

VILLAGE OF LATTY

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MEETING MINUTES

Village Council met in regular session on January 14, 2025 at 6PM at the Latty Village Town Hall. Meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM with a motion made by Michael Gray and seconded by Darlene Knapp. Members present were: Kirk Stoller, Shawn Gerber, Michael Gray, Beth Stoller, Kathy Habern, Barb Sinn and Darlene Knapp.

Prayer to start the meeting was given by Shawn Gerber.

Guests attending meeting were Gabby Hook and Solicitor John Hatcher.

*A motion to accept December minutes and pay bills was made by Kirk Stoller and Seconded by Michael Gray. All Bills were addressed by council and approved. Darlene Knapp stated there was an error to December meeting minutes with packing of candy to be on December 19th instead of 13th. * Changes were made and redistributed to Council.

Council Discussions made by Mayor Gerber:

*Mayor Gerber stated that as of February 1,2025 Gabby Hook will be appointed as the new Fiscal Officer with Barb Sinn resigning from the Fiscal Officer position to fill Vacant Council seat. Barb Sinn was appointed to continue Sewer Billing for the next 1-4 months until Gabby could get established into position at a rate of \$125/Month for additional work.

*Mayor Gerber stated that he will check into bus stops for School in the Village and to question if they were stopping at each individual residence due to safety concerns and sidewalks within the Village.

*Checking into grants available through the state and will contact Roy Klopfenstein for any information that he may have at this time for Streets/Park/Playground.

*Village Credit Card is needed for fuel for Snow Plow or any needs the Village may have that can't be billed directly to the Village.

*Need to contact Board of Elections for Spring ballot for renewal levy etc, Resolution and Special Election 2025-1-1 for general and special elections would need to be in by first week of February or the renewal would have to wait until November General Election.

*Motion was made to draft up a Resolution to Donate Village Properties to Vantage Vocational by Kathy Habern and seconded by Michael Gray. Also a motion was made to Submit a First Resolution to Designate Kirk Stoller to sign Quit Claim Deeds for the properties being donated by Michael Gray and seconded by Kathy Habern.

*Tim Bakle contacted Mayor Gerber and stated that he would be interested in a donated lot to move a house from the Beck Seeds site on Road 92 to the Village. Council is not interested in this venture at this time.

*Village Barn was outfitted with a garage door opener and new lighting in the end of December with a digital code for opener of 6500 by Tri County Roofing.

*Gates for Park Street closings during activities at the park were discussed with Barb Sinn and Michael Gray giving Council gate designs and prices. Kirk Stoller stated that he wanted to contact KFAB for a quote to build and install. Further discussion at the next meeting.

*Ed Bohlen/county EMA was scheduled to attend Columbus Agenda for discussion on matching funds from the Railroad to close Alexander Street at the crossing. The Railroad has agreed to a \$40 thousand dollar amount to be given to the Village for this venture. Mr. Bohlen was contacted at the last minute and was told this would not be included in the meeting agenda. Solicitor will complete a Memorandum Of Understanding for the Railroad to sign off on as soon as possible.

*Solicitor John Hatcher stated that Mr. Bobby Bidlack did receive his certified letter stating that he is to remove equipment on Village Right of way immediately as this is a safety issue. No response was received. Solicitor will continue this venture within the court system process to remove equipment at this time.

*Veterans Banners applications are due by February 15, 2025 to the Wayne Trace High School. At this time we only have 3 applications listed. We need to put the word out on Facebook page and Post Office for more applicants.

*Mayor Gerber stated that he would like a Committee assigned to complete a Junk Ordinance for the Village, which would be an all inclusive Ordinance for junk, tree limbs, unlicensed vehicles, vacant sewers etc. Volunteering for this committee were: Kirk Stoller, Kathy Habern and Barb Sinn. Committee will look up other town/city ordinances similar to this for our Village. Will meet monthly or bi weekly to put together town halls and Public Notices for residents to be in place by July/August of 2025.

PROJECTS:

*Widen Alexander Street- Meeting with Ward Construction for proposal.

*MerCar- Owner of US Postal Service building in Latty to pave and upkeep parking lot.

*Curb Appeal for the Village needed

Beth Stoller- attended CBDG meeting in the County and was informed that Latty does not qualify for any grants at this time through this opportunity. There may be opportunities to qualify for low income streets to be completed or we may qualify for the flex grant. She will continue to search for opportunities, as there may still be a possibility to apply for the Railroad grant in April as long as we have detailed estimates and costs pertaining to Bathroom and new concessions for the Park. Discussions about completing a Recreation Building as well for the Park. We have more access for local grants as we need matching funding in order to attain grants. Possibly set aside money for projects as well as detailed quotes needed for additional funding.

Easter Egg Hunt-discuss at the February meeting (April 19th) ?

Michael Gray-Concerns over someone plowing the streets when he isn't available. Reported no issues with the new plow. Minor hydraulic leak on the dump bed which he can fix. Markers for the Zion Church so that he can plow the lot for them as he does the Methodist Church as well. Barb Sinn will get markers up for Zion Church.

Kathy Habern-Received complaint from Tim Fuller on neighbor residents at the corner of Fourth and Van Wert Street. This property is owned by Dovetail LTD (Al Griffiths). Residents are burning trash at all times during windy days. No garbage pickup and trash is littered all over back yard and front steps of the residence. Mayor will contact Al Griffiths to resolve this issue or will call the Health Department to report.

Darlene Knapp-Christmas Candy Delivery was a success with the exception of the stale candy (orange slices) received from Howe's. Contacted Customer Service and they stated they would issue a refund. Will continue to check on this refund or comparable resolution.

Kirk Stoller-*Widen Alexander Street-Mayor is meeting with Ward Construction for proposal. Also checking- with MerCar- Owner of US Postal Service building in Latty to pave and upkeep parking lot. Barb Sinn will approach Mer Car for this venture.

*Curb Appeal for the donated lots to Vantage will be needed, if we need to set up a mandate from the Village or some sort of guidelines. To be discussed at a later meeting.

Discussions for the February Meeting :

Committees

Mowing Contract for Village

Easter Egg Hunt

Veterans Banners

Council Members Terms

Metalink – cleanup of yards, plant grass

Motion to Adjourn

Michael Gray made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and seconded by Darlene Knapp at 8:05PM

Next Meeting will be February 11, 2025 at 6PM at the Village Hall