

Village Of Lawrence

Regular Meeting
December 8th, 2020
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Call to Order

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Common Council of Village of Lawrence was called to order by President Quick at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Quick.

Roll Call

Present: Glennie, Gritter, Lorenzo, Ouzts, Quick and DeLoach

Also Present: Brian Johnson, Donna Spenner, Theresa Stroud, and Paul Bianco.

Additions to Agenda

Quick-Trustee apps; if no other applications are received will appoint Mary Webster.

Conflict of Interest items

No conflict of Interest

Approval to pay bills and Approval of Consent Agenda and Minutes from November 10th and November 24th (special session) meeting.

Quick-Seber; \$11,000.00 was this for the entire audit?
Stroud-yes; from July to completion in October.

Motion by Gritter second by Ouzts to approve bills and meeting minutes.
All I-Motion carried.

No further discussion.

Roll Call: Quick, DeLoach, Ouzts, Lorenzo, Gritter, Glennie

Presentations and Guests

- County – Don Hanson-not present.

Township – Donna Spenner

- Fire department Christmas lights; good looks good.
- Hiring of a Planner on Thursday's meeting. David Derrisk out of Grand Rapids. If he works out would like for Village to incorporate him into the Village.

Lawrence Township Emergency Services Report – Chief Mike Anchor

- Not present; on fire call.

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Reports:

President-Presented by Quick

- Have we received any additional Trustee applications?
 - Stroud-Debra Chapman; may be interested in filling the seat. Will call her tomorrow.

Clerk-Everhart

Highway signs; some are past due as of 11/10. Are we going to charge a penalty?

Quick-I don't know that we have ever charged a penalty. Dale is following up with each.

Dumpster-penalties?

Quick-this is Village. Is it set at 5% also?

Everhart-yes; none currently past due but would we like to charge penalty?

Quick-we could take a look if it happens but don't want to discourage people from using the program.

Village Manager-Presented by Stroud

- Budget requests. I have only received one back. If you have anything you would like added to the budget please get it in.
- We have added a bell at the back door for mail delivery. If we have boxes for delivery; they will ring the bell. This will allow us to close the PO Box at some point.
- Stroud and Johnson were on a call with Rural Task Force (Zone 4). There has been a reduction in funding for MDOT project and there is a chance that the East St. Joseph project which is on the schedule for 2022 if moved for 2022 it may cost an additional 22,000.00.
- We have been approached by Crystal Flash about selling the building next to them. Researching value of property and quotes are coming in on the new building. The evaluation of that property is \$40,000. and the first quote on new building was \$68,000.
 - Quick-Pole building? Where are we going to put it?
 - Stroud-yes; thinking about placing at the waste site.
 - DeLoach-What about the property at Bangor Rd?
 - Johnson-the only building has access to power and other locations have to be 200 ft from well. Bangor Rd property is an option but would be more expensive due to land clearing.
 - Stroud-assessor has given property value. Has talked to auditors; building is used by Major, Water/Sewer, Local. We could split the additional cost between those departments. Take the proceeds from the sale then split the remaining. It would only hurt General Fund.
 - DeLoach-Has Crystal Flash actually made an offer or are they just interested?
 - Stroud-they are interested. He asked what property was worth. She responded she would find out.
 - Quick-previously showed interest a couple of years ago but we came back too much.
 - Johnson-the quote was what it would cost to replace. We can get property value and cost to replace and go from there.
 - Gritter-are we thinking about another 30x60?
 - Johnson-goal is to make it big enough and partial heat; a 40x60. Need to move some items from DPW and move the plow truck. Will be a combination of storage and function.
 - Ouzts-let make it bigger.
 - Quick-Lets move forward with it.

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- Stroud-Railroad-had a call with Jammie Goff. He states he already talked to Mike at RR and law states we don't have to sign the maintenance agreement and put the sidewalk in. If we need to go over it again with RR he can schedule a meeting.
 - Quick-Can we get a letter stating the law from Jammie and include everyone; we can proceed without RR. As long as we don't place the sidewalk in his track we should be okay.
 - Stroud-Jammie is going to send RR law of 1993.
 - Lorenzo-DPW would be responsible to maintaining sidewalk.
 - Stroud-will tell Connie with Prein & Newhof let's move forward with project and file with the project.
- No further discussion.

