

VILLAGE OF LATTY

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Village council met on this date at 6pm at the village hall with all council members in attendance. Shawn Gerber, Kirk Stoller, Darlene Knapp, Kathy Habern, Beth Stoller, Nick Mansfield, Michael Gray and Barb Sinn-Fiscal Officer.

In attendance was also John Hatcher, Village Solicitor and Village resident Garrett Brenninger.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by Mayor Gerber and a motion was made by Darlene Knapp and seconded by Michael Gray.

Garrett Brenninger asked questions about his property line and the street being on his property, John Hatcher stated that adverse possession is priority as it has been used as a street for over 21 years. John Hatcher also asked Mr. Brenninger if prior ownership had been aware of street use prior. Mr. Brenninger answered that they were aware of the use. Mr. Hatcher stated that litigation would be that the village would have the obligation to use it as a street. Compensation may be probable for a section of the street but further research needs completed. Mr. Hatcher feels as though this is village property and will ask for an order to keep this street clear and free from vehicles blocking street.

Kathy Habern asked what Mr. Brenninger's intentions were with the property. She stated she would like to sell her lot close to his property and asked if this would become a commercial lot for a garage etc. Mr. Brenninger stated that he may intend on building a commercial building.

Motion to pay bills was made by Kirk Stoller and seconded by Michael Gray as Barb Sinn presented the monthly bills for approval. Barb Sinn also stated that there are 2 delinquent 2021 RITA taxes owed by residents that have not been paid or inquired about by residents.

6:32 pm council went into executive session with a motion by Kirk Stoller and seconded by Nick Mansfield. At 7:05pm a motion was made by Michael Gray to come out of executive session and seconded by Darlene Knapp.

Council made the decision to hire Tara and Rolando Ceballos on this date to mow and maintain Village grounds at \$12.50/hour and to only hire for the 2024 season.

Ward Construction gave an estimate for Second Street repaving at \$66000, council voted unanimously to go ahead with the project in July.

Manz Spraying was unanimously voted on by council to spray the entire park again this year 2024 for weeds.

Motion to accept both quotes was made by Nick Mansfield and seconded by Kirk Stoller.

Cleanup letters were to be made up by Nick Mansfield to be sent out with June billing on Thursday. Dates for Cleanup are June 6- 10th. Koharts will be notified to bring dumpster on the 5th by Shawn Gerber.

Hometown Heroes Banners were completed and placed in the village and Council decided to reward the Wayne Trace Art Class with \$100 and Treece Electricat \$100 for their help with the project.

Vantage Vocational School is searching for a lot to build a house and auction off within the Village. More talk and consideration on this topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

Questions about farm ground being rented by Leon Goings this year again. No contract has ever been signed and Shawn Gerber will contact him to see if he is still interested in farming the land.

Shawn Gerber stated that he would like to clean up the Scout trail south of the village that Hank Sinn had made in 2013 to keep for trail hiking. Cleanup this summer may be completed by council.

Council stated that there are groundhogs running throughout the village again and Shawn Gerber stated that he would contact Maddox Treece again for removal.

Council discussed starting meetings with prayer or pledge or both for the Village meetings from here on out. Decision to do both was decided for next meeting.

Motion to end the meeting at 8:04pm was made by Darlene Knapp and seconded by Kirk Stoller.

Next meeting will be June 10, 2024 at 6pm.