Harvey commented on the importance of trails and that adjacent townships are also working on the development of trails. Pam Stermer from the County Planning Commission was curious when it will coming their way to take a look at, she thinks it looks like a great plan. Councilman Appleby applauded Manager Imus on what a great job has been done putting this all together, he had commented on the trails and the ability to walk. President Knudstrup agreed with Appleby noting that it was extremely well done and furthers the village to be a Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC). E Dudek also is very happy with how this turned out. With no further comment, Turner with support from G Dudek made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

VIII. EXISTING BUSINESS:

- A. Resolution 01-2021: A Resolution to Approve the Village of Lawton 5 Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Turner made a motion to Approve Resolution 01-2021, supported by Appleby. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

IX. BOARD, COMMITTEE, AND STAFF REPORTS

Village Manager – Manager Imus reminded everyone that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, January 30th at 10:00 a.m. to welcome The Allen Group to the Village.

- X. **COUNCIL COMMENTS** – E Dudek noted that Duane Packer stopped into the Village Office, thinking this was an in-person meeting. Duane commented that he is extremely happy about the Parks and Recreation Plan and he is willing to help in any way he can. Appleby commented he would like a reminder to go to village residents regarding parking, making sure they are not parking on the sidewalks now that the snow has fallen.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

Peterson moved that Council go into a Closed Session in accordance with the provisions of Section 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act to consider purchase/lease of real property, with support from G Dudek at 7:30 p.m. A unanimous roll call vote taken.

Turner made motion to end the closed session at 8:26 p.m. supported by E Dudek. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

- XII. **ADJOURNMENT** – Appleby, supported by Turner, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with unanimous approval of those present. The next regular scheduled meeting is February 9, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted by Joni Bell, Village Clerk