Bianco-

- Update on Emergency orders; he can provide additional details.
- Police dep-waiting on some equipment.
- Recall from Ford on police vehicle; will be going into the show net week. (ball joints)
- Radios-current 3 to 7 month to get programmed. Has borrowed some radios from Fire department.
- Side arms and long guns-gun companies are 90 days out. Hope to have by February.
- Car-has the equipment and hopes to have fitted by January. Going to buy some equipment from Lawton to finish.
- Required schools based on Lean to attend. One in January and one in March. Will be certified to handle the confidential information.
- Looking into Neighborhood watch.

No further discussion.

Administration-no meeting

Community Development: presented by Glennie.

- Had zoom meeting but due to quarantine he didn't get them submitted.
- Have the parade this Saturday.
- Drive by Santa; Mr. & Mrs. Clause staying on the sleigh. Mailbox for drop in the park.
- Christmas house decorating contest.

No further discussion

DDA-no meeting

Parks & Rec-presented by Lorenzo

- No meeting; next meeting set for the December 20th
- Ordered drags for Tiger Den
- will review budget.
- Will pay a year ahead on Paw Paw river water trail contract and upkeep.

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LDFA-no meeting.

Personnel-no meeting. Have moved to quarterly. Next meeting will be in January.

Planning-presented by Ouzts.

- Getting ready to finish fence ordinance. More discussion on setbacks. Hope to go public hearing in January or February.
- Marijuana spreadsheet placed in Council docs. Will be used for internal use only. Permits etc. have to be updated each year; it will be used for tracking.
- Updating both the adult and medical class C. Currently have 3 each. Due to interest will be increasing. Will be additional discussion and then presented to public hearing.
- Zoning-Stroud talked to a couple of kids regarding riding go carts in the streets and property issues.
 - DeLoach-Are more business interested in setting up in the Industrial Park?
 - Glennie-yes, absolutely. Planning wants to be ahead of licensing and maintain control.
 - Ouzts-we have to stay ahead on the water/sewer.
 - Quick-that may dictate the amount of licensing we can issue.

No further discussion

PSC-no meeting. Presented by Johnson.

- Working on Christmas lights and getting ready for winter.
- Sending out Lead and Copper tests next week for samples.

No further discussion

DeLoach-back to Planning. Did we ever get any of the slug removed?

- Johnson-no; we only have 3 spots that are approaching the 2 ft mark. As long as it stays at that point we should be okay for 2 or 3 years.
- With 305 Farms; put in a holding tank with offsite removal.

Redevelopment: -No meeting.

ZBA-no meeting.

New Business.

Quick-need to confirm committee for DeLoach to PSC. We will need to add him to the website also.

Old Business.

- Stroud-Consumers at Business Park. William Bill; are pursuing AEP to contract for the additional power needed at park. Where originally looking at 2 year project but will be moving it up 12 months sooner. Will be doing work at sub-station to be used while they are working on the new sub-station. Are to notify Stroud when they start this process to monitor and ensure no power outages for the Village.

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- Glennie-Is this only being done at our current sub-station?
 - Stroud-as far as she knows. They are planning to bring in another sub-station at some point. They will be talking to Anette Crandall to possible purchase ½ acre to add another sub-station.
 - Glennie-Doesn't want to use Village lots.
 - Stroud-have already told Anette we wont be split because it makes us unable to sell it.

No Further Discussion.

Public Comment:

Donna Spenner-Southwest Planning Commission. Award for efforts outstanding in Paw Paw water clean up. Having a ceremony on Dec 15th at 9:30 AM via Zoom.

Council Comments:

Gritter; NA, DeLoach; NA; Lorenzo, Merry Christmas; Glennie, have a nice Christmas and be careful, Ouzts-NA, Quick; thanks for all your efforts. Get budgets in.

Motion by Glennie, second by DeLoach to adjourn.
All I-motion approved
Meeting adjourned at 7:56

Motion to adjourn by Glennie, second by Outz.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Attest:

Becky Everhart, Clerk

David Quick, President