

Village Of Lawrence

Regular Meeting
February 9th, 2021
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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 7:05 PM via Zoom and live.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Quick.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Lorenzo

Also Present: Theresa Stroud, Paul Bianco and Don Hanson.

Additions to Agenda

- Wightman Invoice from Planning Commission
- LTW Presentation
- Budget Review
- Nonconforming Uses Memo
- Appointment of Mary Webster
- Special Session DDA-LDFA 2-8-see meeting minutes

Conflict of Interest items

No conflict of Interest

Approval to pay bills and Approval of Consent Agenda and Minutes from December 8th meeting.

Motion by Gritter second by Ouzts to approve bills and meeting minutes.

All I-Motion carried.

No further discussion.

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

Absent: Lorenzo

Presentations and Guests

County – Don Hanson:

- 911 antenna 36,000.00 approval. 1 new antenna at 1 million cost.
- Land bank-started with Hartford
- Purchase of 2 new trucks for dog warden

Township – Donna Spenner

- Not present.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

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Lawrence Township Emergency Services Report – Chief Mike Anchor

- Not present.

LTW Presentation:

- Purchase of 2 lots at business park; Lots 24 and 25 owned by Village; supported by DDA & LDFA per special session held on 2/8.
- Building will be 135 wide by 250 deep building with 80 by 100 loading dock.
- Plans to also put in walking trails for employees and possibly opening up to public.
- Quick: looking for action item at end of meeting discussion for Council approval.
 - Preliminary approval:
 - Price is still being negotiated and we are offering tax abatements to LTW for a period of up to 12 years. LTW does not meet quota; meet and discuss moving out date but will start with 6 years.
 - Power supplied by Village and Consumers Energy. Stroud working with Consumers to establish.
 - No conflicts on trails with Council.

Open questions and comments to Council.

- Ouzts: Is this an agreement? Quick; preliminary.
- Gritter: In support
- DeLoach: Are there water meters currently? Quick; yes.
- Glennie: In support. Is there are timetable in the agreement? Lamphere; not currently but agrees we should add into agreement. He will be receiving 50% of the large order up front which will allow for a large down payment on the loan. Wants to break ground asap.
- Thompson: In support; happy to see park growing.

Motion by Gritter second by DeLoach to approve preliminary approval.

All I-Motion carried.

No further discussion.

Roll: Glennie, Gritter, Ouzts, Quick and DeLoach.

Reports:

President-Presented by Quick

- Appointment of Mary Webster as Trustee1.
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All I-Motion Carried.

- Presentation by Quick to Chief Bianco-check for \$1,000.00 awarded for personal use by State of Michigan for hazard pay for medical certification.

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Clerk-Presented by Everhart

- Update on past due water/sewer bills. Has been working diligently sending out past due/shut off notices to residents. Has cut balance owed from around 75,000.00 to just under \$24,000.00. A list of inactive/balance due has also been created with a balance of \$4,970.17 and will be working with Stroud to collect and or get a small claims case(s) opened if needed.

Village Manager-Presented by Stroud

- Has been focusing on budget. Still small clean up on revenue and expenditure lines to correct entries and balance General Fund.
- Bloomingdale: on schedule for completion in spring. Village looking forward to switching from contract with Frontier to Bloomingdale fiber; Stroud working with Township to share expense.
- Working with Crystal Flash to purchase building owned by Village on S Paw Paw street (storage barn). We have made offer to sell at \$50,000.00 for property. The quote for DPW replacement building at waste site has a quote of \$40,000.00 and the additional funds will be used for electric and additional needs to complete.

Motion by Gritter; second by Ouzts to sell.

Additional questions:

- Gritter: How many acres are with the property?
 - Stroud: just under 2 acres.
- Webster: Will the new building house all of DPW?
 - Stroud: 90% of DPW will fit but offices will still be at the Village Hall.
- Gritter: Do we need to add the ability for Village Manager and or President to negotiate the price?
 - Quick: No
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No further Discussion.

All I-Motion Carried.

- Stroud: Also has 2 or 3 interested parties interested in the 10 acres owned by Village.
- Council open to sell. Stroud: will go to builder 1st for additional potential for tax revenue generated versus selling to private party.

Chief of Police-Presented by Bianco

- Police vehicle will be getting additional wrap.
- Appointment set for next week to get recall work completed.
- Bianco will be setting up meeting with President and Manager to go over officer applicants received.
- Budget request and why it is beneficial; see presentation provided.
 - Ouzts: Can state police provide authority to Village to cover calls due to County not deputizing Village officers? Bianco: No; only State officers fall under their jurisdiction.
- Stroud: Will set up Joint Meeting with Village and Township to discuss Police Mileage to cover expenses of the new Police department. Public Hearing to be scheduled after meeting with Township.

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Administration-no meeting

Community Development: presented by Glennie.

- See minutes
 - Additional follow up:
 - DDA-discussion on the Orr building.

Webster: Bloomingdale fiber in the park?

Thompson: agreement of DDA and LDFA to run fiber for 305 Farms to be completed by end of the month.

Stroud: during discussions with Thompson they found there was clean up needed on the tax revenue account. Stroud also working on clean up of the water/sewer account to move funds processed incorrectly; will need to move to General Fund.

No further discussion

DDA-no report.

Parks & Rec-no report.

LDFA-no report.

Personnel-no report.

Planning-Presented by Ouzts.

- Public hearing to be scheduled to go over final fence ordinance.
- In the process of redrafting the marijuana ordinance to allow Sunday sales in line with liquor sales.
- Action item: Wightman Invoice. Do we have approval?
 - Quick: Do we have funds received from 305 license? If not; we should forward the invoice to 305 Farms. Stroud: will research and report.

No further discussion

PSC-Presented by Gritter

- Working on new water ordinance. Per discussions held they plan to use Hartford's ordinance as a base. Redundancies from current ordinance have been removed. Draft ordinance ready for Stroud to review. Once reviewed a Public Hearing will be scheduled in March or April.

DPW-No report.

Redevelopment: -No meeting.

ZBA-no meeting.

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New Business: No new business.

Old Business. No old business.

No Further Discussion.

Public Comment: No

Council Comments:

- Webster: Thank you for the Welcome back.
 - Best Way has new threshold for amount of residence needed to offer recycling; new count needed has been changed to 20. Would like to offer this to residents as well as Village Hall.
- Friends of the Library; would like to work with Community Development Committee to work on newspaper/calendar development to include Friends of the Library. Webster to follow up.

Quick: Need to set up a budget approval meeting before end of month. Tuesday 23rd at 6:00 PM has been set.

Motion by Gritter, second by DeLoach to adjourn.

All I-motion approved

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Becky Everhart
Becky Everhart, Clerk

Attest:

David Quick
David Quick, President