



**Village of Lawton**  
**VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**125 S. MAIN, LAWTON MI 49065 269.624.6407**  
**Tuesday May 12, 2026**  
**MINUTES**

- I. **Call to Order:** President Appleby called the May 12 2026, meeting of the Lawton Village Council to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** *Present:* Appleby, Peterson, Turner, G. Dudek, Raber *Absent:* Tanis and E. Dudek *Also Present:* 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 May 12 Council Agenda, the April 28, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes, and disbursements in the amount of \$162,616.42. Peterson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented supported by Turner. A unanimous roll call vote approved the motion.
- V. **Communications, Correspondence, and Presentations:**
  - A. Library Director Tone stated the ceiling is finished, and there were 72 cracks, and 12 leaks where the skylight was at. The front door now has an ADA button that works. She also asked about the back wall. The Village is having someone look into this to see how extensive the damage is. The Village will get back to the library once they have an update.
- VI. **Citizen Comments:**
- VII. **Public Hearings/Appointments:** None.
- VIII. **Old Business:** None.
- IX. **New Business:**
  - A. Peterson made a motion to approve a proposal from Lawton Handyman for several renovations to the Village offices for an amount not to exceed \$10,000, seconded by G. Dudek. A roll call vote with all present in favor and none opposed approved the motion. Motion carried.

**X. Board, Committee, and Staff Reports:**

- A.** Peterson reported that the Planning Commission did not meet.
- B.** G. Dudek reported that the DDA met, and she provided updates on DDA storage and the pickleball courts. She stated she is disappointed with the plantings on Main Street by MDOT as they are not maintaining them as they promised to.
- C.** Appleby stated the Fire Department has a new Junior Member graduating fire school in June.

**XI. Council Comments:**

- A.** Turner stated E-bikes are on the roads more and not paying attention to traffic laws. He would like the police to begin issuing warnings.

**XII: Adjournment:** Turner with support from Peterson to adjourn the Village Council Meeting at 7:40 p.m. Next regular council meeting to take place on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Brittany Rathbun  
Village Clerk