

Village of Lawrence
Public Services Committee Meeting

April 5, 2023

Called to Order: 1805

Members present: John Gritter, Dave DeLoach, Dave quick, Brian Johnson.

Members of the public present: None.

- Park Policy. The consensus of this committee is to continue to allow alcohol in The Park only with a State permit and the consent of Council.
- Brian and Logan decided that it was in the best interest of the Village to terminate Jake's employment after several episodes of failing to attend to his responsibilities. Brian states that Hartford will be available for mutual aid if needed though he states that Hartford is also having staffing issues at this time.
- The James Street pump station is now running on one of its own pumps. The second pump is operational but unable to pump water due to a clogged pipe. Brian is working on options to clear the clog which is made difficult by lack of accessibility.
- Brian states that the special wood chips for the Kid's Palace have been ordered with an option to have them blown in rather than having to spread them by hand.
- Brian states that the recent unusually heavy rain event revealed issues with drainage in several places around the Village. There was substantial surface flooding with water running into the basement of the house at the northeast corner of W. James and Michigan. Brian believes that the flooding was due to an inadequate or clogged drainpipe along the south side of W. James Street and under Michigan St., inadequate ditching and ditches clogged with railroad ties improperly disposed of when the rails were removed by the railroad. Brian will address the issues in conjunction with Dave DeLoach who is familiar with the problems. Brian states that the ditches and drains along N. Paw Paw St. and Bangor Rd., sheikh have been a perennial problem, held up well during the rain event, although some gravel will have to be replaced. Brian states that the flooding between the Post Office and the church on S. Paw Paw St. may be due to more run off being diverted to that area over time and that the county drain that runs under S. Paw Paw St. may no longer be adequate.
- Brian states that the Village's State Water Reliability Study is overdue due for a variety of reasons and that he is working on redressing the issue.

Meeting adjourned at 19:20

Minutes submitted by:

John Gritter, PSC committee chair.