

**VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

JANUARY 25, 2021

DUE TO THE CURRENT ORDERS PUT IN PLACE BY MDHHS AND THE GOVERNORS OFFICE DUE TO COVID 19, THE COUNCIL MEETING IS BEING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 7:07 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ATTENDANCE *Cole, Mattawan; Daly, Mattawan; Kroll, Mattawan; O'Dell, Mattawan; Taylor, Mattawan; Wheeler, Mattawan*

Absent: Rossman

Motion by Cole, supported by Daly to excuse members Rossman. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Others Present: Manager McLean, Attorney Graham, Engineer Woodhams

4. WELCOME TO PUBLIC

President Cole made the following announcement:

The Village of Mattawan had a meeting scheduled on January 19th at 7:00 PM, the Village learned that the Village Attorney was committed to another meeting at that time. The Village Attorney advised the Village that the meeting would not take long so the schedule time was kept. The Attorney was the Zoom host. He was unable to connect to the special meeting until 7:30 PM. Once he connected the meeting proceeded. There was no discussion or meeting until the time the Attorney connected to the meeting. There was no discussion amongst the Council members. They could not see each other or speak to one another. The Village Attorney has apologized to the Council for the late start. The Village Council apologizes for the late start. The Village Council wants to assure the public that prior to the beginning of the Zoom there was nothing.

5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING BEING RECORDED

6. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA *None*

7. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Daly, supported by Wheeler to approve the Agenda. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2021 & SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2021

Motion by Wheeler supported by O'Dell to approve the Minutes of January 11, 2021. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Daly, supported by O'Dell to approve the minutes of January 19, 2021. 5 members voted in favor. Wheeler abstained. Motion carried.

9. **BILLS TO BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,053.81**
Motion by O'Dell supported by Wheeler to table. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

10. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM *None*

11. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PLANNING COMMISSION- Liaison Wheeler reported the Planning Commission looked at Article 16 and is recommending 600 square feet minimum for the Manufactured Housing Park District.

12. STAFF REPORTS

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT-*Chief Herbert's report was presented be President Cole with no questions.*

B. ATTORNEY'S REPORT- *Attorney Graham will take up any questions on the Agenda.*

C. *ENGINEER WOODHAMS- Reported that the Amtrack Replacement Project Consultant has plans ready for the grade inspection. They are still working on the Amtrack agreement. Concord Road is getting rebuilt as a part of the Amtrack project. Balkema Excavating will begin work in the next 2/3 weeks on the Main Street watermain replacement under Payne Creek at the pedestrian bridge. The culvert replacement will happen late Spring in the same location.*

13. *OLD BUSINESS*

A. MANUFACTURED HOUSING PARK DISTRICT 4 -Article 16, Schedule of Regulations of the Village of Mattawan's Ordinance Book states *See Article 7, The Planning Commission is recommending to Council that Article 7 be amended to require a minimum of 600 sq feet.*

Motion by Wheeler, supported by Cole to approve the 600-foot recommendation. Roll call vote taken. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

14. *NEW BUSINESS*

A. SEWER PUMP FOR LIFT STATION #6 (*Superintendent Anthony will have pricing on Monday*)

Motion by Daly, supported by Wheeler to purchase the pumps from Milan Supply for an amount not to exceed \$11, 432. Roll call vote taken. 5 members voted in favor. O'Dell voted no. Motion carried.

15. COMMUNICATIONS

- Comment emails
- Letter from Julia Richardson
- Letter to Andrew Granskog from Kalamazoo Public Service
- 2021 Council Schedule
- Bird Dog letter

Motion by Cole, supported by Wheeler to send letter from Bird Dog to Parks & Rec Committee. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

16. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Several Members of the Public spoke regarding the WWTF

17. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Wheeler asked if Attorney Graham if he could explain why the Village is not able to bar any of the options for the WWTF. Attorney Graham explained that the Village is working with the USDA through Rural Development to secure financing for a potential project. The Village is instructed by RD that it must consider all viable options before a decision is made. The Village is actively looking at 5 discharge points and looking at updated cost assessments for cleaning and repair of the line to Kalamazoo. The Village has been instructed to do additional environmental work before any recommendation can be made. The Village is so far from making a decision on a discharge point that no permits have been applied for. The Village is simply working on what we have been asked to do by the USDA and RD.

18. ADJOURNMENT @ **8:20 PM**