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

**Village of Lawrence  
Common Council  
6.14.2022 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, Fire Chief Mike Anchor, Sheryl Anchor, Don Hanson, Donna Spenner, Charles Williams, Mrs. Williams, Sarah and Ron Henry from KalVan Realty, Guss Morey, Matt Nilson

**Additions to Agenda**

Addition of Kalamzaoo Gazette as an approved publisher for Village notices, Truth in Taxation Hearing, Food Trucks in the Village, naming a Realtor to list the two Village lots in the Lawrence-Crandall Business Centre, Schedule the next Joint Village/Township meeting, Schedule a Personnel meeting, open position in front office.

**Conflict of Interest items**

No conflict of Interest

**Review bills, Consent Agenda and Minutes from May**

President Quick requested a motion to approve the consent agenda, meeting minutes from May 10, 2022, and expense items for the month. Approval of meeting minutes for the May 13, 2022 Special Council meeting were tabled until July.

Motion by Deloach, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lorenzo

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay:

All Aye, Motion carried.

## **Presentations and Guests**

### **Don Hanson- County Commissioner**

- 15 trees came down during the storm and blocked entry to the animal control building, they initially had no power or water to care for the dogs, they now have two generators running to care for the dogs.
- The Van Buren Museum suffered significant roof damage in the storm. Green Bay Pkgs will be bringing in trailers to store items from the Museum while the roof is being repaired. Looking for volunteers to help with repairs.

### **Donna Spenner- Township**

- Took a fire truck to the park and sprayed water for an hour for the kids to cool off.
- Parking lot at Township hall is being paved and stripped during July
- Housing Committee meeting Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Led by Matt Sanborn
- July 1<sup>st</sup> Safebuilt Permit Tech will be in house at the Township Hall to service Van Buren better
- Meeting with President Quick was productive
- Storm Damage – a lot of damage on Red Arrow
- During high heat days the Township Hall is a cooling station

### **Chief Anchor – LTES**

- 3 fire calls, 12 medical calls
- Flower Box between Fire Hall and Village Hall – would like to place a sign for public notices
- Fireworks for labor day – Chief Anchor is filing out application for permit and will bring to Village for Signature. They need to be 70' from any occupied building per inch of shell size. Preferred location to shoot is the road way in front of the Fire Hall.
- Thinking about a side by side parade. From Blackman to the school at 8:30 on Saturday of Ox Roast weekend.
- Most storm damage was South and West of the Village. The Drone was brought in to locate any people that may have been trapped under trees immediately after the storm came through.
- Will be doing water training.

President Quick called for a motion to have fireworks during the Ox Roast and to have Chief Anchor make the arrangements.

Motion by Deloach 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maring

All Aye. Motion Carried. (Glennie Abstained)

## **Reports:**

### **President Quick**

- Open Position in the front office – Recommend contacting a temp service at this time to fill opening immediately to take load off of Manager and Asst. Manager while we are looking to hire a permanent person.
  - Discussion by all of Council

Motion by Gritter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maring authorizing use of a temp service to fill the position for a maximum of three months.

Roll Call:

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

Nay:

All Aye. Motion Carried.

**Village Manager Stroud:**

- Vacation the first full week of July
- Lots in Business Park – we need to select a Realtor. Manager recommended KalVan Realty, Alicia Lorenzo just passed Realtor test, tabled until July Meeting
- Truth in Taxation hearing – is being held on the June 28<sup>th</sup> with the other public hearings for Golf Cart Ordinance and Police Milage. Meetings start at 6:00 at Conference Center
- Kalamazoo Gazette to be accepted as an approved publisher for the Village

Motion by Glennie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gritter to add the Kalamazoo Gazette to our list of approved publishers

- All Aye. Motion Carried
- Joint Township/Village Meeting date. The meeting is set for July 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at the Township Hall.
- Food trucks in Lawrence, we do not have an ordinance that allows good trucks, Kelly Largent is working on an ordinance to allow them but wanted Council buyin prior to putting in the work. Council has an interest.
- Camera's in the park. Up and running. Showed council the different views.
- WiFi in park. Only reaches the kids palace. To cover the entire park we will need point to point devices added. Will require an amendment to the budget as these were not previously budgeted.

