



**Village of Lawton**  
**VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**125 S. MAIN, LAWTON MI 49065 269.624.6407**  
**Tuesday October 22, 2024**  
**MINUTES**

- I. **Call to Order:** President Appleby called the October 22 2024, meeting of the Lawton Village Council to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** *Present:* Appleby, E. Dudek, Peterson, Turner, G. Dudek, Tanis, Smith *Absent:* None. *Others Present:* Clerk Rathbun, and three guests.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. **Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda included the approval of the October 22 Council Agenda and the October 8, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes. Peterson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented supported by Smith. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion.
- V. **Communications, Correspondence, and Presentations:**
  - A. Tina Leary, the County Commissioner stated they are working on a facilities Master Plan. They are prioritizing maintenance projects. Leary stated that it will be a year from now prior to having results for the Master Plan Study. Leary stated the county has at least 5 specialty courts, with the goal to prevent a repeat offender with reformation and life skills, last year they had 67 participants in the Drug Court, with 16 graduates. It is the most rigorous of all the courts. 57% of these would have gone to prison had they not graduated this program, and this is all paid by grant money. The grant writers for the courts have secured 6Million for next year. The Veteran's Stand Down is an annual event at the Decatur VFW, and will be hosted this Friday. 10am-2PM. It is a vendor fair with public health, homeless, VA Nutrition help, and many other programs and resources for Veterans. Early Voting will be for every state and federal elections will be at human services west building by the county fair grounds 9-5 M-F, 8-12 on Wednesday. Every precinct has the ADA touch Screen accessible now.
- VI. **Citizen Comments:**
- VI: **Public Hearings/Appointments/Proclamations:** None.
- VII. **Old Business:** None.
- VII: **New Business:**
  - A. President Appleby brought the rental inspection ordinance draft to the floor. Council discussed many things, including ramifications of non-compliance with registration, how to handle tenant inspection requests, short term vs. long term rentals, and some questions about the International Property Maintenance Code that the Village would be

following. Council would like Clerk Rathbun to bring questions to the attorney, as well as reaching out to a couple other local municipalities to see how they instituted these ordinances, and reach out to SAFEBUILT to get an idea on cost and how it works. This topic will be tabled until the November meeting.

- B.** President Appleby brought a potential antennae ordinance to the floor for discussion. After some discussion, Trustee Peterson recommended this subject to the Planning Commission for their November 5 meeting. Council agreed, and will await the findings Planning Commission has at the next meeting.
- C.** President Appleby brought Resolution 11-2024: A Resolution for Insulin Litigation to the floor for discussion. The Village Insurance Company, Michigan POOL is asking all of their boards and councils to sign this resolution and allow for them to go after drug companies for inflating insulin. After discussion, G. Dudek made a motion to adopt Resolution 11-2024: A Resolution for Insulin Litigation via Michigan POOL, seconded by Smith. A roll call vote approved the motion.
- D.** President Appleby brought the Welcome Packet to the Floor for discussion. This is something that we need for our Redevelopment Ready Communities. After reviewing the packet, they agreed that they are ready to finalize this. Clerk Rathbun will provide copies for all of council at the first November Meeting.

**VIII: Board, Committee, and Staff Reports:**

**IX: Council Comments:**

- X. Adjournment:** moved, with support from to adjourn the Village Council Meeting at 8:38 p.m. Next council meeting to take place on November 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Brittany Rathbun  
Village Clerk