

# VILLAGE OF LATTY

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**April 14, 2026**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Village Council met in regular session on April 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Latty Village Town Hall. Meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM with a motion made by Mike Gray and seconded Barb Sinn. Members present were: Kirk Stoller, Beth Stoller, Darlene Knapp, Mike Gray, Barb Sinn, Shawn Gerber, Gabby Hook, and John Hatcher.

Guest Present: Mark Holtsberry

Prayer to start the meeting was given by Mayor Gerber.

\*A motion to accept March minutes and pay bills, first by Barb and second by Beth. All bills were addressed by council and approved. 5-0

### **Council Discussions made by Mayor Gerber:**

- Mosquito Spraying: Buckeye Exterminating will provide services again this year
- Ground Maintenance: Mark Manz will spray, Fertilizer donated by Mercer Landmark. Includes ball field, town hall, park, and Alco Field
- Road Closure Signs: needed following recent storm/tree incident. Mayor will contact Paulding County EMA for possible donation
- Ball Field Updates: Fence installed, Tile and backstop still need completion, Dirt work, hole filling, and seeding pending (seed available)
- Easter Egg Hunt: Event was successful
- Village Properties: Positive progress noted on some properties, Continued follow-up needed
- Street Paving: Ward Construction projected start date: April 27, 2026. Awaiting response from Post Office; Mayor to follow up
- Playground Equipment: Quote secured (valid through April) for Dome & baby swing: \$4,869. Additional quotes pending (tire swing, train set). Slide project on hold pending grading work, to be reviewed next meeting
- Village Signage: Mock-ups presented from Wayne Trace STEM students
- West Bend signs: Cost: \$894 per side, includes "Welcome" and "State Champions" signage. Awaiting church sign pricing
- Mowing: Tyson requires paperwork; Gabby will provide
- Railroad Funds (\$40,000): Discussion on allocation, Roof, Playground equipment, Streets (~\$8,000), Slide installation, Speed signs. Goal to retain approximately half in reserve
- Alco Field update: Not being donated, available for use with liability waiver. John to prepare waiver for next meeting.

### **Fiscal Officer – Gabby**

- Sunshine Law Training Certificates are due. Council members are asked to submit certificates by the May meeting.
- Ordinance No. 2026-04-03: Appropriation increase in the General Fund (Tax Collection Fund) in the amount of \$1,500 due to higher-than-anticipated election expenses.
  - Vote: 5-0 (Approved)

- Roof Insurance Claim Update: Insurance company is willing to pay approximately \$4,000 for partial roof repairs. Tri-County Roofing quote:
  - Shingles: \$8,350
  - Steel Roof: \$10,125
  - Council discussion favored a steel roof due to longevity.
  - Barb will contact Steve Sinn (Tri-County Roofing) to work with the insurance company regarding full replacement coverage.
  - Gabby will review available funds, including possible use of railroad funds to offset costs.
- Sewer Payment Issue (Cynthia Jimenez):
  - Payment was mistakenly made online to the wrong entity and returned. A check issued to the Village was subsequently stopped.
  - Darlene Knapp will deliver the stopped check back to Cynthia

### **Council Discussions**

#### **Beth Stoller-**

- Easter Egg Hunt depleted non-candy supplies; additional items were purchased at a post-holiday discount for future use.
- Website domain renewal is due in April:
  - Cost: \$907.33
  - Credit card on file is not valid
  - Beth will pay and submit receipt to Gabby for reimbursement

#### **Michael Gray-**

- Proposal to replace current fuel tank, add diesel tank due to rising diesel costs. Utilize C&Y Oil for tax-exempt fuel delivery. Mike will proceed with arrangements

#### **Darlene Knapp-**

- Report of a nuisance dog running through yards. Residents advised to contact the Paulding County Dog Warden, if unavailable, contact the Sheriff's Office

#### **Barb Sinn-**

- Ongoing work updating street signs: Painting

#### **Kirk Stoller-**

- Met with Bobby Bidlack regarding a lift located in the right-of-way. Lift has been sold; removal timeline unknown. Additional items to be removed.

#### **Solicitor John Hatcher-**

- Railroad Property (Triangular Parcel): It is a mess, work ongoing; paperwork to be finalized
- Resolution No. 26-04-001: Unimproved Alleyways
  - Updated to include prohibition unless express permission is granted by Village administration
  - Vote: 5-0 (Approved)
- Resolution No. 26-04-002: Authorizing Mayor to negotiate property terms for transfer to Land Bank

- Vote: 5-0 (Approved)

**Guests: Mark Holtsberry, Paulding County Commissioner**

- Mr. Holtsberry addressed Council regarding his candidacy for re-election in the upcoming May 5th election. He requested the support of Village Council and residents and provided an overview of his accomplishments over the past 12 years serving as County Commissioner. Council and the Mayor expressed appreciation for his attendance and presentation.

**Discussions for the May Meeting:**

- Send thank-you card to Pastor White (Easter event dedication)
- Finalize property/land bank documentation
- Road closure signage update
- Playground equipment decisions
- Spraying updates (Mark Manz)
- Trailer regulations within Village
- Veterans Day signage
- Radar speed signs
- Land bank specifications
- Spare key for Mike
- Alco Field waver
- Sunshine Law Training Certificates are due to Gabby

**Motion to Adjourn:**

- Motion to adjourn by Council Member Kirk Stoller seconded by Council Member Barb Sinn. Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**Next Meeting will be May 12, 2026, at 6:00PM at the Village Hall**