



## VILLAGE OF LAWTON

Regular Meeting Minutes – Tuesday May 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

*Meeting was held in person and remotely*

Lawton Elementary School– 200 Second Street, Lawton MI 49065

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### MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Knudstrup called the May 25, 2021 Meeting of the Lawton Village Council to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- III. **ROLL CALL:** Present: President Knudstrup. Trustees: J. Appleby, G. Dudek, N. Smith, J. Peterson, R. Turner. Absent: E. Dudek. Others present: Village Manager Imus, 2 other guests.
- IV. **CONSENT AGENDA:** The Consent Agenda includes the approval of the May 25, 2021 Council Agenda. Peterson made a motion to approve the consent agenda, with support from G. Dudek. A voice vote was taken with unanimous approval.
- V. **COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:** None
- VI. **CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** None
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. Blaine Allen from the Allen Group gave a presentation to Council on marketing strategies for the 423 Second Street home. He is ready to move forward once the house is ready and a contract is signed. Manager Imus is waiting for final cost numbers from Van Buren ISD so that a selling price can be determined.
  - B. A preliminary Council Rules of Procedure draft was discussed. Additional suggestions, in-put and/or changes should be forwarded to Imus. Discussion and clarity will be necessary at additional meeting(s) before adopting.
  - C. Discussion on the Proposal from Baker Tilly on the Water Rate Study was held. Manager Imus expressed that this is a very comprehensive study and it will be very helpful in upcoming planning for water rates, the CIP and infrastructure. Appleby made a motion to approve the proposal in the amount of \$10,000. Smith supported. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**IX. BOARD, COMMITTEE, AND STAFF REPORTS:**

Manager Imus informed Council of a resident has requested that the Morrill St Right-of-Way be improved to a street. Currently, it is an unimproved public right of way closed to traffic. Council referred this matter to the Water and Sewer Committee for further discussion.

**X. COUNCIL COMMENTS:** None

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Appleby, supported by Turner, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous. The next regular scheduled meeting is for June 8th, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted by Joni Bell, Village Clerk