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Village of Lawrence Regular Common Council Meeting

157 N Paw Paw, Lawrence, MI 49064

September 13, 2022

Call to Order: The Regular Common Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was lead by President Quick

Roll Call:

- **Present:** David Quick, President; David Deloach, Trustee; Mary Webster, Trustee; Alicia Lorenzo, Trustee; John Gritter, Trustee; Phil Glennie, Trustee; Klass Maring, Trustee
- **Absent:** None
- **Also Present:** Theresa Stroud, Village Manager; Brian Johnson, DPW Supervisor, Paul Bianco, Police Chief; Don Hanson, County Commissioner; Chuck Williams, Resident; Donna Spenner, Township Supervisor; Marie Westendorf, Fred Knight, Olivia Knight, Kimberley Kiley,

Additions to Agenda:

- Paw Paw St Project
- Website redesign

Conflicts of Interest:

None

Approval of Consent Agenda and bills for September, July 12, Meeting Minutes

- Motion by Maring, 2nd by Glennie
All Aye. Motion Carried.

Presentations:

Van Buren County Commissioner: Don Hanson

- John Small is new building maintenance person

Lawrence Township:

- Handouts of Senior Services Events currently scheduled
- The Senior Services millage passed resulting in the Township now receiving a half Mill vs the previous quarter mill. Serving on average 100 lunches.
- The Township road millage was approved for 2 mills

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- Results of Broadband survey conducted by the County. Lawrence is underserved by 59%, if you remove the Village the Township is underserved by 61%. 2.4 – 4.2 million needed to bring all of Lawrence Township up to service levels. 40 million to cover the entire county.
- Watervliet dump gives dump passes twice a year. Other Townships are issuing passes to residents allowing them to take one (1) truck load to the dump during a weekend in April and September and the Township pays the invoice. Lawrence Township will be looking to do something similar in the Spring.
- Red Arrow Highway will be repaved from the Village Limit West to CR 681 in October.

Lawrence Township Emergency Services:

- Ox Roast – Traffic coming East prior to truck parade should be routed down Michigan earlier to avoid endangering the folks setting up in preparation of viewing the parade.
- The will be making sure that the trucks are traveling single file vs side by side because they were getting close to spectators while traveling down Red Arrow.
- Working on recruitment
- Fall Fire Prevention is starting. There have been 80 fire deaths of adults to date. Free smoke alarms are being given out.
- The pancake breakfast brought in about \$1600.
- Working on writing policies for the Fire Department

Emily Hickmott – Van Buren Conservation District – Cleaning up the Kal-Haven Trail. Volunteer event

- Water Quality testing being done at the Paw Paw River Park in Lawrence on Sunday.
- 10/15/2022 Recycle Round up at the ISD from 9am – 2pm. They will be collecting household chemicals, Styrofoam, tires, electronics. Reservations are required for tires to be dropped off. Limit of 10 tires per household.

Village Reports:

President's Report:

- Dumpster Program – Local business owner was concerned about trash being left outside the dumpster, unauthorized persons using the dumpsters, the locks being unreliable. President Quick investigated and found that the Village pays \$900/mo subsidizing about \$500+/mo. President Quick feels that the Village should remove itself from the situation and allow the business owners to secure their own trash removal. If approved businesses will be given 45 days notice that the dumpsters are being removed.

Motion by Deloach, 2nd by Maring for the Village to discontinue the Dumpster Program

Aye: Quick, Deloach, Glennie, Gritter, Lorenzo, Webster, Maring

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Nay: none

All Aye, motion carried.

- President Quick addressed the issue of Committee minutes not being submitted on time. Minutes should be submitted by noon on Friday in order to be included in the Council Packet.

Clerk's Report:

- Demo of new Website. Created using Wix as the platform.
- The cost of using Wix vs Go Daddy is comparable
- Motion by Lorenzo, 2nd by Gritter
- All aye, motion carried.

Village Manager:

- Compliments on the Ox Roast
- A Couple of critiques – trash not cleaned up in the park and animal feces left in the park.

Police Department:

- Chief supplied his monthly report.
- Running radar
- Speed has picked up now that the paving is complete on E. St. Joe
- Ox Roast – 74 man hours for the weekend.
- Armed security at 305 Farms
- Cannabis facilities in surrounding areas are still being broken into
- The Pastor for the Methodist Church did a ride-along with the Chief
- Citizen Police Committee Meeting was held on August 23.
- Waiting for Grant for Body Armor in October
- September 2, 2022 the department was certified by State of Michigan so that all of our reports are shared with the FBI and they are included in National Crime Stats.
- Recalls on Vehicles – Several have been resolved

Community Development:

- Halloween – is on a Monday and the Committee would like to hold the events on Saturday, October 29th from 5-7 followed by a movie in the park.

Motion by Glennie, 2nd by Lorenzo

Aye: Quick, Lorenzo, Deloach, Glennie, Maring, Webster

Nay: Gritter

Majority Aye, motion carried.

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DDA:

- Report included

Joint Parks & Recreation:

- Community Paddle, low turnout
- Joint Township/Village meeting regarding spending \$12,500 for development of a parks master plan, neither board was willing to commit at this time.
- Millage vote in November – need to educate the community
- New bylaws for Parks and Recreation Committee

Motion to approve the bylaws Glennie, 2nd Lorenzo

Aye: quick, deloach, Lorenzo, gritter, Glennie, webster, Maring

All Aye, motion carried

LDFA:

- No meeting held.

Personnel:

- No meeting held

Planning Commission:

- No meeting held
- Hearing sent for October 3, 2022 for Robert Doll issues

Public Services/DPW:

- Whitney Pizzala from AR Engineering spoke about the Paw Paw Street project scheduled for 2024. Project starts at South Village limits and runs to Front Street. Documents need to be submitted this year to begin project on time.
- The Village will need to commit \$82,000 for the 80/20 split of project costs. The Village will front the other \$82,000 for four months to start the project early.

Motion by Gritter, 2nd by Lorenzo to move forward with the project and allocate the funds.

Aye: Quick, Deloach, Lorenzo, Gritter, Maring, Webster, Glennie

Nay: None

All Aye, motion carried

ZBA:

- No meeting held.

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New Business:

None

Old Business:

None

Public Comment:

Resident concern about overdue water bill

Resident concerns about an alley on James Street being used by a resident

Council Comment:

None

Motion to Adjourn:

- Motion by
All Aye, Motion Carried.
Meeting Adjourned at 9:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Theresa Stroud, Village Manager

David Quick, President