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### Village of Lawrence Regular Common Council Meeting

157 N. Paw Paw, Lawrence, MI 49064

April 11, 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; David Deloach, Trustee; Alicia Lorenzo, Trustee; Klass-Maring, Trustee
- **Absent:** Phil Glennie, Trustee
- **Also Present:** Brian Johnson, DPW Supervisor; Theresa Stroud, Village Manager; Jan and Steve Petersen, Pat Albertus, Mary and Ted Griffin, Donna Spenner, Various members of the "Save Our Trees" group, Sheriff Dan Abbott
- **Additions to Agenda:**

#### **Conflicts of Interest:**

None

#### **Approval of Consent Agenda and Bills**

Motion by Gritter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lorenzo  
All Aye. Motions Carried.

#### **Presentations:**

##### **Van Buren County Commissioner: Mike Chappell**

- No Report

##### **Lawrence Township: Donna Spenner**

- Supervisor Spenner showed examples of the "Dump Passes" that will be made available to residents in August. The Township has budgeted \$10K for 100 passes in an effort to assist residents with blight cleanup
- Cali from Van Buren Conservation District is looking at a grant for recycling
- The Township is looking to partner with the Paw Paw recycling plant for other programs that will be available to residents

##### **Lawrence Township Emergency Services: Mike Anchor**

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- No Report

#### Reports:

##### President's Report:

- Letter of Appreciation from Van Buren County Road Commission for efforts made during the services for one of their employees killed in the line of duty.
- Resolution for Consumer's Energy Powerline project
- Motion to approve Resolution supporting a mutually beneficial resolution to the powerline issue made by Maring, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deloach
  - Aye: Maring, Deloach, Lorenzo, Quick, Gritter
  - Nay:
  - Motion Carried

##### Clerk's Report:

No Clerk's report submitted.

##### Village Manager:

- Quote for storage container to be used for records retention -Tabled pending more research
- Contract for Blight remediation with Safebuilt – Recommendation to see if we can get a one (1) year trial contract for these services vs a three (3) year
- Quote from Alpha Electric – Motion by Gritter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deloach to install a generator at the Village hall
  - Aye: Quick, Lorenzo, Maring, Deloach, Gritter
  - Nay: None
  - Motion carried

##### Police Department:

Report Attached

##### Community Development:

- No Meeting

##### DDA:

- No Report

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**Joint Parks & Recreation:**

- Public Comment meeting coming up on Thursday

**LDFA:**

- No Meeting

**Personnel:**

- No Meeting

**Planning Commission:**

- Continue to work on Ordinance rewrite

**Public Services/DPW:**

- Report Attached
- New Park Policy presented – Motion by Deloach, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gritter to accept the new park policy
  - Aye: Maring, Deloach, Quick, Gritter, Lorenzo
  - Nay:
  - Motion Carried
- Meeting with Drain Commissioner on Tuesday of next week to discuss drainage problems in the Village
- Resident Henry Seyfarth came in to discuss standing water in his yard, DPW will investigate

**Citizen Police Committee:**

No Meeting Held.

**ZBA:**

- No Meeting Held.

**New Business:**

- Sherriff Abbot gave a brief summary of work being done in the County.
- The County has two new narcotics detectives
- Working on Sting operations in the County to arrest pedophiles

**Old Business:**

- None

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**Public Comment:**

- Several members of the "Save Our Trees" group voiced their concerns about the powerline project
- Jacob Diljak, Outreach Coordinator came in to introduce himself, he has taken over for Emily Hickmott who is now the Deputy Administrator
  - Reminder that October 14 will be recycle day in Lawrence


**Council Comment:**

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion by Gritter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lorenzo  
All Aye, Motion Carried.  
Meeting Adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted:**

  
Theresa Stroud  
Village Manager

  
David Quick, President