



VILLAGE OF LAWTON

Regular Meeting Minutes – Tuesday May 10, 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 May 10, 2022, meeting of the Lawton Village Council to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED**
- III. **ROLL CALL:** Present: President Appleby. Trustees: E. Dudek, G. Dudek, J. Peterson, and R. Turner, R. Tanis. Absent: N. Smith. Others present: Village Manager Imus, Village Clerk Rathbun, Chief Mack, Superintendent Hackenberg, and 2 guests.
- IV. **CONSENT AGENDA:** The Consent Agenda included the approval of the May 10, 2022 Council Agenda, the April 26, 2022 Council Meeting minutes, and approval of April 2022 Disbursements in the amount of \$134,970.08. Peterson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, supported by E. Dudek. A unanimous roll call vote approved the motion.
- V. **COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATIONS:** Engineer Paul Harvey brought forth an update on the water and sewer extension, everything going according to plan thus far.
- VI. **CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** None
- VII. **PUBLIC HEARING/APPOINTMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS:** President Appleby recommended Paul Rathbun to Planning Committee. E. Dudek motions to appoint Paul Rathbun to Planning Committee, to fulfill an unexpired term through November 2023, seconded by Ren Turner. Voice vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- VIII. **EXISTING BUSINESS:** None
- IX. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Appleby brought to consideration Letter of Engagement from Siegfried Crandall Certified Public Accountants to perform the 2022 Financial Audit in an amount not to exceed \$15,750. Peterson moved to approve appointment of Siegfried Crandall CPA, seconded by Tanis. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - B. Imus brought yearly MML Liability Insurance renewal to consideration for approval. Discussion followed. E. Dudek motioned to approve annual MML Liability and Property Pool Insurance Premium for Village in the amount of \$41,307 seconded by G. Dudek. Roll Call vote was taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Additional discussion to come at a future date for cyber attack coverage add on.
 - C. Appleby brought MML's Worker's Compensation Insurance renewal forward to be discussed. Turner motioned to approve Worker's Compensation Insurance renewal with the MML Workers Compensation Fund in the amount of \$18,839, Seconded by G. Dudek. Rollcall vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - D. The meeting was moved to the Village Water Tower location on N Main. Peterson moved to direct village manager Imus to notify Dish that we would like to move forward with planned area utilization for equipment. Motion supported by E. Dudek, voice vote taken, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

X. BOARD, COMMITTEE, AND STAFF REPORTS:

- A.** Village Manager Imus reported that the next Master Plan Steering Committee meeting on June 7th would be a joint meeting between the Steering Committee, Planning Commission and the Village Council to discuss housing and industrial development. Imus reported that a 303 E Washington (on the corner of Freemont and Washington) is a legal non-conforming lot that has three structures on one lot that is up for sale. She has been requested to confirm in writing that it is a legal, non-conforming structure. Imus also reported that Blueberry Hill will be holding their Grand Opening soon, the County recently began survey for broadband expansion in Lawton with the results to be presented in July, the village is currently accepting applications for façade grants through the 16th, and the cemetery rates increase beginning June 1.
- B.** Hackenberg commented on his reports submitted to council, and that the DPW had remediated a complete sewer blockage on Hamilton street. Police
- C.** Chief Jeff Mack commented on his submitted reports. New hires still in process.
- D.** E. Dudek reported the Fire Department reports are in package.
- E.** Library Director Tone reported on Summer Reading Program, Libby, and that second graders will be coming to the library for the day.
- F.** Peterson reported Planning Commission did not meet.

XI. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- A.** Meeting Location changed to Village of Lawton Water Tower parking lot (M-40N) to review parking layout and potential tower user equipment position. Council discussion followed. Potential new utilization possibilities for Village water tower parking lot to be discussed at a future meeting.

- XII. ADJOURNMENT:** Turner, supported by Tanis, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. A voice vote was taken with unanimous approval of those present. The next regular scheduled meeting is May 24, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted by Brittany Rathbun,
Lawton Village Clerk