



Village of Lawrence

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Village of Lawrence Regular Common Council Meeting

157 N. Paw Paw, Lawrence, MI 49064

November 14, 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:** John Gritter, President; David Deloach, Trustee; Phil Glennie, Alicia Lorenzo, Trustee; Annette Crandall, Trustee
- **Absent:** Klass Maring, 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:

- Restructuring of the Planning Commission

Conflicts of Interest: None

Approval of Consent Agenda, Previous Minutes and Bills

Motion by Deloach, 2nd by Crandall
All Aye. Motions Carried.

Presentations:

Van Buren County Commissioner: Mike Chappell

- Report Attached

Lawrence Township: Donna Spenner

- Township Hall renovation complete
- 478 voters turned out to vote

Lawrence Township Emergency Services: Mike Anchor

- Increased number of calls for trash and leaf burning

Reports:



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President's Report:

- President Gritter Appointed Phil Glennie to the DDA and Council approved moving the Community Development Committee under the DDA as the two have overlapping mission statements.
- President Gritter introduced Charles Rowlee to the Council as an applicant for the open Council seat. After some discussion a motion was made by Lorenzo and 2nd by Deloach to appoint Rowlee to the open council seat.

Aye: Deloach, Glennie, Gritter, Lorenzo, Crandall

Nay: None

Motion Carried

Clerk's Report:

No report

Village Manager:

- Stroud updated council on the status of the new security doors for the Police Department. They have been installed.
- There was discussion about raising the starting wage for the open DPW positions. One of the positions has been eliminated to allow a higher starting salary.

Motion by Glennie, 2nd by Crandall to raise the starting salary as follows:

\$24/hour if the candidate has a valid CDL

\$30/hour if the candidate has a valid CDL and water license

Aye: Lorenzo, Deloach, Glennie, Gritter, Crandall

Nay: None

Motion Carried

- Stroud presented the revised parking ordinance to council. After much discussion and several changes a motion was made by Lorenzo, 2nd by Deloach to approve the parking ordinance with changes.

All Aye, Motion Carried.

A clean copy of the ordinance will be sent to council for verification prior to publishing.

Police Department:

- Report Attached

Community Development:

- Report Attached

DDA:

- The DDA and LDFA next meetings will be held on December 13, 2023.



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Joint Parks & Recreation:

- Discussed repairs of the climbing chains on the kids palace

LDFA:

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Personnel:

- Next Meeting is October 17, 2023

Planning Commission:

- Planning Commission – Crandall brought to council a proposal to reduce the number of Planning Commission members from nine (9) to seven (7).
Motion by Lorenzo, 2nd by Deloach
Aye: Glennie, Gritter, Crandall, Deloach, Lorenzo
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

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 asked for a payoff amount on the Water Tower maintenance loan to be presented at the December council meeting. A decision will be made regarding early payoff at that time.



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Motion to Adjourn:

Motion by Crandall, 2nd by Deloach

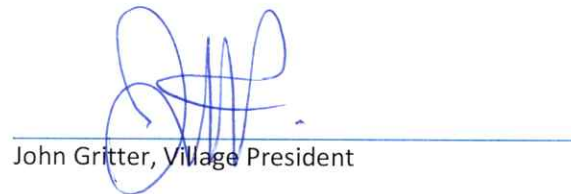
All Aye, Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Theresa Stroud, Village Manager



John Gritter, Village President