

**VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

FEBRUARY 22, 2021

DUE TO THE CURRENT ORDERS PUT IN PLACE BY MDHHS AND DUE TO COVID 19, THE COUNCIL MEETING IS BEING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM USING A "PRO" LICENSE.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 7:06 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 Wheeler to excuse member Rossman. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
4. WELCOME TO PUBLIC
5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING BEING RECORDED
6. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
President Cole added New Business C, Approve Engineer Woodhams and Tom to meet with the DDA to pursue an Economic Development Grant. New Business D, Approve DPW recommendation to pause work on the WWTF. New Business E, Accept the resignation of member Rossman and authorize advertising the vacancy.
7. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Motion by Wheeler, supported by Daly to approve the Agenda as amended. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2021
Motion by Kroll, supported by Wheeler to approve the minutes of February 8, 2021 as corrected. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
9. BILLS TO BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,176.30
Motion by Daly, supported by Wheeler to approve the bills in the amount of \$63,176.30. Roll call vote taken. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
10. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM
The Council received public comment on the WWTF

11. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. DPW Committee - *Chair Kroll reported the committee met and discussed the traffic study and discussed the areas that are of the most concern. Discussion took place on the Environmental Study for the WWTF and is recommending a pause on all activity relating to the discharge into Hayden Creek while the Village amends the current study and considers all new information. They are also recommending placing the updated study on the Village website.*
- B. Planning Commission - *Liaison Wheeler reported that the Planning Commission met with Midway Storage representatives and approved Phase II of the plan with contingencies. Mr. Parshall will be allowed to continue with Phase II with a contingency plan in place to keep everyone on the same page and Mr. Parshall will know what is being required of him. Attorney Graham explained that Mr. Parshall constructed a building at a size of 3,900 square feet after approval of 3,000 square feet. One of the conditions of approval is that he will not be allowed to use 900 square feet of the building subject to discussion with the Village. Also, Midway must agree in writing that any further action that does not conform with the Special Land Use Permit or Village Ordinance will constitute a nuisance that will be actionable by the Village.*

12. STAFF REPORTS. Parshall

- A. POLICE DEPARTMENT - *Chief Herbert presented his report stating there were 12 citations issued and 52 calls for service. There is a new officer in training. The new squad car is in. The Police Department handled the armed robbery very well. The suspect was apprehended very quickly.*
- B. ENGINEER'S REPORT - *Engineer Woodhams*
- C. ATTORNEY'S REPORT - *Attorney Graham reported that at the end of the last Council meeting there were explicit threats against the Council. The quote was "we're coming to get you" and this was reported to the Police Department and asked that meetings should be monitored. There was a phone conference conducted involving representatives of the Village, EGLE, and USDA. It appears that EGLE had an expectation that any future activity regarding discharge or a facility would be based upon an application. The Village has never submitted an application and the EGLE representative acknowledged that. EGLE spoke very specifically that the Village needs to submit an anti-degradation plan if there is a request for discharge or a facility. EGLE noted that if an application was submitted that the application would be subject to review by EGLE and have a period of time for comment and a Public Hearing. USDA indicated that they would be open to proposals that will best serve the needs of all.*

13. OLD BUSINESS

- A. COMPUTERS FOR VILLAGE COUNCIL-*See estimates from IT Right & pricing for tablets.*

Motion by Daly, supported by O'Dell to pursue computers for Council. After discussion by Council Daly withdrew the motion.

Motion by Daly, supported by O'Dell to send to Policy & Personnel to draft a Policy & Use procedure. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

14. NEW BUSINESS

- A. POLE BANNERS-Stephanie from Photo Co. Collective Studio

Motion by Cole, supported by Kroll to send to DPW Committee. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

- B. APPROVAL OF THE VAN BUREN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES MUTUAL POLICE AGREEMENT

Motion by O'Dell, supported by Wheeler to approve the Van Buren County Law Enforcement Agencies Mutual Police Agreement. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

- C. APPROVE ENGINEER WOODHAMS & SUPERINTENDENT ANTHONY TO PURSUE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT AND MEET WITH THE DDA REGARDING MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

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

- D. APPROVE DPW RECOMMENDATION TO PAUSE ALL ACTIVITY IN RELATION TO ANY POSSIBLE DISCHARGE INTO HAYDEN CREEK WHILE THE VILLAGE AMENDS THE CURRENT FEASIBILITY STUDY WITH CONSIDERATION OF ALL NEW INFORMATION.

Motion by Kroll, supported by Wheeler to pause all activities. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

- E. ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MEMBER ROSSMAN AND AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF VACANCY.

Motion by Wheeler, supported by Kroll to accept the resignation of Member Rossman. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Daly, supported by Kroll to advertise the vacancy. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Kroll, supported by Daly to send letters of interest to Policy & Personnel for a recommendation. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

15. COMMUNICATIONS
-Comment emails
-Letter from Karen Jipping

16. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Priscilla Woodhams expressed concern about the Village continuing to use an engineering firm that she believes has made several errors in the past.

Engineer Woodhams stated that going forward on the feasibility financials he will be working with the Village Accountant.

17. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL *NONE*

18. ADJOURNMENT @ **9:32 PM**