

# VILLAGE OF LATTY

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## MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2024

The Council Village of Latty, Paulding County Ohio, met in regular session on Tuesday tNovember 12, 2024 at 6PM.

Members in Attendance were, Mayor Shawn Gerber, Darlene Knapp, Kathy Habern, Beth Stoller, Michael Gray, Kirk Stoller, Barb Sinn- Fiscal Officer and John Hatcher-Village Solicitor. 6:02pm Meeting began with a Prayer by Shawn Gerber and Meeting called to order with a motion by Kirk Stoller and seconded by Michael Gray.

Guest in attendance was Mark Holtsberry- Paulding County Commissioner.

All bills and Financials were read and given out for approval by Barb Sinn. Motion to accept Minutes, financial reports and pay bills was made by Darlene Knapp and seconded by Kathy Habern. Barb Sinn stated that Rita Delinquent payments need addressed from 2018 for Melissa Hale and Heidi Conlon as no contact was made by the individuals from January 2024 letters received by them for payment. Council voted to address letters to Delinquents stating they have 30 das to set up payment plans and one year to complete payments or Village will request Small Claims Court Action.

Beth Stoller stated that the New equipment was installed with the Bee Rider being up but other Rider will be in soon as the base is in place for this.

Darlene Knapp stated that Christmas candies are available to purchase from FFA and Superior Wholesale Distributers at this time and Village approved this purchase. Invoices were given to Barb Sinn for payment. Barb Sinn stated that her family would donate the Fruit Snacks again for the Christmas Candy. Also Mike Treece will get the Village an estimate for Electricity for the Pavillion at the Park.

Michael Gray stated that the new plow is ready for operation and emergency roads should be clear for snow removal. Barb Sinn received the new plates and gave to Michael for placement on the plow.

Kathy Habern stated that the Village Halloween was a success this year!

Kirk Stoller had nothing at this time to discuss.

Commissioner Holtsberry talked about the Railroad grant that the Village should apply for to gain additional monies for the park and Village. Stated that he was very pleased with the turnout and applications for the Village of the Hometown Heroes Banners. Commissioners are looking into monies being available from Broadbands to the Villages in the County and will keep reaching out to groups and entities for more Grant and Monies availabilities.

### **Village Information Discussion led by Mayor Shawn Gerber:**

- Norfolk Southern Railroad along with representative Ernest Jackson, made a \$40K offer to the Village to close Alexander Street at the crossing and searching State for matching funds for this venture. John Hatcher stated there needs to be two pieces of legislation for this offer. Provide the Council with a contract put in place stating that they are going to pay offer price plus put up signage etc for authority to close Street. Council needs to appoint a representative to sign and accept the offer from the Railroad to the Village.
- Surveyor Michael Howbert was hired by the Village to draw up plots for the 5 acre lot owned by the Village. He stated that with the size of the land he would draw up 5 and 6 plot designs but thinks that these would be extremely large lots if Council only made 5.
- Sale of 1981 Dump/Snow Truck owned by Village listing. Gideon offered \$4007 but Council thought we should receive at least \$5k for this vehicle. Truck is still parked at Stoller Seed at US 127.
- Streets needing paved in 2025- Lewis Street from US 613 to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and or Peasely Street. Call Mer-Car (owner of US Postal Service Building) to inquire about paving lot in 2025 at same time. Barb Sinn stated that she would contact them about their lot needing paved.
- Playground Grant for bathrooms and to add on to Park may be available to apply for with monies needed of \$100k. Beth Stoller will start on grant paperwork for this project.
- Purchase of a Radar Speed Sign for Village at \$7500 to slow traffic coming into the Village ???
- Youth Sporting Events- Address the addition of a second ball field added to keep youth involved in the Village and to keep them in Latty.
- Barricades for the Park streets for the safety of the youth during Sporting Events.
- Have Engineers office suggest as to what streets need immediate attention, signs that are outdated and Village upgrades needed at this time.
- Banners- Heroe banners will be taken down and Holiday banners will soon be completed by WT School Steam/Art class. Mike Treece will be contacted for helping with this venture.

Motion to close the meeting at 8:35pm was made by Michael Gray and seconded by Darlene Knapp.

**Next meeting will be December 10th 2024 at 6p.m.**