



Village of Lawrence

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Village of Lawrence Regular Common Council Meeting

157 N. Paw Paw, Lawrence, MI 49064

October 10, 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, Pro-Tem; David Deloach, Trustee; Klass Maring, Trustee; Phil Glennie, Alicia Lorenzo, Trustee
- **Absent:**
- **Also Present:** Brian Johnson, DPW Supervisor; Theresa Stroud, Village Manager; Paul Bianco, Police Chief; Mike Chappell, County Commissioner; Donna Spenner, Township Supervisor; Mike Anchor, Fire Chief; Annette Crandall, Resident; Gayle Crandall, Resident; Kim Thompson, Resident; Gretchen Gendron, School Superintendent; Jennifer Beal, School; Kalli Marshall, Van Buren Conservation District

Additions to Agenda:

- Perceptive
- DPW Building – Land – Architecture Drawing
- Trustee Policy – John and Alicia
- Amy's 1 year anniversary is the 17th
- SFTS – ARPA Funds for Engineering
- Door Quotes
- Heaton's – Purchase of 10 Acres Status Update
- Public Protection Classification Summary Report
- Marijuana Odor in Business Park

Conflicts of Interest: None

Approval of Consent Agenda, Previous Minutes and Bills

Motion by Glennie, 2nd by Lorenzo

All Aye. Motions Carried.

Presentations:

Van Buren County Commissioner: Mike Chappell

- Report Attached

Lawrence Township: Donna Spenner



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- Township hall meeting room renovations are progressing, the meeting hall should be ready for the Board meeting in November.
- MEC has begun their project to bring fiber into the Township. The North section of the Township should be completed by December.

Lawrence Township Emergency Services: Mike Anchor

- Chief Anchor presented the Public Protection Classification Summary Report to the Village Council. The score has not changed since the 2018 report was published.

Reports:

President's Report:

- John Gritter appointed as Village President, David Quick has resigned.
- Annette Crandall was appointed to the seat vacated by John Gritter. Her term will run until November 2024. Mary Webster's seat is still open.

Clerk's Report:

No report

Village Manager:

- Amy Cordes is celebrating her one (1) year anniversary with the Village on Oct 17th.
- Six (6) blighted properties have been sent over to Safebuilt for remediation. Inspection letters have been sent out to the property owners. We have seen work being done on one of the properties so far.
- Logan Gordy's last day with the Village will be October 20th.
- Audit is almost complete. Auditors are making final adjustments.
- Waiting for Soil Erosion permit from County Drain Commissioner so that we can clear the drain at the Consumer's and RR properties to improve water flow. Consumer's has already begun removing trees that are in the ditch line path.
- Reaching out to Market Van Buren and other organizations to try to locate funding for various projects including a new DPW building. According to Baker Tilly we can roll the DPW building into the Sewer/Water Loan because the building is used for those purposes.
- Reaching out to Glen Thompson to see if he wants to sell his facility, building at the Business Park or trading the property at the Business park for property in the Village.
- Trustee policy needed from John Gritter and Alicia Lorenzo
- Perceptive – We need to have someone on site more often with Brian being out. This could increase our monthly bill each month. Authorized to talk to Perceptive about covering while Brian is out and since Logan is leaving.
- Quotes for replacing the doors on the Police Dept. to bring us into compliance with LIEN and CGIS.



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- Motion by Glennie, 2nd by Deloach to move forward with the quote from S.A. Morman, minus the \$6k for the front door replacement.
- Heaton purchase of the 10 acres North of town, we are half way through the 90 day investigation phase and should be closing in early November
- Marijuana odor in the Business Park and Village – Have received word back from the Attorney and the facility is in violation of Section 12 © and Section 16 of the Village ordinance dealing with odor. The Attorney is drafting a letter to be sent out. Council recommends that we send the letter to all of the facilities rather than just one.
- SRTS – Asking permission to move forward with investigating the residents opinion on whether they think it is a good project for the Village.
 - Motion by Lorenzo, 2nd by Glennie to spend minimal funds during the investigation stage.
 - Aye: Lorenzo, Gritter, Glennie, Maring, Deloach, Quick
- Dissolution of LDFA – Attorney to find out if DDA can capture on Industrial properties.
- Council Size – The question was raised as to whether we should reduce the size of Council from 7 to 5 based on the difficulty in recent years to maintain a council of 7. The decision was made to maintain 7 at this time and to give Council an opportunity to recruit new members. It was also determined that in the event of a tie vote during the time that the Council is at an even number of members (6) all ties will be decided by tabling the issue for one month to allow for more information to be gathered. If at the next Council meeting the vote is still a tie they will be eliminating Phil Glennie's vote on the matter at hand. This resolution was presented by Phil Glennie.
 - Motion by Glennie, 2nd by Lorenzo, All Aye, Motion Carried

Police Department:

- Report Attached
- Patrol Car 01 is in the shop and will cost \$6800 to repair. This is in the budget and it was decided to repair the car vs looking for another option.

Community Development:

- Report Attached

DDA:

- Decorations have arrived. Will be talking to Dale

Joint Parks & Recreation:

- We did not get the SPARK grant
- Need to repair the chain climbing section on the Kid's Palace. Will be looking into rope rather than chains before the decision is made.

LDFA:



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- No Meeting

Personnel:

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Planning Commission:

- Continuing to work on zoning ordinances

Public Services/DPW:

- No Meeting

Citizen Police Committee:

- Next meeting is November 21.

ZBA:

- No Meeting Held.

New Business:

- None

Old Business:

- None

Public Comment:

- None

Council Comment:

- The Council thanked David Quick for all of his work over the years and for moving the Village forward during his tenure.
 - Transitioning the Village from Wade Trim to having a Village Manager and Village DPW department
 - Bringing forward the Marijuana facilities and not letting that opportunity pass by
- There will be a memorial service for Mary Webster on Sunday October 29th at the Methodist Church. A time will be communicated when it becomes available.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion by Deloach, 2nd by Gritter
All Aye, Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:38 p.m.



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Respectfully Submitted:

Theresa Stroud, Village Manager

David Quick, Village President

John Gritter