

VILLAGE OF LATTY

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MEETING MINUTES

Village Council met in regular session on October 14, 2025 at 6:00PM at the Latty Village Town Hall. Meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM with a motion made by Michael Gray and seconded Kirk Stoller. Members present were: Kirk Stoller, Shawn Gerber, Beth Stoller, Kathy Habern, Darlene Knapp, Mike Gray and John Hatcher. Absent was Barb Sinn.

Prayer to start the meeting was given by Mayor Gerber.

Tim Fuller was in attendance.

Tim Fuller attended to address the lack of speed limit signs on Lewis Street, noting that none are currently posted. The speed limit should be 25 mph. Mayor Gerber will contact the Engineer's Office regarding replacement signage.

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

Council Discussions made by Mayor Gerber:

- Mayor Gerber discussed the corner property (Parcel 29-045-014-00), noting the following estimated costs:
 - Publication Cost: \$950
 - Filing Fee: \$900
 - Survey: \$800
- He continues to work with Brian Gorrell on this matter. A resolution will be needed authorizing contracts with Mr. Cook and Mr. Gorrell, and a separate contract for Mr. McGarvey to perform the survey. Solicitor John Hatcher is preparing those documents.
- Mayor Gerber also reported no communication from Ernest Jackson (Norfolk Southern) regarding the railroad crossing closure since October 6, 2025. Both the Mayor and Fiscal Officer will continue to follow up, as it remains a public safety concern.
- An individual has anonymously offered to donate \$50,000 toward replacing the chain-link fence around the ball field. Quotes were received:
 - Striker: \$88,000 (new fence)
 - Superior: \$61,740.25 (upgrade and expand existing fence)
- If the Village proceeds with Superior, \$5,600 would be left over cost for the Village to pick up. Mayor Gerber is also exploring the process of setting up a 501(c)(3) organization to facilitate the donation.
- A special meeting may be called within two weeks to adopt a resolution to sign with AEP.
- Updates were given on flag football and the Alcove Field acquisition. The Village would incur no additional costs, as all work done to the field this past year was donated. Alcove's only condition is that the field retain the name "Alcove Field." A survey may be required; Mayor Gerber is confirming if the offer remains active.

- Ward Construction will be paving 5th Street and Dale Street by the end of October. The Village will receive a two-day notice prior to the work beginning.
- Council members are to prepare land bank housing development requirements for discussion at the November meeting.
- It was also noted that all dirt brought into the ball field has been donated.

Council Discussions made by Fiscal Officer Gabrielle Hook:

- Cyber Security: Received an email from Ohio Plan insurance agent Conrad Beck stating the village will need to have a cyber security plan written. Solicitor John Hatcher will check with Van Wert, Payne, and Oakwood to review their plans and will draft something for the next meeting.
- Electric Co-Op: An ordinance was sent over by the Clerk of the County Commissioners. Council acknowledged the ordinance and will keep it on file.

PROJECTS:

* Street paving by Ward Construction

Beth Stoller-

- Reported that the slide installation at the park will begin soon. She also mentioned that Lincolnview is adding a new playground, and Mayor Gerber and Solicitor Hatcher will contact the superintendent to see if the Village could purchase some of the old playground equipment.

Michael Gray-

- Reported that three streetlights were replaced, and all are now functioning. The Fourth Street light near the old railroad bed is still out, and Mike will report that issue.

Kathy Habern- No comment.

Darlene Knapp- Discussed preparations for Christmas candy as the holiday season approaches.

Kirk Stoller- No comment.

Barb Sinn-

- Absent, but emailed Gabby to report that concession sales are projected to close at approximately \$950 by the end of October, which will go into the Friends of Latty Fund.

Discussions for the November Meeting:

- Plaque for Church Festival Honoree's
- 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.
- The second reading of the Junk Ordinance will take place at the next meeting.
- 2026 Budget

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Kirk Stoller, seconded by Council Member Darlene Knapp.

Adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Next Meeting will be October 14, 2025, at 6PM at the Village Hall