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Village of Lawrence Regular Common Council Meeting

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February 14, 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; David Deloach, Trustee; Alicia Lorenzo, Trustee; Klass Maring, Trustee
- **Absent:**
- **Also Present:** Brian Johnson, DPW Supervisor; Donna Spenner, Township Supervisor; Theresa Stroud, Village Manager; Paul Garrod, Courier Leader; Lorraine Valk, Lawrence Resident; Larry West, Martha Labadie, Jerry Labadie, Julie Richardson, Priscilla Woodhans, Residents along Consumer's proposed power corridor route
- **Additions to Agenda:**
None

Conflicts of Interest:

None

Approval of Consent Agenda and Bills

Motion by Glennie, 2nd by Deloach
All Aye. Motions Carried.

Presentations:

Van Buren County Commissioner: Mike Chappell

- N/A

Lawrence Township: Donna Spenner

- BOR is scheduled for March 7, 13 and 14. Hours and details will be posted at the Village Hall and online.
- The Township Board addressed short term rentals at their meeting on February 9th. A Public Hearing was held and the decision was made that short term rentals would be allowed in areas zoned for Agriculture only, a special use permit will be required as well as annual review and

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inspections. There will also be a fee schedule set at the Township annual meeting in March to cover expenses.

- Andy Jerzak will be retiring from the Planning Commission after more than 20 years of service. A presentation will be made at the March Board meeting for all of his years of service.
- Safebuilt is looking to hire a new permit tech as well as inspectors in all categories, Building, Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing.
- The Township is working to set their new budget for the coming year.

Lawrence Township Emergency Services: Mike Anchor

- The Fire Department has three (3) member in Medical Training classes, they will graduate in April
- They also have two (2) members in Fire Training classes and they will graduate in May.
- Logan Gordy has been hired as a new member of the Fire Department

Reports:

President's Report:

None

Clerk's Report:

No Clerk's report submitted.

Village Manager:

- Clean up work continues at 301 Main Street. It is expected to be completed during this coming week.
- Police Chief Bianco is off on medical short term as he broke his elbow on Sunday, February 12.

Police Department:

None

Community Development:

- Report attached.

DDA:

- Report Attached.

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Joint Parks & Recreation:

- Report Attached

LDFA:

- No Meeting

Personnel:

- Closed Session Motion to go into closes session by Deloach, 2nd by Gritter at 7:32 pm
- All personnel rate increases were approved during the closed session
- Changes to the Personnel policy were approved
- Recommendation to restructure DPW was approved. Brian Johnson will be promoted to DPW
- Manager and Logan Gordy will be promoted to DPW Supervisor
- All motions are attached
- Motion to adjourn closed session made by Glennie 2nd by Lorenzo at 7:56

Planning Commission:

- Continue to work on Ordinance rewrite

Public Services/DPW:

- Work on the James Street station is ongoing. We are still waiting on parts to complete the repairs.
- The new By-Pass pump has arrived
- DPW has been working on several issues with water pressure to residents and has resolved them all

Citizen Police Committee:

No Meeting Held.

ZBA:

- No Meeting Held.

New Business:

- 2021 Audit Motion by Lorenzo 2nd by Gritter to allow Village Manager to sign off on the audit
- The process for abandoning properties in the Village was outlined

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Old Business:

- None

Public Comment:

- The various residents in attendance expressed great concern regarding the proposed route that the new power lines will follow

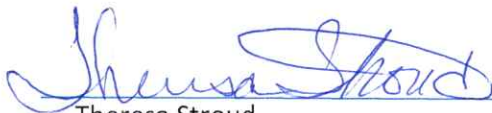
Council Comment:


- Phil expressed concerns that the water bills were mailed late in January

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion by Maring, 2nd by Gritter
All Aye, Motion Carried.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Theresa Stroud
Acting Village Clerk


David Quick, President