

Village of Lawrence

Common Council Meeting

August 10th, 2021

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Call to Order

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Common Council of Village of Lawrence was called to order by President Quick at 7:00 PM via Zoom and live.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Quick.

Roll Call

Present: Webster, Quick, DeLoach, Gritter, Glennie

Absent: Lorenzo

Also, Present: Theresa Stroud, Don Hanson, Donna Spenner and Mike Anchor

Guests: Whitney-AR Engineering via Zoom.

Additions to Agenda:

Items added to Manager Report-Safe Routes update.

Conflict of Interest items-NA

Approval to pay bills and Approval of Consent Agenda and Minutes for Common Council July 13th, Special Session August 3rd meeting minutes.

Motion by Webster

2nd by Glennie

All Aye-Motion carried

County Commissioner presented by Don Hanson-

- MI Works-to expand. Welch to create 57 jobs.
- Hire Deputy treasurer, Kim Babcock.
- Judy Janssen to jury board.

No further discussion.

Township Supervisor-presented by Donna Spenner

- Road mileage; 1.5 passed 224 to 165
- Lawrence school mileage passed 222 to 160
- Joint Village/Township funds are received pending audit. Hopefully first waive will available soon.
- Senior luncheons back at Township Hall with Bingo.
- Tiger Den Fields; talking with school Thursday at meeting. School to take over.
- Marijuana agency; working well.

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- August 26th Van Buren County Supervisor's joint meeting 7:00 pm at conference center.
 - Webster-Ox Roast sign?
 - Spenner-had bought replacement wood but never completed it.
 - Webster-if you can supply to me, it will get done before Ox Roast.

No Further discussion

Lawrence Township Emergency Services Report – Chief Mike Anchor

- 29 medical calls
- Pancake breakfast
- Update on IT upgrade.
- Fireworks are still on schedule for Ox Roast. Street will be closed with Sherriff possie to provide support. Parade will start around 9:00 pm (9:45 to 10:00 road will be closed).

No further discussion.

Reports:

President-presented by Quick. No report

Clerk-Presented by Everhart-No report

Village Manager-Presented by Stroud

- Submitted report, addition of safe routes for Schools. Prein & Newhof has been unresponsive. Does not return calls, emails, and doesn't attend meetings. Contacted AR Engineering; they have given quote of \$57,000 to complete job.
 - Webster-How much have we paid Prein & Newhof?
 - Stroud-initial study and drawings. Information was shared with AR Engineering. Prein & Newhof states we owe them another \$61,700 to finish the project.
 - Quick-AR is only bidding on the \$57,500 to complete the project.

Whitney-Engineering design:

Engineering Services quote \$57,500. Will include survey construction drawings, MDOT applications. Construction & Inspection Services assist in MDOT bid process, coordinate pre-construction meetings, construction inspection, staking, drawings, and submittals from contractor. Quote \$59,000.

- Stroud-also need to talk with representative (does have name with his) regarding actual funding.

Actual \$116,500.

- Stroud-we have funding approved for in the amount of \$672,484. for project.
- Webster-how much is our match on this?
 - Stroud-I don't know; we need to have done by fall. Getting close to having to start the process over.
- Webster-What is needed tonight?
- Stroud-approval to move forward with AR.

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- Quick-we need to crunch numbers. Need to confirm Grant amounts.
- Stroud-will follow up with County to see what was included in Grant.

Motion by Webster to move to AR Engineering on project.
2nd by Gritter

No Further discussion.

All Aye
Motion Carried.

- New Business-Did get in contact with Zach Morris from Market Van Buren regarding getting businesses into Lawrence.
- Will be scheduling meeting with Zach and 305 Farms and True Leaf. Wants to discuss economic impact of their businesses coming in.

No further discussion

Chief of Police-Presented by Bianco

- July not a good month for officers. Had 25 officers killed in the United States in the month of July and 5 already in August.
- Consistent month, doing traffic/radar
- 25 open cases for Blight; closed out 15. 2 cases going to court.
- New vehicle: car radio is in and being programed by the state (will take 2 to 12 weeks). McDonald is ordering parts and should be in next week.
- Heart starts; have not heard back on them yet.
- Ox Roast would like to have at least 2 to 4 Van Buren Co. Reserve officers.

Administration-presented by Everhart-no report

Community Development: presented by Glennie.

- Halloween-are going to do a costume contest in daylight hours.

DDA-Presented by President Quick-see minutes

LDFA-Presented by Quick-no report

Parks & Rec-presented by Quick

- Approval for Soccer balls for Athletic dept.
- Lorenzo still getting funds from donors on kayak launch.

Personnel- no report. Need to schedule.

Planning-Presented by Quick

- True Leaf-waste water issue (resolved).
- Future Business Park (types of businesses)
- Stroud-John Lamphere has made offers on 2 buildings Twp and Village.

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PSC-Presented by Gritter

- The PSC committee would propose that the Village owned lot 25 in the industrial park would make an excellent alternative to place DPW storage building. Waste site is no longer an option.
 - Stroud-waiting on Joslyn to review listing on 10 acres.
 - Quick-we own the property and have money from sale of the barn to Crystal Flash and Marijuana money for cash flow.
- The Committee would ask that the Council authorize that PSC personnel be reimbursed for mileage on their personal vehicles due to the extenuating circumstances.
 - Quick-recommends a check be cut for \$75.00 to \$100.00 for reimbursement of personal use of vehicle for Village business for 2 weeks while Village trucks were down for maintenance.

Quick-call for motion to reimburse Brian Johnson for \$110.00

Motion by DeLoach

2nd by Gritter

All Aye

Roll: DeLoach, Webster, Gritter, Glennie, Quick

Absent: Lorenzo

- We did not get the GDBC grant so need to come up with another money source for pump stations.
- MDOT gave the go ahead for the 2021 E. St. Joseph Street repaving project. The project is to include the Main intersection and a parking apron adjacent to the park.
 - Quick-will project starts parking will have to go back to parallel.
 - Stroud-will have to do a parking study crash survey
- MDOT Rail-South Paw Paw street
 - Johnson-wants to include N Paw Paw also so all of downtown will be done.
 - Gritter-will MDOT support.
 - Johnson-no it is still Federal

DPW- presented by Johnson

- Update on Blackman/South Street. Hoping to have completed by Labor Day weekend but not looking good at this time. Consumers held up project due to having to replace all gas lines. Detour will have to go through South Street.

ZBA-no report.

Redevelopment Ready-Stroud

- will be meeting every Tuesday for 12 weeks starting in September.

New Business:

Glennie/Anchor-presented required state permit needed for signature for fireworks.

Quick-call for approval Fire Works for Ox Roast weekend. Will need to sign copy and submit to State.

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Motion by Gritter

2nd by Webster

All Aye

Motion Carried.

Old Business: NA

Public Comments: NA

Council Comment.

Glennie-back to waste site. Did we add gravel?

Johnson-road project not done yet; once completed they will come back and block off and bring gravel/asphalt brought in.

Webster-when does the Redevelopment begin? Will get you what she has on this last time they went through it.

Stroud-in September.

Quick-Citizens Police Committee (CPC) John Wellehan, Dale Gribbler to be on committee. Need to get put together to post on our website for residents.

Stroud-didn't get resolution done. Will have by next month.

Quick-like to have joint Village & Township meeting to discuss projects. Tuesday August 24th 6:00 pm at Township Hall. Donna to schedule.

Quick-call for motion to adjourn

Motion by Webster

2nd by Gritter

Regular Session adjourned at 8:26 PM

Respectfully submitted:


Becky Everhart, Clerk

Attest:


David Quick, President