



**VILLAGE OF LAWTON**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes – Tuesday May 24, 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 24, 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: G. Dudek, J. Peterson, and R. Turner, R. Tanis. Absent: E. Dudek, N. Smith Others present: Village Manager Imus, Village Clerk Rathbun, Chief Mack, and Superintendent Hackenberg.
- IV. **CONSENT AGENDA:** The Consent Agenda included the approval of the May 24, Council Agenda, the May 10, 2022 Council Meeting minutes. Peterson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, supported by Turner. A unanimous roll call vote approved the motion.
- V. **COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATIONS:** None.
- VI. **CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** None.
- VII. **PUBLIC HEARING:** None
- VIII. **EXISTING BUSINESS:**
  - A. Imus reported Aleksich Excavating, LLC from Marcellus has provided the best bid for the demolition of 410 White Oak in the amount of \$12,000. The staff recommends approval. Turner made a motion to award Aleksich Excavating LLC with a contract in an amount not to exceed \$12,000 to demolish 410 White Oak, with a \$12,000 budget amendment to add \$12,000 to account 101-265-8060 to the General Fund. Support by Tanis. Roll Call vote taken. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
- IX. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. Hackenberg reported that the staff recommends approval of the contract Well #9 Annual Maintenance Repair to Peerless Midwest, Inc from Mishawaka, IN in the amount of \$33,429. Peterson, seconded by Tanis made a motion to award contract for Well #9 Annual maintenance Repair to Peerless Midwest, Inc from Mishawaka, IN in an amount not to exceed \$33,429 . Roll Call vote Taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
  - B. **Consideration of Resolution 10-22:** A MDOT Performance Resolution required to issue individual Municipal permits on State Highways. This resolution is a requirement of the State of Michigan to authorize the Municipality to perform projects on local roads owned by MDOT. Peterson, supported by Tanis motioned to approve this resolution. Roll call vote was taken, Appleby-yes, Tanis-yes, Peterson-yes, Turner-yes, G. Dudek-Yes. All in favor, none opposed. Resolution 10-22 passed.

- C. Consideration of Resolution 11-22:** A resolution to support and authorize submission of RAP (Revitalization and Placemaking) Grant Application to MEDC. Imus reported that the request is for \$1M and is due on June 3. The funding will support the Village's portion of the MDOT Reconstruction project of which the current estimate has risen to \$2.4 million (Water/Sewer/Storm, downtown streetscape and Village Square project – Village Square estimate is \$483K). G. Dudek motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Peterson. Rollcall vote taken, G. Dudek-yes, Tanis-yes, Appleby-yes, Turner-yes, Peterson-yes. Resolution passed.
- D. Resolution 12-22:** A resolution to revise and adopt new village fee schedule was presented. Imus reported that the increased fees will apply to Property Rezoning, Zoning Board of Appeals Requests, Planning Commission Site Plans and Special Land Use Permits, and Special Meetings for the Village Council. The fees will reflect the cost of the Village to process the applications/requests. Sign and Peddler Permits will also increase. Turner seconded by Tanis motioned to adopt resolution 12-22 to revise and adopt new village fee schedule with occupying sidewalk and impound sidewalk fees to be stricken from the schedule. Roll call vote taken, Peterson – yes, Appleby – Yes, Tanis – Yes, G. Dudek – yes, Turner – yes.

Imus reported that Progressive A|E would like to begin the zoning ordinance review in June with the Planning Commission. Please forward any zoning ordinance comments on concerns or suggested changes to Imus. With the more input received, the more the revised ordinance will respond.

Imus requested that the contract with Zoning Solutions begin on June 1, with a \$5,000 budget to start. Discussion ensued, and council agreed with the initiative. Imus also reviewed the upcoming meetings for New Community Church's purchase of Scott's Trucking, and what zoning considerations will be necessary.

- E.** Appleby reviewed the process to add agenda items to the Council agenda, ensuring that everyone knows that they can add an agenda item.

**X. BOARD, COMMITTEE, AND STAFF REPORTS:** None

**XI. COUNCIL COMMENTS:** None.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Turner, supported by Tanis, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. A voice vote was taken with unanimous approval of those present. There will be special Joint Council Meetings with the Planning Commission on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm, and June 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm with the Planning Commission and the Steering Committee. Next regularly scheduled meeting June 14.

Respectfully Submitted by Brittany Rathbun, Lawton Village Clerk