

VILLAGE OF LATTY

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MEETING MINUTES

Village Council met in regular session on July 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Latty Village Town Hall. Meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM with a motion made by Mike Gray and seconded Kirk Stoller. Members present were: Kirk Stoller, Mike Gray, Barb Sinn, Darlene Knapp, Shawn Gerber, Gabby Hook. Absent from meeting was Beth Stoller (on vacation).

Guests present included Jane Gray representing the Latty Church Festival Committee, and Tom Sinn (Resident of Latty).

Prayer to start the meeting was given by Kirk Stoller.

Latty Church Festival: Jane Gray requested permission to use the Village Hall during this weekend's church festival to store gifts and prizes. Due to the church's closure, the church basement is no longer available. Council approved the request by a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Gerber also reported that the trees for the festival have been picked up. Council discussed possible planting locations and reviewed the layout for Saturday's festival activities.

Tom Sinn: Tom thanked Council and the Mayor for their continued work on behalf of the Village.

He also discussed standing water that accumulates on Third Street following heavy rainfall. Tom explained that a solid pipe, rather than clay tile, was installed in approximately 1999, and believes it is either an 8-inch or 10-inch pipe. He suggested installing two catch basins to improve drainage. Mayor Gerber will meet with Tom to further discuss the recommendation and evaluate potential solutions.

*A motion to accept June minutes and pay bills, first by Mike and second by Kirk. All bills were addressed by council and approved. 4 -0

Council Discussions made by Mayor Gerber:

- Mayor Shawn Gerber reported that the internet line at the Post Office is hanging unusually low. With the Village festival approaching, he asked if anyone knew who should be contacted to raise the line before the weekend. No recommendations were made, and Shawn will continue looking into the matter.
- Shawn also discussed preliminary 2027 budget priorities, including potential sewer line improvements, two catch basins, and approximately \$40,000 for street improvements. Mayor also discussed limiting expenditures during 2027 in an effort to begin building additional financial reserves.
- During the discussion, Kirk stated he will obtain estimates from Dangler Excavating for the sewer line project previously budgeted in the alley. He will also coordinate with Dan Knipp to determine exactly what work will be required.
- Mayor Gerber requested two council members accompany him while delivering notices to residents. Barb Sinn and Kirk volunteered to assist.
- Shawn also advised that he is addressing another nuisance property within the Village.
- Council discussed the vacant council seat. Shawn reported speaking with one resident who declined due to family obligations but may have interest in the future. Barb will contact Kevin Hale to determine whether he is interested in serving on Council. If appointed, Council also discussed potentially moving the regular meeting date to the third Monday of each month to better accommodate scheduling conflicts.

Fiscal Officer – Gabby

Tax Levy Update

- Fiscal Officer Gabby Hook informed Council that she spoke with the Paulding County Auditor's Office regarding the Village's tax levies. Auditor's Office confirmed that no tax levies are due in 2026. The Village's Current Expense Levy and Street Levy will both be due for renewal in 2027. While Council could choose to place the levies on the ballot this year, the Auditor's Office recommended waiting until next year. Council agreed to follow the Auditor's recommendation. Gabby will update the current levy resolutions for use in 2027. The Village will proceed with the Resolution of Necessity in January 2027, followed by the Resolution to Proceed in February 2027 for both levy renewals.

Ohio Plan Risk Management Renewal

- Gabby reviewed the Ohio Plan renewal with Council. No changes were recommended to the Village's current coverage, and Council agreed to proceed with the renewal premium. Gabby will contact Steven and Conrad to obtain the required signature page and complete the renewal process.

2027 Budget Preparation

- Gabby reminded Council that any requests for items to be included in the 2027 budget should be submitted by the August Council meeting. She will begin preparing the budget in August with Mayor Gerber.

AEP Electric Charges

- Gabby discussed an email received from Tim Copsey regarding responsibility for the recent AEP electric charges associated with the Vantage project. The invoice totaled just over \$1,200. Following discussion, Council determined that Vantage should be responsible for paying this expense, noting that the Village had already paid approximately \$13,000 in initial project-related utility costs. Mayor Gerber will contact Village Solicitor John to either send a letter or speak directly with Vantage regarding reimbursement.

Speed Signs

- Council discussed the purchase of speed signs for the Village. Each council member shared their thoughts regarding the benefits and concerns of implementing the signs. Following discussion, Council voted 4-0 to proceed with ordering the speed signs.

Dovetail Property Update

- Gabby provided an update regarding a Dovetail property that sold in April. Councilwoman Barb Sinn supplied the name of the new property owner. Gabby will update the Village records so future sewer billing is directed to the correct owner.

Council Discussions

Beth Stoller- Absent (on Vacation)

Michael Gray- Mike reported that he has attempted to contact C&Y Oil regarding obtaining an additional fuel tank for Village use. He will continue reaching out until contact is made.

Darlene Knapp-N/A

Barb Sinn- Council agreed to table further discussion regarding residential trash service until the August meeting. Barb reported that Jennifer has been out of the office, preventing further discussions. She also noted that trash service rates have increased from \$82.50 to \$88.00. Council agreed to revisit the topic once the full Council is present.

Barb also reported that portions of several newly paved streets are blocked off by residents vehicles. Mayor Gerber will address the issue.

Kirk Stoller- N/A

Solicitor John Hatcher- Not present.

Discussions for the August Meeting:

- Real Waste trash service contract
- 2027 Budget
- Property Specs
- Vacant Council position

Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Council Member Kirk Stoller seconded by Council Member Mike Gray. Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting will be August 11, 2026, at 6:00PM at the Village Hall