

**VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

JUNE 16, 2021

DUE TO THE CURRENT MDHHS ORDERS BASED ON COVID 19, THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING IS BEING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ATTENDANCE

Present: Fournier, Mattawan; Forst, Mattawan; Lamb, Collinston, LA; Council Liaison Wheeler, Mattawan

Others present: Village Manager/Clerk Terri McLean; Engineer Tim Woodhams; Village Secretary Yvonne Rumery

4. WELCOME TO THE PUBLIC

5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING BEING RECORDED

6. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Village Council recommendation to further discuss Sulema Ramirez Rezoning Request. Motion by Lamb with support from Forst to approve the addition to the agenda. All members present voting in favor, motion carried.

7. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Fournier supported by Lamb to approve the new agenda. All members present voting in favor, motion carried.

8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2021

Motion by Fournier, supported by Wheeler to approve the Minutes of April 21, 2021; Lamb abstained, all other members voted in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2021

Motion by Fournier supported by Forst to approve the Minutes of May 19, 2021. Wheeler abstained, all other members voted in favor. Motion carried.

9. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT- *Liaison Wheeler*

Liaison Wheeler explained that the Council was concerned about the rezoning request of Sulema Ramirez at 25248 Front Avenue and the resulting spot zoning. Wheeler suggested that the matter, already approved at their May 19th meeting, go back before the Planning Commission for reconsideration given the potential for spot zoning.

Discussion ensued. Engineer Woodhams expressed concern that the R2 Low Density Multiple Family Dwellings in Article 16 of the Zoning Ordinance is without clear definition and asked that the Planning Commission not move forward to rezone Ms. Ramirez property, or any property in

the Village, as R2 Low Density Multiple Family Dwellings until the classification is better defined in the Ordinance. Engineer Woodhams went on to state that, based on multiple conversations that he has had with Mrs. Ramirez, he felt that she could move forward with her plans to build on her property satisfactorily without achieving the R2 zoning classification. Engineer Woodhams suggested that the Commission consider a text amendment to the zoning ordinance and schedule a public hearing.

Motion by Fournier supported by Lamb that the current agenda item, the rezoning application of Ms. Ramirez, be tabled until the August meeting, allowing the Commission to better define “Low Density Multifamily Dwelling” in the Ordinance. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Fournier supported by Wheeler that a public hearing be scheduled for the August meeting to consider a text amendment to Section 5.30A Special Uses of the zoning ordinances further clarifying Low Density Multiple Family Dwellings. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

10. OLD BUSINESS *None*

11. NEW BUSINESS *None*

12. COMMUNICATIONS *None*

13. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS *None*

14. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Chairman Fournier inquired about whether Zoom meetings will continue. Village Manager McLean stated that the Village Council had passed a resolution that established a State of Emergency for the Village which enables Zoom meetings or hybrid meetings of Zoom and in person, to continue until the end of the calendar year. Engineer Woodhams commented that there was no Zoom connection information on the Village website for this meeting.

15. ADJOURN @ 7:30 p.m.