

VILLAGE OF LATTY

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August 12, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

Village Council met in regular session on August 12, 2025 at 6PM at the Latty Village Town Hall. Meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM with a motion made by Barb Sinn and seconded by Mike Gray. Members present were: Kirk Stoller, Shawn Gerber, Beth Stoller, Barb Sinn, Kathy Habern, Darlene Knapp, Mike Gray and John Hatcher.

Prayer to start the meeting was given by Mayor Gerber.

Guests in Attendance were Tim Copsey, Jane Gray and Resident from 610 Lewis Street.

*A motion to accept July minutes and pay bills was made by Mike Gray and Seconded by Kirk Stoller. All bills were addressed by council and approved.

Council Discussions made by Mayor Gerber:

- List of properties with junk violations sent to Mayor by Council.
- Per ordinance: once notice is sent, property owners have 30 days to clean up.
- Council is willing to assist residents in cleanup efforts.
- In September's meeting, Council will review ordinances in more detail and determine next steps.
- Ian Betts submitted a letter to Mayor and Council regarding a two-foot easement to attach a garage for the safety of his wife, Esther.
- Mayor Gerber read the letter during the meeting.
- Mayor Gerber requested Ian stake out the proposed garage location and submit plans at the September Council meeting for review and decision.

Council Discussions made by Fiscal Officer Gabrielle Hook:

- Resolution of Necessity, Certification of the Auditor and Resolution to Proceed for both Fire and EMS protection and Current Expense filed with BOE.

PROJECTS:

- * Street paving by Ward Construction

Beth Stoller-

- Beth provided an update regarding the park slide project.
- Noffsinger Excavating was on-site.
- Dirt and stone are needed for the hill.
- Beth will reach out to Noffsinger for a quote.
- Council discussed the desired size of the hill; final decision pending quote.

Michael Gray-

- Michael reported that there is no street light at Second and Van Wert Streets, across from the tracks.
- Mayor Shawn Gerber will follow up.
- Discussion noted Vantage is installing electric in the area; possibility of coordinating efforts.
- The street sign at Fourth and Van Wert Street has been straightened; however, the pole and top are

not salvageable.

- New posts and tops are needed; Mike and Mayor Gerber will review and determine requirements.

Kathy Habern-

- Kathy painted yellow sewer lids at the playground.
- She also painted a sewer marker on the south side of the hill yellow.
- The first sewer lid painted is located on Second Street, south side, near Bob Bidlack's property in the ballpark area.

Darlene Knapp- No comment.

Kirk Stoller- No comment.

Barb Sinn-

- Barb hand-painted street signs throughout the town.
- Joanne and Barb will manage concessions for the fall flag football season.
- Concessions will include: popcorn, candy bars, hot dogs, popsicles, hot chocolate, water, and Gatorade.
- If additional help is needed, Barb will reach out to volunteers.

Solicitor John Hatcher-

- Deed and Land Bank's name will be transferred into Vantage this week per Solicitor John Hatcher.
- Angie from the Auditor's Office confirmed on 8/12/25.
- Parcel Number: 29-03S-002-00 will need to be split.
- Council will set parameters for Land Bank to guide marketing and selling of parcels.

Guest – Tim Copsey

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Guest – Jane Gray

- Jane Gray thanked the Village for all the help during the church festival, noting that the teamwork and community effort were noticed and greatly appreciated.
- Regarding the honoring of citizens during the festival, Council will need to discuss ideas for how they would like to proceed.
- Jane had a church festival meeting on 8/13/25 and was going to ask the church festival council how they would like to honor the citizens.
- During the September meeting, Village Council will meet with Jane again to finalize plans and move forward.
- Jane mentioned that next year's church festival will likely be held one week earlier — on Saturday, July 18th — at Town Hall.
- Jane also shared that she has newspaper clippings from the 100-year Centennial celebration and is willing to provide copies to anyone interested.
- For the most recent church festival, there were 144 registered attendees, with actual attendance estimated between 175–200 people.
- Jane presented a \$270 donation, collected during the festival, to the Latty Youth Foundation. Mayor Shawn Gerber thanked Jane for the check.

Guest- 610 Lewis Street

- Voiced miscellaneous concerns,

Discussions for the September Meeting:

- List of properties to clean up
- Plaque for Church Festival Honoree's

Motion to Adjourn

Mike Gray made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and seconded by Barb Sinn at 8:08PM

Next Meeting will be September 9 , 2025 at 6PM at the Village Hall

