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Village of Lawrence Regular Common Council Meeting

157 N. Paw Paw, Lawrence, MI 49064

January 10, 2023

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by President Quick

Roll Call:

- **Present:** David Quick, President; John Gritter, Trustee; Phil Glennie, Trustee; Alicia Lorenzo, Trustee; Klass Maring, Trustee
- **Absent:** David Deloach, Trustee;
- **Also Present:** Brian Johnson, DPW Supervisor, Paul Bianco, Police Chief; Mike Chappell, County Commissioner
- **Additions to Agenda:**
QAP water/sewer credit
Lowering of Medical Marijuana License Fee – This item was tabled pending further information

Conflicts of Interest:

None

Approval of Consent Agenda and Bills

Approval of the bills was tabled until February as the report was not run this month
Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Maring, 2nd by Gritter
All Aye. Motions Carried.

Presentations:

Van Buren County Commissioner: Mike Chappell

- Don Hanson was recognized by State and County Leadership for his service to the community. There is a vote taking place to name the County Commissioners board room after Don.
- Bargaining unit raises were approved at 6%, 3% and 3%
- Zach Morris was re-appointed to the Land Bank Authority, Emily Hickmott was appointed to the Parks Commission, and Wayne Nelson was re-appointed to the Building Authority.
- The Commissioners approved awarding \$1MM to the Road Commission for work on CR388 and \$1.5MM to the Health Department

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Lawrence Township: Donna Spenner

- Not Present

Lawrence Township Emergency Services: Mike Anchor

- Not Present

Reports:

President's Report:

- President Quick Made Committee appointments and re-appointments
 - DDA – Chris Siriano was appointed to the committee
 - ZBA – Dave Quick was appointed to the committee, Phil Glennie, Ryan Ranson, Bob Brandal and Glen Thomson were all re-appointed to the committee
 - Construction Board of Appeals – Glen Thomson and Calvin Stroud were re-appointed to the committee

Clerk's Report:

No Clerk's report submitted.

Village Manager:

- Stroud provided a fact sheet on Municipal Expenditures to the Council in preparation for the Budget Workshop
- Stroud gave an update on the clean up work being done at 301 Main Street
- There was discussion about the Marijuana Ordinances, the DDA and LDFA Ordinance, Parking Ordinance and ORV Ordinance. Stroud to send copies to Council Member in preparation for holding a public meeting.

Police Department:

Report Attached

Community Development:

- Report Attached
- Trustee Glennie asked for a budget amendment of \$1000.00 to cover expenses incurred during the year.
 - Motion by Lorenzo, 2nd by Gritter to approve amendment
 - Aye – Gritter, Lorenzo, Maring, Glennie, Quick, Gritter
 - Nay – None

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- Motion Carried

DDA:

- Recommendation by DDA to complete the Deed transfer for the “Orr” building to Roy Cogar of Freedom Bar. Roy has completed all requirements set out by the DDA to purchase the building.
 - Motion by Lorenzo, 2nd by Gritter to transfer the deed.
 - Aye – Maring, Quick, Glennie, Lorenzo, Gritter
 - Nay – None
 - Motion Carried

Joint Parks & Recreation:

- Public Hearing was held for the new Master Plan. The Joint Parks and Rec Committee approved the new Master Plan.
 - Motion to accept the new PNR Master Plan by Lorenzo, 2nd by Gritter
 - All Aye, Motion Carried
- New Rec program with the school
- Spark Grant – non matching grant, project has to be minimum of \$100K
- Master Plan workshop on Saturday

LDFA:

- No Meeting Held

Personnel:

- No Meeting
- A meeting is being scheduled in January

Planning Commission:

- Discussion was held with regard to the Parking Ordinance
- Kelly Largent to create a table of acceptable uses and indicate which zoning district they are currently listed under

Public Services/DPW:

- Both DPW Techs passed their CDL test.
- Supervisor Johnson would like to put together an Equipment Replacement Schedule
- Supervisor Johnson will approach the DDA about upgrading the Christmas Decorations for the park

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- DPW has “junk” being stored in the DPW garage and asked permission to dispose of it as appropriate. Permission was granted.
- James Street Station – FLUSHABLE WIPES ARE **NOT** FLUSHABLE. The pumps and impellers have been damaged due to flushable wipes and other materials being introduced into the system. Going forward Grinder Pumps are being looked at as a replacement for the current pump style to eliminate or reduce down time due to non-traditional materials being introduced into the sewer system.
- Supervisor Johnson asked for up to \$70K to purchase a portable pump to be used during system outages to eliminate the need for renting one. A purchased pump could potentially pay for itself with 2-3 uses as renting costs are \$1200/week.
 - Motion by Maring to amend budget to allow purchase of pump, 2nd by Gritter
 - Aye – Maring, Gritter, Lorenzo, Glennie, Quick
 - Nay – None
 - Motion Carried
- There was also discussion about replacing the pumps at River station with Grinder pumps at a future date as well.
- The new DPW truck has arrived.

Citizen Police Committee:

No Meeting Held.

ZBA:

- No Meeting Held. Next meeting is February 21, 2023

New Business:

- None

Old Business:

- None

Public Comment:

- None

Council Comment:

- None

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Motion to Adjourn:

Motion by Glennie, 2nd by Maring
All Aye, Motion Carried.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Theresa Stroud
Acting Village Clerk

David Quick, President