



Village of Lawton
VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
125 S. MAIN, LAWTON MI 49065 269.624.6407
Tuesday February 24, 2026
MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order:** President Appleby called the February 24 2026, meeting of the Lawton Village Council to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** *Present:* Appleby, Tanis, E. Dudek, Peterson, G. Dudek, Raber *Absent:* Turner *Others Present:* Village Manager Hackenberg, Clerk Rathbun, Library Director Tone and three guests.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. **Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda included the approval of the February 24, 2026 Council Agenda, and the February 10, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes. Peterson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with correction to the minutes from the February 10 meeting under consent agenda, supported by G. Dudek. A unanimous roll call vote approved the motion.
- V. **Citizen's Comments:**
 - A. Library Director Tone went over a list of projects to the building that the library intends to have done.
- VI. **Communications, Correspondence, and Presentations:**
 - A. Village Manager Hackenberg reviewed a letter for housing bills currently being reviewed at the state level, which would affect the Zoning Regulations within the Village if they passed.
- VII. **Public Hearings/ Appointments:**
 - A. Following a motion from E. Dudek, and a second from Tanis, President Appleby opened the public hearing to discuss the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Extension Budget at 7:12PM
 - B. Manager Hackenberg gave a summary of the FY 25/26 Budget Extension. Discussion ensued.
 - C. President Appleby asked for any public present who would like to comment during the budget hearing. None present wished to comment.
 - D. With no further comment, Peterson with support from Tanis, made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the FY 25/26 Extension Village Budget at 7:44 PM. A unanimous roll call vote was taken with all in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.
- VIII. **Old Business:**
 - A. President Appleby brought discussion on the Police Training Property for 80-02-031-011-00 annexation possibility to the floor for discussion. E. Dudek moved that the Village of Lawton authorize the Village Manager to proceed with the annexation process of Village-

owned property into the Village limits, including but not limited to: obtaining a boundary survey and preparation of a legal description of the subject property, seconded by Peterson. A roll call vote with unanimous agreement followed E. Dudek's motion. Motion carried.

IX. New Business:

- A.** President Appleby brought Ordinance 01-2026 to the floor for discussion. This ordinance would revise the current Village budget timeline from March 1- February 28th of each year and make it July 1-June 30 to be in line with the county. E. Dudek made a motion to approve Ordinance 01-2026, seconded by Tanis. A roll call took place with all in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.
- B.** President Appleby brought Resolution 03-2026 to extend the current fiscal year to the floor for discussion. Peterson made a motion to approve Resolution 03-2026, seconded by G. Dudek, a roll call vote was taken with all in favor, and none opposed. Motion carried.
- C.** President Appleby brought Resolution 04-2026 to the floor for discussion. E. Dudek made a motion to approve Resolution 04-2026, which would vacate a public right of way located in Love's Second Addition, seconded by G. Dudek. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.
- D.** President Appleby brought Resolution 05-2026 to the floor to discuss the execution of the collective bargaining agreement to the floor for discussion. made a motion, seconded by to approve Resolution 05-2026. A roll call vote was taken G. Dudek-yes, Peterson-yes, E. Dudek-Yes, Appleby-Yes, Turner-Absent Raber-No. Motion carried.

X. Council Comments:

- A.** Peterson stated HS Fleet has plans to move from their current location and move to M-40, they have had site plan approved and will begin construction in summer. She would like to see the DPW be moved to HS Fleet's current location, which will be better for our DPW, and free up downtown property for downtown parking. Peterson proposed we fund this by charging each fund that the DPW utilizes and the vehicle fund in order to raise money to purchase the property. She would like to see the information presented as soon as possible along with a potential for low interest loans.

XI. Adjournment: Peterson motioned to adjourn at 8:44PM supported by E. Dudek.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Brittany Rathbun
Village Clerk