Motion by Webster to authorize the Village Manager to install any equipment necessary to ensure the entire park is covered by wifi. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lorenzo.

Roll Call:

Aye: Quick, Lorenzo, Maring, Deloach, Glennie, Gritter, Webster.

Nay:

All Aye. Motion Carried.

**Chief Bianco:**

- 25 reports this month, 28 calls with 3 medical calls
- Call volume picking up
- Assisting Chief Anchor
- Running Radar. 4 tickets issued,
- Foot Patrol in town
- Attended water day at the elementary school.
- Still looking for two shotguns. They are hard to get right now.
- Ordered drug test kits. These are portable kits to be used on site.
- Third portable radio has arrived
- Body Armour grant has been submitted, waiting to hear
- Looking for option to obtain two Heart Start devices
- Working with Kelly Largent on Ordinances

- Completed two ride-alongs this month
- First Police Committee meeting to be held the week of July 11.

### **Community Development- Phil Glennie**

- Chuck Moden Day went well.
- Halloween – would like to do trick or treat on Saturday in the Park as a trunk or treat rather than throughout the Village.
- Discussing date for Christmas Events
- Picking a date to do grand opening for new businesses in Village

### **DDA- No Meeting**

- Pavilion is up, electric is next
- Picnic tables and benches will be purchased by DDA

### **Joint Parks & Rec.- Alicia Lorenzo**

- Ben Baker from Wightman will attend next meeting to discuss Kid's Palace, Multi purpose building at Tiger Den and the Kayak Launch
- Community Paddle
- Money and Milage
- Need help with getting an abutment build to connect the Kayak Launch to the shoreline
- Ballot Language for Milage – Resolution needs to be adopted

Resolution Presented by President Quick

Motion by Glennie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deloach

Roll Call:

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

Nay:

All Aye. Motion Passed

### **LDFA- No meeting**

- Lighting back to 305

### **Personnel- Stroud**

- Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30

### **Planning Commission- Quick**

- Will be working on the Master Plan
- Mr. Doll will be getting a letter that he has not complied with requirements set by the planning commission and will need to remove the fence and the sheds. We will be looking to get a court order to clean up his yard once again.

### **Public Services Committee- Gritter/Johnson – No Meeting**

- Parts are coming in for the Booster station slowly
- Pavilion is completed, working on leveling dirt, planting grass and getting power to the pavilion and getting the camera installed.

- Andrew working on grant and Loan application for sewer project
- Pre-Construction meeting for East St. Joseph will be held in the next week.
- Reporting to State is going well for water and waste water
- Sludge dredging will be completing
- Working on pump one at James St.

**ZBA- No Meeting**

**Park Taskforce: Webster**

**New Business-**

10 acres North of town, two proposals,

1. From the Williams – Purchase agreement submitted
2. From Allen Edwins homes – Proposing to develop into housing

Discussion by Council on Options.

Decision to Table the decision until more information can be obtained from Allen Edwin homes.

Motion to table until a later date made by Maring, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lorenzo

Aye: Lorenzo, Quick, Maring, Webster

Nay: Gritter, Glennie, Deloach

Motion Carried, decision tabled

**Old Business- None**

**Public comment-**

Matt Nilson for State Representative spoke about running for 39<sup>th</sup> District

Guss Morey brought several concerns to the Council.

1. Essential Workers pay
2. Speeding in front of his house on North Paw Paw
3. Off duty activities of Village Employees
4. Damage to North Paw Paw South of his house

Donna Spenner – Railroad has received a grant to put the rail back in 8.7 MM from 681 to Lake Cora.

**Council comments-**

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

All Aye, Motion carried

Respectfully submitted:

Attest:

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Theresa Stroud, Acting Village Clerk

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David Quick, President