

VILLAGE OF LAWTON

Regular Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Reeves called the March 10th, 2020 Meeting of the Lawton Village Council to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All present were asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **ROLL CALL:** Present: President Reeves. Trustees: J Appleby, J. Peterson, E. Dudek, G. Dudek, and R. Turner. Absent: P. Knudstrup. Others present: Village Manager Imus, DPW Superintendent T. Hackenberg, Chief Mack, Attorney Heckman, and 8 guests.
- IV. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Peterson, with support from Appleby made a motion to open the 2020/2021 Village Budget Public Hearing at 7:02. President Reeves opened the floor to public comment. Peterson confirmed that there were funds in the budget for the operation of the Splash Pad, new Flags, Spring Cleaning, Sidewalks, and Tree Removal. President Reeves asked if there were any additional comments, and with none, Turner, with support from E. Dudek, made a motion to close the public hearing. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.
- V. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:** None.
- VI. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - A. Minutes from the February 25th Village Council Meeting: Moved by J. Peterson, Support by R. Turner to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion approved by acclamation.
 - B. Approval of Disbursements in the amount of \$61,587.55: Peterson, supported by Appleby, made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
- VII. **COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:** None
- VIII. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - A. G.Dudek reported that the DDA was making progress with the Splash Pad. Pavers have been ordered and the water installation and some excavation have been completed. Construction contracts have been awarded and should begin the week of April 17.
 - B. Turner reported that the Planning Commission Meeting was tabled in February.
 - C. Reeves reported that the Finance and Administration meeting was held today. Discussion focused around a revised plan for NextGen to purchase limited area in the parking lot of the Little League Fields, and not disrupt the majority of the fields. A meeting will be set between Little League and NextGen representatives to discuss.
 - D. Dudek reported that the Water and Sewer Committee were still reviewing the water rates and needed to set another meeting to finalize.

- E. Appleby reported that the Lawton Robotics Team won their Regional Competition this year and were featured on ESPN. A round of applause ensued.

IX. DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Chief Mack reviewed his monthly report and highlighted 157 calls in February. 72 field contacts and 60 business contacts were made. 20 citations and 32 verbal warnings were issued.
- B. DPW Superintendent Hackenberg detailed his monthly report. He noted that the new meter reading system was installed, the water audit was completed and a sewer main collapsed and been repaired.

X. OLD BUSINESS: None.

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Resolution 20-04 – Resolution to Adopt the Budget of Lawton and Establish Village Ad Valorem Property Taxes for Fiscal Year 2020 / 2021.** Motion by Appleby with support from Peterson to approve Resolution 20-04. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
- B. **Set Public Hearing for Commercial Rehabilitation District** – E. Dudek, supported by Turner, made a motion to set a public hearing for April 14 at 7:00 pm to hear comment on establishing a Commercial Rehabilitation District at 99 Walker Street. Motion approved by acclamation.
- C. **Memorial Day Parade** - Turner asked that the Village approve the 2020 Memorial Day Parade. Peterson, supported by E. Dudek, made a motion to approve the 2020 Memorial Day Parade in the Village of Lawton, with Parade line-up to begin at 9:00 am with the Parade beginning at 10:00 am. Motion approved by acclamation.

- XII. ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Appleby with support from G. Dudek to adjourn the Village Council meeting at 7:32 pm. Motion approved by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Imus, Village Manger

Approved by: _____
Richard Reeves, President

Certification of Minutes

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the minutes of a regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Lawton held on March 10, 2020, I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Joni Bell, Village Clerk

Date