Village *of* Lawton
VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
125 S. MAIN, LAWTON MI 49065 269.624.6407
Tuesday July 14, 2026
MINUTES

I. **Call to Order:** President Pro-Tem E. Dudek called the July 14 2026, meeting of the Lawton Village Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. **Roll Call:** *Present:* Peterson, Turner, G. Dudek, Raber, Turner, Tanis *Absent:* Appleby. *Also Present:* Village Manager Hackenberg, Clerk Rathbun, Library Director Tone, and four guests.

III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. **Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda included the approval of the July 14 Council Agenda, the June 09, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes, and disbursements in the amount of $452,296.45. Peterson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, supported by G. Dudek. A unanimous roll call vote approved the motion.

V. **Communications, Correspondence, and Presentations:**

- **A.** A complaint letter regarding the grass at 200 S Nursery was presented from L. Verburg. The grass has been mowed, so the problem has resolved.

VI. **Citizen Comments:**

- **A.** Library Director Tone stated that the library passed out 160 bags of books to kids at Summerfest and reviewed summer reading stats.

VII. **Public Hearings/Appointments:**

- **A.** President Pro Tem E. Dudek set the Public Hearing for a Zoning Board of Appeals review for a Zoning Variance request at 304 E 4th St for August 11, 2026 at 7PM.

VIII. **Old Business:** None.

IX. **New Business:**

- **A.** President Pro Tem E. Dudek brought Resolution 15-2026: A Resolution to adopt a food truck permit to the floor for discussion. The DDA has already reviewed this food truck permit. It will make the DDA's Tuesday night food truck rallies, and food trucks that would like to come to the farmer's market easier, so, they recommended it to council for approval. After discussion Turner made a motion, seconded by Peterson to adopt the aforementioned resolution. A unanimous roll call vote approved this motion.
- **B.** President Pro-tem E. Dudek brought Resolution 16-2026: A Resolution to adopt a new village logo to the floor for discussion. After discussion, G. Dudek motioned to approve the aforementioned resolution and adopt a new village logo, seconded by Turner. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.
- **C.** President Pro-tem E. Dudek brought a Summary of Audit for 25/26 to the floor. The audit has been completed, and Village Manager Hackenberg provided an overview of the audit.
- **D.** President Pro-tem E. Dudek brought a quote from Wightman in the amount of $63,400.00 for updating lead pipes, updating GIS, and engineering to the floor for discussion. This project would include design and construction engineering. Paul

Harvey, the Engineer from Wightman, provided an explanation of what this would include, and how it would fall in line with the lead line service updating plan that the Village currently has. This project will help put the village in line with the federal guideline completion date of 2037, as well as providing preliminary plans for the remaining lead lines. Peterson made a motion, seconded by trustee Tanis to approve this quote. Following a roll call vote with all in favor, and none opposed, the motion carried.

X. Board, Committee, and Staff Reports:

A. Village Manager Hackenberg presented his monthly report, highlighting that we have locked in a police chief. Hackenberg reported that he has a parks and recreation survey for the Village Council, he is looking into ways to get this to the residents after. Hackenberg provided a memorandum because the village would like to change the water shutoff ordinance to no longer do shutoffs, unpaid amounts will be added to taxes after appropriate notices go out. Hackenberg reported the MRWA is coming out next month to provide a free rate study.

B. Peterson reported the Planning Commission did not meet.

C. G. Dudek reported that the DDA met, and has nothing new to report.

D. E. Dudek reported Fireboard met and has nothing new to report.

XI. Council Comments:

A. Peterson stated she is seeing more people parking outside of their driveways and on the lawns.

B. Raber had questions on the blight report, which were answered by staff.

XII: Adjournment: Turner with support from E. Dudek n made a motion to adjourn the Village Council Meeting at 7:46 PM. Next regular council meeting to take place on August 11th, 2026 at 7PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Brittany Rathbun
Village Clerk