



VILLAGE OF LAWTON
Regular Meeting Minutes – Tuesday July 12, 2022, at
7:00 p.m.
Village Hall – 125 S. Main Street, Lawton MI 49065
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MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Appleby called the July 12 2022, 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 Appleby. Trustees: Tanis, Smith, Turner, E. Dudek, G. Dudek, Peterson, Turner Others present: Village Manager Imus, Village Clerk Rathbun, Library Director Tone, and Superintendent Hackenberg, ~~Library Director Tone~~, and 5 guests.
- IV. **CONSENT AGENDA:** The Consent Agenda included the approval of the June 14 and June 28 Council Meeting Minutes, approval of the July 12, 2022 Council Agenda, and approval of the June 2022 disbursements in the amount of \$171,456.59, with addition of repair request from Hackenberg. Peterson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, supported by E. Dudek ~~Smith~~. A unanimous roll call vote approved the motion.
- V. **COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATIONS:** Imus provided information about Senator Nesbitt providing an earmark for the village of Lawton's Water and sewer expenses. President Appleby reported that the village received two awards, one for Economic Development within the county, and one for being the Municipal Trailblazer in regards to the Master Plan, grants, and downtown streetscape.
- VI. **CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**
 - A. Heather mentioned that Summerfest was overall a success, but there were a few community concerns for events regarding the amount of police presence. She stated next year the Summerfest Committee will need more volunteers, as well as a better police presence to keep things under control. There was a lot of concern about open container drinking throughout the day and evening. She stated we need a better police presence, with reserves, because of the amount of public drinking, as well as restaurants to work with the committee to state the rules that there is no drinking on the street, and we do not have a Social District, and signs up next year to avoid the issues.
 - B. Library Director Tone brought up that the Library has a lot of Summer Programming, including a juggler tomorrow at 3pm. She stated each program has

had at least 75 participants so far and it's been a big hit.

- C. Matt Nelson provided some information about himself, as he is running in the primary to replace Beth Griffin once her term is finished. He introduced himself, wanted to explain why he wants to run, and how he would like to help the community.

VII. EXISTING BUSINESS

- A. Village Manager Imus recommended consideration of Resolution 16-22, a resolution approving the conversion of Union Street to a one-way between M-40 and West Street. In order to bring the resolution to the floor, Turner made a motion to approve this Resolution, supported by Smith. Council discussion ensued about how the village can get this done, as it will be switched to a one way once the streetscape is redone anyway, so this may be better to have people get used to the change. MDOT will need to approve this, so Superintendent Hackenberg will contact MDOT to find out what we would need to do. Voice vote was taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Village manager Imus recommended Consideration of Ordinance 203 of 2022, an ordinance to authorize the sale of the village owned real property. E. Dudek motioned and Smith seconded to adopt Ordinance 203 to authorize the sale of the village owned real property. A roll call vote was taken, all in favor, none opposed. Ordinance passed.
- B. Manager Imus recommended Consideration of Resolution 15-22, a resolution granting the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) consent to grade Village property. Turner motioned to adopt Resolution 15-22 to grant MDOT consent to grade Village property. G. Dudek supported motion, voice vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- C. Superintendent Hackenberg reported that the village has a truck and trailer that needs to be fixed, with repair amount estimated at \$9,990. Peterson moved to approve the repair of Village Truck 102 the 1999 International Dump truck for the amount not to exceed \$11,000 total. Support from Turner, roll call vote taken, all in favor none opposed. Motion carried.

IX. BOARD, COMMITTEE, AND STAFF REPORTS:

- A. Imus reported that the farmers market is going to move to the Reid Property between Wagoner's and Big T's. She reported that the parking lot next to Modern Well ~~could~~ has potential to be sold to Modern Well with repair for the spot that needs to be patched rather than leasing the parking lot, as they are doing currently. Imus also reported that Welch's has not yet signed the IFT, we are still waiting on a reply from them. The next contract for the DPW Union meeting is on July 27th. The village is looking to close on the Reid property in Mid-August, we do currently have a lease to purchase. The grant award announcements in regards to the streetscape and water and sewer connections will be on July 26 and 27th. In August the village will be doing a budget amendment, by beginning of August, she is hopeful we should know what we are

receiving for our personal property taxes. Imus reported that we did receive the estimates back for the Pickleball Courts, which came out over budget, so we are still in the bidding process. Imus reported we need a water and sewer committee meeting.

- B. Rathbun reported emails and text messages are subject to FOIA, so following a retention schedule is important.
 - C. Hackenberg reported the splash pad has been cleaned twice. The Waste Water Treatment plant did PFOS test to see what the levels are at. This is the first year that this is being tested, no issues are expected. White Oak Road house is scheduled to be disconnected and demolition to follow. He confirmed that the White Oak Road project can be bid out in 2024 and budgeted in 2025 to ensure reconstruction after MDOT's detour. Water tower inspection and cleaning is scheduled to be completed between July 18-22. Hackenberg reported to the council that the 2006 water truck will need to be replaced in the next budget year, and there is a 10-12-month lead time. The replacement cost on this truck is \$80,000. Hackenberg also included a report for the past three years of water production, and a list of vehicles and equipment.
 - D. Police Department reports were submitted via the agenda packet posted online.
 - E. Peterson reported that the Planning Commission met in July with a quorum to discuss a Master Plan and zoning changes.
 - F. G. Dudek reported that the Downtown Development Authority did not meet. Dunk Tank made about \$180.
 - G. E. Dudek reported that the Fire Department had a relatively slow month. They had a memorial service for Croenwett.
 - H. Tone reported that the Library Board met, and there are more people signed up for the summer reading program than we have ever had before. Biggby and the Modern Well have donated prizes.
- X. COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Smith reported the Little League fields are putting in a new T-Ball field and removing trees. Imus reported that a police committee meeting as well as a water and sewer committee meeting are needed for the near future. The village council will meet for committee of the whole meeting Tuesday August 9, 2022 at 5:30 pm.
- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** E. Dudek supported by Turner, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. A voice vote was taken with unanimous approval of those present. The next Village Council Meeting will take place on August 9, 2022 at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Brittany Rathbun, Lawton Village Clerk

