



Village of Lawrence

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Village of Lawrence Regular Common Council Meeting

157 N. Paw Paw, Lawrence, MI 49064

September 12, 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,
- **Absent:** Trustee; Lorenzo, Trustee; Mary Webster, Trustee
- **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

Additions to Agenda:

- Sale of DPW Service Box

Conflicts of Interest: None

Approval of Consent Agenda, Previous Minutes and Bills

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

Presentations:

Van Buren County Commissioner: Mike Chappell

- Report Attached

Lawrence Township: Donna Spenner

- Township hall meeting room renovations have begun. Meetings and events will continue to be held at the Fire Department.
- Dump pass distribution has ended. There were 8 given to Village residents and 26 to Township residents. The program for next year (2024) may be moved to spring

Lawrence Township Emergency Services: Mike Anchor

- Labor Day weekend was a success. No fire calls but several medical, unrelated to the celebration.

Reports:



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President's Report:

- Logan Gordy has submitted his notice to leave the Village DPW Department pending renewing his Illinois Plumbing License.
- Brian Johnson will be undergoing surgery and remains on restricted duty
- The Vacant Property Ordinance and Parking ordinance were tabled after discussion
 - There is question as to the number of inspections that should be required for vacant properties
 - Council members need clarification of certain sections
 - There is clarification needed on street parking in the parking ordinance
- Fruit Street Kitchen, a food truck from South Haven, has entered into an agreement to purchase the former Big Foot Burrito building and open a restaurant. No details are yet available as to a time-line.

Clerk's Report:

No report

Village Manager:

- The building of the records retention room has been completed
- Clarification was requested as to holding Yard Sales during Labor Day weekend. It was agreed that they are to be allowed and will be free to the residents during that weekend.
- Golf cart registration will no longer be required
- The two open positions for the DPW have been posted to the Michigan Works website

Police Department:

- Report Attached

Community Development:

- Halloween Trunk or Treat is being planned for Saturday October 28

DDA:

- Dave and Dale went to Bronner's and placed an order for new Christmas decorations for the light poles in town.

Joint Parks & Recreation:

- No Meeting

LDFA:

- No Meeting

Personnel:

- See Presidents Report



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Planning Commission:

- Continuing to work on zoning ordinances

Public Services/DPW:

- Recommendation was made to sell the DPW service box to the Township Fire Department. The sale of the box was approved by council previously and all agreed it would benefit the Fire Department

Citizen Police Committee:

- Report Attached

ZBA:

- No Meeting Held.

New Business:

- None

Old Business:

-

Public Comment:

- None

Council Comment:

- None

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion by Deloach, 2nd by Gritter

All Aye, Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Theresa Stroud, Village Manager


David Quick, Village President