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Village of Lawrence Regular Common Council Meeting

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October 11, 2022

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:** Mary Webster, Trustee; John Gritter, Trustee; David Quick, President; Phil Glennie, Trustee; David Deloach, Trustee; Alicia Lorenzo, Trustee
- **Absent:** Klass Maring, Trustee
- **Also Present:** Theresa Stroud, Village Manager; Brian Johnson, DPW Supervisor, Don Hanson, County Commissioner; Chuck Williams, Resident; Donna Spenner, Township Supervisor; Mike Anchor, Fire Chief, Renee Shriver, Smokin' D; Greg Kovacs, running for School Board

Additions to Agenda: None

Conflicts of Interest:

None

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Presentations:

Van Buren County Commissioner: Don Hanson

- The County has new snow removal bids and has selected a company that will also remove snow from the sidewalks. The agreement also includes a section stating that if two (2) or more inches accumulate the company will come back and re-clear the snow.
- There is an Architect working on the Historical Museum that also works with the insurance company. This should reduce costs and speed up the process.
- The Sheriff's Department has purchased a new electronic speed monitoring sign.
- Repairs are being completed on a switch by the Paw Paw water tower that was damaged by lightning in the August storm.
- There is a recycle day scheduled for Saturday October 15 at the VBISD.

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Lawrence Township: Donna Spenner

- The Township is working on a new blight letter to be sent out and a “Clean up the Community” initiative that will be launched in the spring.
- At the Township board meeting on Thursday, October 13, the Board will be looking at an amendment to the Cannabis Ordinance and considering allowing Cannabis retail facilities in the Township.
- Elections are coming up in November

Lawrence Township Emergency Services: Mike Anchor

- The department has one (1) new member
- First Responder training is being planned and will be held at the VBISD in January – two (2) members will be attending
- Mike is looking to hold a CPR class in December. Anyone interested should contact Mike.
- Eric Mills has received his medical license
- Thank you to the DPW crew for help in moving the Fireman’s memorial stone from downtown to the Cemetery. The project will be completed in the spring.
- The department has new radios and upgrades to existing allowing the FD to communicate with DPW and the Police in an emergency.
- Blight on Exchange St. has been removed. It was a Bio-hazard
- Reminder it is Fire Season—Check your smoke alarms
- The Fire Department will not sound the whistle at 6:00 pm on October 29th. Instead they will sound it at 5:00 pm to signal the start of Halloween festivities and again at 7:00 pm to signal the end.

Visitor: Greg Kovacs came in and introduced himself. He is running for a position on the School Board and outlined his experience and plans for improving conditions at the school.

Reports:

President’s Report:

- President Quick called for a motion to go into Closed Session.
- Motion by Deloach, 2nd by Gritter
- All Aye. Motion Carried

- President Quick called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 8:25 p.m.

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Clerk's Report:

No Clerk's report submitted.

Village Manager:

- Linda Pleyer has been working on the circular garden in the park, removing weeds and cleaning it up. She asked if the Village would purchase mulch for the garden to keep the weeds down and improve the appearance of the garden.
- Motion by Webster, 2nd by Glennie to purchase mulch out of Parks and Rec budget. All Aye, Motion Carried.

Police Department:

Report Attached

Community Development:

- Trick or treating events are underway, will have a movie after in the park.
- Arnie Redsicker is working on starting a business group in the Village
- Bruce Meyer will be in charge of Media
- Mary Muday will be in charge of Village Events

DDA:

- Work is set to begin on the new sidewalks in the park.

Joint Parks & Recreation:

- Kayak launch is in – considering leaving it in over the winter
- It was suggested to pour a retaining wall or splash wash stones along the sides of the walk leading to the river
- The PNR milage will be on the ballot in November. Approval of the milage will allow PNR to go after grants and complete future projects.

LDFA:

No meeting held.

Personnel:

Will be planning a meeting in November.

Planning Commission:

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- There is need of a Saturday workshop to continue work on the ordinance rewrites
- True Leaf would like the Village to extend the hours of operation for Cannabis sales. State regulations on Cannabis sales/hours needs to be looked up prior to a decision being made.
- The ordinance on “Drive-Thru Windows” in the Village needs to be looked at. Currently we do not allow Drive-Thru’s for any reason.

Public Services/DPW:

- Brian Johnson has learned about a new chip seal process being used by the County Road Commission that extends the life of roads by 40%. He will be looking into the costs for this new process.
- We have multiple trees that need to be taken down and the cost will exceed the amount budgeted this year. A request was made for an additional \$10K from the Municipal Roads fund to cover these costs.
- Motion by Glennie, 2nd by Webster to approve the additional funds
Roll Call,
Aye: Webster, Lorenzo, Glennie, Gritter, Deloach, Quick
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

ZBA:

No meeting held.

New Business:

Action Items:

- Renee from Smokin’ Ds requested special permission from the Council to set up her Food Truck during the Halloween weekend. She will be serving fried foods, pulled pork, coffee, hot cider, hot chocolate and will bring in a popcorn machine to pop popcorn for the movie in the park. The truck will be open Friday and Saturday from early until evening based on business levels, and Sunday from early morning until noon.
Motion by Deloach, 2nd by Webster to allow the food truck
All Aye, Motion Carried.

Old Business:

- Name the Pavilion’s. Council all agreed to name them “East” and “West” Pavilion

Public Comment:

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- Mike Anchor suggested that the Village invest in a street sweeper and paint the curbs in the Village.

Council Comment:

Tonight was Mary Webster's last Council Meeting. She expressed thanks and appreciation to everyone on Council. Everyone expressed their

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion by Gritter, 2nd by Deloach
All Aye, Motion Carried.
Meeting Adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Theresa Stroud
Acting Village Clerk

David Quick, President