



Village of Lawrence  
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**Village of Lawrence Regular Common Council Meeting**  
**157 N. Paw Paw St., Lawrence, MI 49064**  
**July 9, 2024**

**Call to Order:** The Regular Common Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by President Gritter

**Roll Call:**

- **Present:** John Gritter, President; Annette Crandall, Trustee; Chuck Rowlee, Trustee; Dave Deloach, Trustee; Phil Glennie, Trustee; Alicia Lorenzo, Trustee
- **Absent:** None
- **Also Present:** Theresa Stroud, Village Manager; Mike Chappell, County Commissioner; Donna Spenner, Township Supervisor; Brian Johnson, DPW Manager; Paul Bianco, Police Chief; Mike Carpp, Interim Fire Chief; Chuck Williams; Skylar Closson

**Additions to Agenda:**

- None

**Conflicts of Interest:**

- None

**Approval of Agenda July:**

- No changes, approval not needed

**Approval of Prior Council Minutes, Public Hearing Minutes, Special Council Minutes June:**

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

All Aye. Motions Carried.

**Approval of Bills & Review of Bank Balances June:**

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

All Aye. Motions Carried.

**Presentations & Guests:**

- None

**Van Buren County Commissioner: Mike Chappell**

- Minutes available after approval at August meeting

**Lawrence Township: Donna Spenner**



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- Joint Township/Village Meeting to be held either August 19<sup>th</sup> or August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Township Hall.

#### **Lawrence Township Emergency Services: Interim Chief Mike Carpp**

- Background check done for QR candidate and have an application for another candidate. Hope to have the staff doubled shortly and then move focus to fire fighter.

#### **Reports:**

##### **President's Report:**

- Continuing to work on putting together an Emergency Response Plan for the Village. Approved getting quotes on dual fuel generators for wells and lift stations as part of the Emergency Response Plan.
- Will be requesting assistance from Country Emergency Response Team and VBISD Emergency Response Director to complete the Village Plan.

##### **Clerk's Report:**

- No Report

##### **Village Manager:**

- Add/Remove authorized persons for all accounts; Removing David Quick, adding John Gritter and Annette Crandall.  
Motion by Lorenzo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deloach.  
All Aye. Motion Carried.
- Create a Parks & Recreation Donation Account.  
Motion by Crandall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Glennie.  
All Aye. Motion Carried.

##### **Police Department:**

- Full Report Attached
- Continue to run radar and watch for violations all over town to bring speeding down and make streets safer.
- During June there were 12 traffic stops for traffic offenses resulted in verbal warnings to citizens, issued 0 traffic citations, and took 0-UD10 traffic crash reports.
- Continue to advertise for a full-time officer and a part-time position(s). Have been concentrating on background investigation on 1 individual that appears to be a good officer candidate so far.
- Have been assisting A/C Mike Carpp any way I can and ran a criminal history check for a potential new QR team member today.



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- Have been reporting to medical calls for both Village and Township when on duty to assist Township with the QR manning shortage. My State of Michigan Medical First Responder License is good until July 31, 2025 and I continue to take online training classes to stay current.

#### **Community Development:**

- No Report

#### **DDA:**

- Full Report Attached
- LPS Art Teacher, Rebecca Allen-Marfia, presented idea of her students creating banners to be place on the light posts for periods of time; agree conceptually but requested her to refine the process. She also explained her desire to find host homes for international students. Committee received information and recommended to work with Kim to put on Lawrence site.
- Karissa Ingalls has been recommended as the new Market Manager for the Farmers Market; motion made and seconded.
- Retention pond fish kill last week was a result of lack of oxygen due to weeds, algae, shallowness of the pond and stagnation of the water. SOLitude Lake Management will supply a cost for a solar fountain to oxygenate the water.
- Fruit Street Kitchen is requesting approval to apply for a Beer/Wine/Resort license. Motion by Lorenzo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crandall.  
All Aye. Motion Carried.
- Approval for half the purchase cost of 40 flags to replace the ones around the Village that need to be retired. DDA will cover \$800 with the Village covering the remaining \$600 of the \$1400 estimated total.  
Motion by Lorenzo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deloach.  
All Aye. Motion Carried.

#### **Joint Parks & Recreation:**

- No meeting, did not have a quorum.
- Remove Parks & Rec Master Plan from website, add "Proposed Not Currently Active" or similar worded watermark to the map, and then reupload to website.

#### **LDFA:**

- No Report

#### **Personnel:**

- Minutes attached.
- Amy requesting to change hours from part-time to full-time. Motion by Glennie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lorenzo.  
All Aye. Motion Carried.
- Raises for Brian, Amy, Tommy, and Aiden.

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Motion by Crandall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rowlee.  
Aye: Lorenzo, Glennie, Deloach, Gritter, Rowlee, Crandall.  
Nay: None  
All Aye. Motion Carried.

**Planning Commission:**

- Approval of new Zoning Ordinance, valid 7 days from the date posted.  
Motion by Crandall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deloach.  
Aye: Gritter, Rowlee, Crandall, Glennie, Crandall, Deloach.  
Nay: None  
All Aye. Motion Carried.
- All general law ordinances have been assigned to Planning Commission for review and rewrite.  
Motion by Lorenzo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Glennie.  
All Aye. Motion Carried.
- New Zoning Ordinance does not change existing parcels, those are grandfathered in. Only new construction is directly impacted by new zoning.

**Public Services/DPW:**

- Full Report Attached
- Approval for GIS System, funded 70% by water and 30% by sewer.  
Motion by Lorenzo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crandall.  
Aye: Lorenzo, Deloach, Glennie, Gritter, Crandall, and Rowlee.  
Nay: None  
All Aye. Motion Carried.

**Citizen Police Committee:**

- Next meeting is Tuesday, August 20th at 6:30 PM.

**ZBA:**

- No Meeting Held.

**New Business:**

- Items here

**Old Business:**

- None

**Public Comment:**

- None



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**Council Comment:**

- None

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion by Deloach, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crandall  
All Aye, Motion Carried.  
Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted:**

Theresa Stroud, Village Manager

John Gritter, Village President