



Village of Lawton
VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
125 S. MAIN, LAWTON MI 49065 269.624.6407
Tuesday October 24, 2023
MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order:** President Appleby called the October 24 2023, meeting of the Lawton Village Council to order at 7:03 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** *Present:* Appleby, Tanis, E. Dudek, Peterson, Smith, Turner, G. Dudek *Absent:* None. *Others Present:* Previous Village Manager Imus, Interim Village Manager Hackenberg, Clerk Rathbun, and Treasurer Leonard.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. **Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda included the approval of the October 24th Council Agenda, the October 10, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes, and the October 10, 2023 Special Council Meeting Minutes. Peterson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, supported by E. Dudek. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion.
- V. **Communications, Correspondence, and Presentations:**
 - A. Hackenberg presented final updates on the DSMI project from Wightman Engineering. The Village is ready to proceed with finalizing this project and making a final payment to Kalamazoo Excavating to close out the contract.
- VI. **Citizen Comments:** None.
- VI: **Public Hearings/Appointments/Proclamations:** None.
- VII. **Old Business:**
 - A. Hackenberg presented a final layout for Reid's corner from Progressive AE. Hackenberg stated in order to be out to bid by January, to be ready to build in spring we are looking for a final decision. Council discussion ensued. Turner made a motion to approve the final concept for Reid's Corner from Progressive AE. Seconded by E. Dudek. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion.
- VII: **New Business:**
 - A. Village manager Imus presented current projects as well as spending priorities to Village Council. Discussion ensued in order to discuss how to finish all of the projects Village Manager Imus was in the process of working on. Imus also presented budget updates, as well as the Village Capital Improvement Plan. President Appleby presented an employment agreement contract for Village Manager Imus to continue with Village Administrative support throughout the transition process on an as needed basis the floor, followed by discussion. Peterson made a motion to approve the Employment Agreement for Village Administrative support with and update to include that Imus may

remain on the Village insurance plan through November 30, 2023. Turner seconded the motion, followed by a roll call vote with all in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.

- B. Village President Appleby presented an employment agreement contract for Chief Jeffrey Mack to continue as the Village's interim chief of police to the floor, followed by discussion. E. Dudek, seconded by Tanis motioned to approve the Employment agreement to continue utilizing Jeffrey Mack as interim chief of police as needed on an hourly paid basis. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.
- C. President Appleby brought a quote from the Booko Brothers in the amount of \$91,300 to include a smart vent to the table for discussion. Interim Village Manager Hackenberg reported that since the village, fire department, and library are going in on thirds for it, the cost will be \$30,433.33 per entity.

VIII. Staff Reports:

- A. Interim Village Manger Todd Hackenberg reported on upcoming Planning Commission meeting concerns in regard to the Public Hearing for a moratorium. He stated that he will be meeting with an attorney to make sure that we have everything we need to comply legally.

IX. Council Comments:

- A. President Appleby wanted to discuss interview committees to allow for the privacy of the interviewees. And how to approach upcoming interviews. Discussion ensued with hiring committees to be formed for each position as quickly as possible to start interviewing candidates.

- X. **Adjournment:** Turner moved, with support from E. Dudek, to adjourn the Village Council Meeting at 9:02 p.m. Next regular council meeting to take place on November 14, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Brittany Rathbun
Village Clerk