

**VILLAGE OF LAWTON  
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-2026**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE VILLAGE OF LAWTON PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Village of Lawton recognizes that meaningful public participation is essential to transparent, accountable, and effective local governance; and

WHEREAS, the Village seeks to engage residents, businesses, organizations, and other stakeholders in decisions that affect the community's future; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lawton has prepared a Public Participation Plan to establish a consistent framework for public engagement, communication, and reporting of results; and

WHEREAS, the Public Participation Plan is intended to serve as a living document that guides staff, boards, commissions, and elected officials in selecting appropriate engagement methods while complying with applicable state and local laws; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a Public Participation Plan supports best practices promoted by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and Redevelopment Ready Communities® certification standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Council of the Village of Lawton hereby adopts the **Village of Lawton Public Participation Plan**, as presented and attached hereto, effective upon adoption of this resolution; and

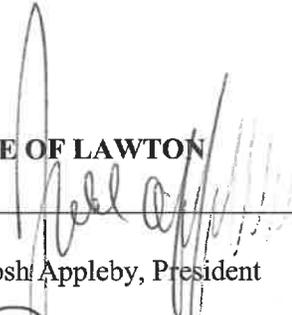
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Village staff and officials are directed to implement the Public Participation Plan in the conduct of Village business and to review and update the Plan periodically, but no less than annually, as provided therein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is directed to maintain the adopted Public Participation Plan as an official Village policy document and make it available to the public.

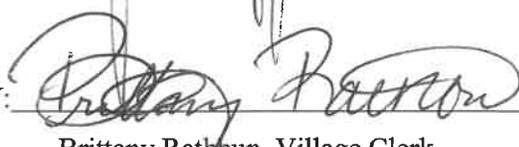
AYES: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

**ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

**VILLAGE OF LAWTON**

BY:  \_\_\_\_\_

Josh Appleby, President

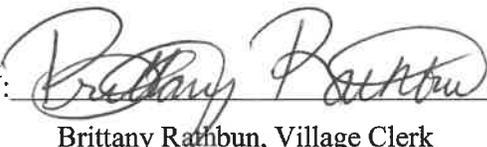
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Brittany Rathbun, Village Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Brittany Rathbun, duly appointed Clerk of the Village of Lawton, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Lawton Village Council at a regular meeting held on March 10th, 2026 in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, the minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

**VILLAGE OF LAWTON**

BY:  \_\_\_\_\_

Brittany Rathbun, Village Clerk