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John Gritter, Trustee
Alicia Lorenzo, Trustee
Klass Maring, Trustee
Mary Webster, Trustee

**Village of Lawrence
Common Council
7.12.22 Regular Meeting Minutes
157 N. Paw Paw St., Lawrence, MI.**

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Quick.

Roll Call

Present: Quick, Gritter, Glennie, Webster, Lorenzo, Maring, Deloach

Absent:

Also Present: Theresa Stroud, Paul Bianco, Brian Johnson, Tiffany Kemp, Fire Chief Mike Anchor, The Ladies of Lawrence Royalty, Donna Spenner, Don Hanson

Additions to Agenda

Addition of Royalty attendance, introduce new Clerk/Treasurer Tiffany Kemp. Discuss letter of support for myndset herbs. .04 Acre parcel for Veronica Blake. Request to be listed in the Paw Paw Area Chamber of Commerce.

Conflict of Interest items

No conflict of Interest

Review bills, Consent Agenda, Minutes from June, Minutes from Public Hearing and Special Council Meeting

President Quick requested a motion to approve the consent agenda, meeting minutes from June 14th council meeting, June 28th public hearings minutes, June 28th special council minutes, consent agenda and bills.

Motion by Maring, 2nd by Gritter.

All Aye

Motion carried.

Presentations and Guests

Ladies of Royalty

- Introduced themselves and talked about their titles, future plans and goals.
- Presented a need for support for creating and maintaining floats.

Don Hanson – County Commissioner

- Spoke of 1 million dollar coverage through insurance referred to storm damage. Will cost \$20,000 just to remove trees from fairgrounds.
- John Small inspector found many errors in our drainage system. Draining system and completely rebuilding it.

Donna Spenner- Township

- Road mileage increased to 2 mills.
- Public safety mileage renewal
- New chairs and tables ordered for Township Hall
- September 29th and 30th parking lot scheduled to be resurfaced.

Chief Anchor – LTES

Chief Anchor talked about having the fireworks in front of the Fire Department this year

President Quick called for a motion to have Chief Anchor make the arrangements for the fireworks and Theresa Stroud to sign the request on behalf of the Village.

Reports:

President Quick

- Attended board of commissioners meeting. Board approved our petition to annex.
- Introduced new clerk, Tiffany Kemp.
 - Discussion by all of Council – Discussion of what?

Village Manager Stroud:

- New furnace installed. Working great.
- New windows to be installed at the end of the month.
- Al Stefani called and requested all of Van Buren County join one chamber of commerce. A packet was dropped off at the Village hall. A fee is needed to join. Fee is between \$125-150.

Chief Bianco:

- 20 LPD incident reports during the period of June 1st to July 12th.
- Ran radar and watched for violations all over town to bring speeding down and make streets safer.
- LPD issued 3 written traffic citations, took 1 – UD10 traffic crash report(s) and made approximately 15 traffic stops for traffic offenses that resulted in verbal warnings.
- Vehicle and foot patrol in the park areas regularly during work shifts. (Minimal activity-very few issues)

- LPD responded to 18 calls for service that originated from Van Buren County 911 dispatch. 12 police calls, 5 medical and 1 fire/rescue.
- Daily vehicle patrol in the business park to keep an eye on businesses. Stopping in to check with employees as well. Note: Golden Greens was broken into once, 2nd attempt 6 days later.
- Continue to keep an eye on blight issues/long grass.
- Still working on obtaining 2-shotguns for patrol vehicles, limited options at this time.
- Received field drug test kit to assist with suspected substances.
- Continued to work with Kelly in reference to updating the parking ordinance.
- Exploring different options to purchase 1 to 2 heart starts for patrol vehicles.
- Jeff Mack has worked a couple of weekend shifts. Still trying to find another part time officer.

Community Development- Phil Glennie

No Meeting

DDA

- Looking at redoing budget to add a few more projects.
- Picnic tables and benches will be purchased by DDA.
- Interested in replacing old pavilion roof to match new pavillion.
- Farmers Market moved from St. Joseph st. to Baker st.

Joint Parks & Rec.- Alicia Lorenzo

- PNR is working on By-Laws, President Quick statedg he needs to red line to simplify.
- oving forward with dock installation.

LDFA- No meeting

- Special meeting held. Agreement for treatment of the pond and brush and tree removal around the pond at Braush Park

Personnel- Stroud

- Meeting on the 19th.

Planning Commission- Quick

- Waiting on updates, photos for master plan.
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- Ordinance conversation.
- True leaf drive thru window, ordinance does not allow.
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Public Services Committee- Gritter/Johnson – No Meeting

- Lead copper testing came back perfectly.
- In need of new jetter.
- Major sewer back up. Where?
- DPW working on fixing the Paw Paw drainage problem. What problem?

- Concerns about alley way that has not been used in decades, being used by a resident who needs access to his backyard and does not have drive way in the front of his home.
- Construction has started on East St. Joseph.
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ZBA- No Meeting

Park Taskforce: Webster

No Meeting

New Business-

Old Business- None

Public comment-

Council comments-

- Alicia Lorenzo has completed her requirements needed and is now a licensed realtor.

Motion by Maring to adjourn at 9:25 p.m., 2nd by Gritter

All Aye, Motion carried

Respectfully submitted:

Attest:

Theresa Stroud, Acting Village Clerk

David Quick, President