

Village Of Lawrence

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Public Services Committee Meeting

2-5-2020

Call to order: 6:00 PM

Present: D Quick, J Gritter, R Smith, B Johnson, D Faulkner, M Keyser

Guests:

ACTION ITEMS

- ❖ Motion by Quick, support by Gritter
 - Village of Lawrence to begin termination of police contract. Concurrently PSC to explore and pursue alternative options for a law enforcement presence within the Village of Lawrence.
 - PASSED
- ❖ Motion by Smith, support by Quick
 - Forward recommendation to Personnel Committee to review compensation package for full time DPW employees.
 - PASSED

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

- Water Ordinance
 - With the ever increasing mandates coming from EGLE and the implications of applying these mandates to the existing potable water supply servicing the Village of Lawrence a sense of urgency to comply now exists to insure the basic need of safe drinking water remains intact and available to the residents of Lawrence.
 - Man power within the DPW and the operator of record is at a premium. The number of test sites have changed, the location of these sites have been modified, new inspections of infrastructure have been directed and administrative record and reporting are only a portion of items contributing to the increase.
 - Example 1: As the Village has allowed in the past, connecting a hose to your neighbors house so that they may have water during a freezing condition will not be available as an option without major changes in the procedure or perhaps not at all.
 - Example 2: Although under contention within the legal system in Michigan, the Village may very well be responsible for infrastructure delivering water to the home to the first valve located within the residence or 18 inched within the structure. (see Village of Clinton document)
 - Example 3: Partial repair of water main leaks would be prohibited. The practice of "band-aid" repairs would be evaluated and repair of the water main may lead to its being replaced in its entirety.
- ❖ **In an effort to insure safe, reliable and affordable water to the residents of Lawrence, the PSC urgently recommends that the Village Council put in place by whatever means necessary a "stop gap measure" that would prohibit any new water well to be introduced within the Village limits and or any entity receiving water from its supply and delivery system.**

OLD BUSINESS

- Resolution ongoing with regard to paving issue performed by Consumers Energy in the alley between DPW building and Antique store

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- Resolution ongoing with regard to insurance claim for sewer backup in old Masonic Lodge building
- DPW has received camera footage of sewer performed during W. St Joseph paving project
- It is the opinion of the PSC that the paving of W. St Joseph project is not yet complete and final payment will not be made until DPW manager and Village manager are satisfied
- Police contract
 - PSC will recommend that the police contract be terminated. Quick will be exploring alternative options for a law enforcement presence in Lawrence

NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ DPW report offered by Johnson
- ❖ Manager's report offered by Faulkner

Adjourn: 8:31 PM

Respectfully submitted: M Keyser/ chairperson PSC

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