



VILLAGE OF LAWTON
Regular Meeting Minutes – Tuesday June 14, 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 June 14, 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. Others present: Village Manager Imus, Village Clerk Rathbun, Chief Mack, Library Director Tone, and Superintendent Hackenberg.
- IV. **CONSENT AGENDA:** The Consent Agenda included the approval of the June 14, Council Agenda, the May 24, 2022 Council Meeting minutes, the approval of the June 2, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes, the approval of the June 7, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes, and approval of the May 2022 disbursements in the amount of \$116,679.02. Peterson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with amendment to section 7a, to be a discussion rather than a public hearing. Public hearing to be rescheduled to June 28, 2022, supported by Smith. A unanimous roll call vote approved the motion.
- V. **COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATIONS:** None.
- VI. **CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** Library director Tone thanked Superintendent Hackenberg for moving the shelves in the library to make room for the summer programs.
- VII. **EXISTING BUSINESS:**
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Truth in taxation hearing will take place on June 28th, 2022. Imus reported that we have been at 16.9595 mills since 2010. Our taxable value has only increased from \$39,343,673 to \$39,484,957 a total of 50,284. Over the past ten years.
- IX. **BOARD, COMMITTEE, AND STAFF REPORTS:**
 - A. Imus reported that the village is currently undergoing email updates, to include Village council members, Clark's technical can come during next Village Council meeting to help. The village is moving forward with closing on the Reid's property next to Wagoner's. The village is no longer waiting on a grant. The Lawton Farmer's Market is looking at options between moving there this summer and the Fire Department Parking Lot, which has been okayed with the Fire Chief. An Ad Hoc Committee was created including Appleby, Smith, and Turner to review any purchase agreements moving forward.
 - B. Rathbun reported that candidates that are up for election need to go get filing paperwork from Chantel Reyna located at 24821 Front Ave in Mattawan, the deadline to have signatures and have these returned to Reyna by the July 26th deadline. Candidates up for election this year are

Appleby, E. Dudek, Turner, and Tanis. Broadband and internet service concerns are aging being reported at James Street and Tathe Wastewater Treatment Plants. Staff is looking into upgrading our internet or getting Comcast.

- C. Hackenberg reported that the Department of Public Works reports are attached. The department had overtime due to the spring cleanup. Three dumpsters were used in Spring Cleanup, less than usual. The splash pad was closed at the beginning of this week because the button was broken due to vandalism. The Department of Public Works has ordered automatic locks for the park bathroom doors, and a timer installed on the Splash Pad. Looking into getting cameras for the park due to safety concerns. The house demolition on White Oak is scheduled to have the gas disconnected, and the contractor is ready to go as soon as that is disconnected. The village's power washer that has been ordered is 6-8 weeks behind it's delivery schedule due to shipping delays.
- D. Mack reported that the Police Department reports are attached. There are still 2 full-time positions available. There has been a conditional offer given for one full time position based on physical and psychological evaluations set to happen next week.
- E. E. Dudek reported that the Fire Department had an average month for both QR and fire reports.
- F. G. Dudek reported that the Downtown Development Authority have placed the flowers out downtown.
- G. Rathbun reported that director Tone has a lot lined up for Summer Reading programs and has done a great job getting local donations for the program. Lots of good programs lined up.
- H. Peterson reported that the Planning Commission has nothing new to report since last week's June meetings.

X. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Jim Turner has contacted the Village and would like to build a pole barn across the street from the elementary school. A Zoning Board of Appeals meeting may be necessary.

XI. **CLOSED SESSION:** The council decided not to enter a closed session.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT:** E. Dudek, supported by Turner, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. A voice vote was taken with unanimous approval of those present. The next Village Council Meeting will take place on June 28, 2022 at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Brittany Rathbun, Lawton Village Clerk