



Village of Lawton
VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
125 S. MAIN, LAWTON MI 49065 269.624.6407
Tuesday April 8, 2025
MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order:** President Appleby called the April 8 2025, meeting of the Lawton Village Council to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** *Present:* Appleby, Tanis, E. Dudek, Peterson, Turner, G. Dudek *Absent:* None. *Others Present:* Village Manager Hackenberg, Clerk Rathbun, Police Chief Cordes, and three guests.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. **Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda included the approval of the April 8 Council Agenda, the March 25, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes, approval of the March 2025 disbursements in the amount of \$234,477.49. Peterson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of New Business Item C: MML Liability Renewal approval, supported by E. Dudek. A unanimous roll call vote approved the motion.
- V. **Citizen's Comments:**
 - A. Doug Lawrence, with Lawton Youth Softball and Baseball wanted to provide a few updates. He stated that Saturday April 12, from 9am-1pm will be field cleanup day, and they would like to invite any volunteers who can to help. He also stated that Saturday, April 26 will be opening day, festivities will be help from 1pm-5pm, and they would like to invite President Appleby and President Pro-Tem E. Dudek to throw the opening pitches. Lawrence also stated Lawton Youth Softball and Baseball is experiencing more vandalism and would like to ask the police for more patrols. The organization also asked for approval to replace some lights in the parking lot and add lighting to the parking lots to help deter vandalism. E. Dudek made a motion to approve the Lawton Youth Softball and Baseball board to add lighting in the parking lots, supported by G. Dudek. A voice vote was taken with all in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.
- VI. **Communications, Correspondence, and Presentations:** None.
- VII. **Old Business:** None.
- VIII. **New Business:**
 - A. President Appleby brought Resolution 04-2025: A Resolution in Support of the Transfer of Liquor License from Big T to the Breakfast Place LLC to the floor for discussion. G. Dudek made a motion to approve Resolution 04-2025, seconded by Tanis. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.

- B. President Appleby brought a quote from Lockmaster Security for the cameras at Village Hall and Reid's Corner in the amount of \$13,295.00 to the floor. E. Dudek made a motion to approve the quote from Lockmaster Security for cameras in the amount of \$13,295.00 supported by Tanis. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.
- C. President Appleby brought MML Liability Renewal Approval in the amount of \$39,444 to the floor. Turner made a motion to approve MML Renewal in the amount listed, seconded by Peterson. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.

IX. Board, Committee and Staff Reports:

- A. Village Manager Hackenberg reported that water usage village-wide is down slightly this month. The DPW has been out changing some meters with the weather getting nicer. Hackenberg discussed maintenance on water, sewage, and the park. Hackenberg stated he has been shopping around for a used dump truck for the village. Hackenberg also stated the leaves have been cleaned up at the cemetery. The White Oak project is on track to begin in the middle of May, and it should be completed by the end of July, but should not hinder Summerfest. Hackenberg also stated he has a meeting with the engineer to discuss where to update water services next. Hackenberg stated he has started receiving bids on the CEM grant for new HVAC, condensers, and hot water heaters, he is just waiting on one final bid. Hackenberg stated that Spring Cleanup will take place from May 19-24, and Zoning Solutions will be handing out flyers about Spring Cleanup to homes they are going to for blight.
- B. Clerk Rathbun reported nothing new to report.
- C. Chief Cordes reported calls for service are down a bit in the Village over the last month. Cordes stated with the bad weather, he assigned a lot more training this month, putting them ahead. Chief Cordes also stated the garage door and evidence room projects are complete.
- D. Trustee Peterson reported that the planning commission did not meet.
- E. Trustee G. Dudek reported that the DDA met, they have made some decisions on downtown banners, and they formed a committee for the Farmer's market and met twice. Tammy and Oliver St. Onge were in attendance and it went really well.
- F. Trustee E. Dudek reported that the Lawton Fire Board met, and nothing new to report, they were busy with the storms with assists and calls.
- G. Clerk Rathbun reported that the library board met their biggest concern currently is what to do if MEL is discontinued, and the library will be closed for a few extra days around Easter to have the carpets cleaned.

X. Council Comments: None.

XI. Adjournment: made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with support from a voice vote was taken, with all in favor and none opposed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Brittany Rathbun
Village Clerk

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