

VILLAGE OF LATTY

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MEETING MINUTES

Village Council met in regular session on December 16, 2025 at 6:00PM at the Latty Village Town Hall. Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM with a motion made by Mike Gray and seconded Barb Sinn. Members present were: Kirk Stoller, Beth Stoller, Kathy Habern, Darlene Knapp, Mike Gray, Barb Sinn, Shawn Gerber, Gabby Hook and John Hatcher.

Prayer to start the meeting was given by Kirk Stoller.

*A motion to accept November minutes and pay bills was made by Darlene Knapp and Seconded by Mike Gray. All bills were addressed by council and approved.

Council Discussions made by Mayor Gerber:

- Discussion was held regarding raising sewer bills. Further discussion will continue at the January meeting.

Junk Ordinance Readings, Third and final reading:

- Ordinance 2025-02-20-- Motion: Kathy Habern and Second: Kirk Stoller, Vote: 5–0, Approved
- Ordinance 2025-02-21-- Motion: Michael Gray and Second: Barb Sinn, Vote: 5–0, Approved
- Ordinance 2025-02-22-- Motion: Kirk Stoller and Second: Michael Gray, Vote: 5–0, Approved
- Ordinance 2025-02-23-- Motion: Barb Sinn and Second: Kathy Habern, Vote: 5–0, Approved

Additional Business

- Mayor stated that decisions regarding the village lots must be finalized in January, including the option of selling to Land Bank.
- Work continues on forming a 501(c)(3). It was advised by Rachel, who Mayor Gerber and Solicitor Hatcher have been working with, to wait until after the first of the year due to new laws.
- Ward Construction will honor the 2025 contract in spring 2026; further discussion will occur in January.
- It was discussed that Dale Street may be chip and sealed in 2026.
- Mayor has been in contact with the Lincolnview Schools Superintendent regarding playground equipment; more information forthcoming.
- Regarding Brian Gorrell (corner property (Parcel 29-045-014-00), the survey is pending legal descriptions.
- Welcome sign and banners were discussed. Barb Sinn, Joanne Pease, and Mayor Gerber met with students through the Wayne Trace High School STEM program. Council will finalize wording, with completion anticipated in the spring.
- Railroad crossing closure: Ernest reported that barriers will be installed after the first of the year. A \$40,000 check was received and deposited into an appropriated fund.
- Discussion was held regarding establishing a Holiday Community Outreach Fund for the 2027 budget.

Council Discussions made by Fiscal Officer Gabby Hook

- Fiscal Officer Gabrielle Hook presented a 2026 Budget Review, going over details of the proposed 2026 budget.
 - Ordinance 2025-12-001, An ordinance allowing the Fiscal Officer to prepare the 2026 budget and to make payments from each appropriated fund. Vote: 6–0. Result: Approved by all council members.
- Fiscal Officer Hook stated that State Bank required council approval and solicitor review to issue credit cards for Michael Gray and Gabrielle Hook. The Mayor brought this to Solicitor Hatcher's attention.
 - Motion: Kirk Stoller and Second: Barb Sinn, Vote: 6–0, Result: Approved
- Fiscal Officer Hook discussed upgrading Central Square, the village utility billing system, to allow online bill pay. Council expressed concern regarding a convenience fee. Fiscal Officer Hook will contact Victor at Central Square to obtain fee details and report back in January.

Council Discussions

Beth Stoller- No comment.

Michael Gray- Concerned about people parking to close to street (both sides) during winter months when plowing snow.

Kathy Habern- No comment.

Darlene Knapp- Reported candy is good to go for Christmas.

Kirk Stoller- No comment.

Barb Sinn- No comment.

Discussions for the January Meeting:

- Council's potential layouts for the Land Bank regarding the current parcels the Village owns; this would be housing coming into the Village provided by the Land Bank.
- Swearing in Kirk Stoller as Council Member (Elected November 4th, 2025).

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Mike Gray, seconded by Council Member Kirk Stoller. Adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Next Meeting will be January 13, 2025, at 6:00PM at the Village Hall