



VILLAGE OF LAWTON

Regular Meeting Minutes – Tuesday November 23, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

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

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MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Appleby called the November 23, 2021, meeting of the Lawton Village Council to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- III. **ROLL CALL:** Present: President Appleby. Trustees: E. Dudek, N. Smith, R. Tanis, J. Peterson, and R. Turner. G. Dudek entered the meeting at 6:30. Others present: Village Manager Imus, Village Clerk Bell and one other guest.
- IV. **CONSENT AGENDA:** The Consent Agenda included the approval of the November 23, 2021, Council Agenda, and the November 9, 2021, Council Meeting Minutes. Peterson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with corrections. Turner seconded the motion. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.
- V. **COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATIONS:**
- VI. The Village has received correspondence from Comcast Corp regarding system rate increases and channel decreases. Resolution 24-2021 stipulating a review of services, service quality, and service areas provided for in the Village and to work with the Village to locate the poor service and lapse service in order to establish a strategy to enhance service to the entire village. Turner motioned to approve Resolution 24-2021 with support from Smith. A roll call vote was taken with 6 council members in favor, G. Dudek did not vote.
- VII. **CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** None.
- VIII. **PUBLIC HEARINGS / APPOINTMENTS:**
 - A. Turner made a motion to open a Public Hearing to hear comment on issuance of one or more series of Senior Living Revenue Bonds regarding White Oaks Randall Residence located at 300 White Oak Road, Lawton, MI in an amount not to exceed \$50,090,000.00. With support from Smith, a unanimous voice vote opened the public Hearing.

Manager Imus explained that the Randall Residence on White Oak Drive was being purchased by a Non-Profit using municipal bonds. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear comment

on the project and then pass a resolution to approve the sale of tax exempted bonds that will be used to purchase Randall Residence. Manager Imus presented an agreement, signed by Randall Residence, guaranteeing that the Village be made whole if a tax-exempt status was granted to the property. The agreement maintained that the Village would continue to receive the allocated tax revenue through a PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) Plan, including Village operating, library and street taxes. Chris Randall, CEO with the Randall Residence, spoke to the need for the bonding and the challenges the residence faced during the pandemic.

Turner, supported by E. Dudek, made a motion to close the Public Hearing. A unanimous voice vote closed the hearing.

Peterson made a motion, supported by Turner, to authorize the Village Council President and the Village Manager to execute the agreement with QSH/Midwest, LLC subject to our Attorney's final language as agreed upon between the parties. A unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

IX. EXISTING BUSINESS: NONE

X. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. E. Dudek made a motion to approve Resolution 23-2021, a Resolution approving the Issuance of one or more series of Senior Living Revenue Bonds regarding White Oaks Randall Residence in an amount not to exceed \$50,090,000, seconded by Turner. A roll call vote was taken with full approval.

XI. BOARD, COMMITTEE, AND STAFF REPORTS: None

XII. COUNCIL COMMENTS: None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Turner, supported by Smith, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. A voice vote was taken with unanimous approval of those present. The next regular scheduled meeting is December 14, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted by Joni Bell, Village Clerk