

**VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

OCTOBER 25, 2021

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 7:00 PM
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ATTENDANCE
Members present: Cole, Daly, Kroll, O'Dell, Taylor, Wheeler
Members absent: Smith,
Motion by Taylor, supported by Wheeler to excuse members Smith. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
Others present: Manager/Clerk Terri McLean; Attorney Scott Graham; Engineer Tim Woodhams; Superintendent Tom Anthony; Village Secretary Yvonne Rumery
4. WELCOME TO PUBLIC
5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING BEING RECORDED
6. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA *None*
7. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Motion by Wheeler, supported by O'Dell to approve the agenda. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2021
Motion by Taylor, supported by O'Dell to approve the minute of October 11, 2021. Roll call vote taken. All members voted in favor. Wheeler abstained.
9. BILLS TO BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$196,265.46
Motion by Taylor, supported by O'Dell to approve the bills in the amount of \$196,265.46. Roll call vote taken. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
10. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM
Lesley Markle spoke out in support of the IFT Application from Charles River being approved.
11. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. FINANCE COMMITTEE – CHAIRPERSON DALY
No meeting, no report.

- B. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – CHAIRPERSON WHEELER
No meeting, no report.
- C. DPW COMMITTEE – CHAIRPERSON KROLL
No meeting, no report.
- D. LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE – CHAIRPERSON COLE
Meeting October 29, 2021
- E. PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE – CHAIRPERSON SMITH
No meeting, no report.
- F. POLICY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – CHAIRPERSON TAYLOR
No meeting, no report.
- G. ZONING AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – CHAIRPERSON O’DELL
No meeting, no report.
- H. PLANNING COMMISSION LIAISON REPORT – LIAISON WHEELER
No meeting, no report.
- I. DDA COMMITTEE – CHAIRPERSON COLE
No meeting, no report.
- J. KATS – CHAIRPERSON DALY
Meeting October 27, 2021

12. STAFF REPORTS

- A. POLICE DEPARTMENT – *Police Chief Herbert presented his report (attached). Also stating that the Department is down to 5 officers now. He is requesting a Law Enforcement Committee to look at way to recruit and retain officers*
Motion by Taylor, supported by Daly to allow Law Enforcement Committee to meet. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

- B. ENGINEER’S REPORT - *Engineer Woodhams reported that the Main Street Culvert project is finished. With the recent rain there is no water in the McGillen Crossing’s basin. The Concord watermain project has started and the road is now closed for the next 3 weeks. He has spoken to Tom and would like the DPW Committee to meet and discuss some ideas for the force main going to Kalamazoo. He would like to discuss an Emergency Plan should there be a failure in the line.*
Motion by Wheeler, supported by Daly to have a DPW Committee meeting. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

- C. ATTORNEY’S REPORT - *Attorney Graham will address any items on the agenda as needed.*

13. OLD BUSINESS

- A. BIRD DOG OUTDOOR DINING PROPOSAL
 - Request by Bird Dog to purchase property.*The request for purchase is still an on-going issue. Superintendent Anthony is out of town and has not been able to look at the utilities on site.*

B. RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION ON ZONING
AMENDMENT APPLICATION OF SULEMA RAMIREZ

Motion by Daly, supported by Wheeler to grant the request to rezone the property from R-1 to R-2. Roll call vote taken. Cole, Daly, Kroll, Taylor, Wheeler voted in favor. O'Dell voted no. Motion carried.

14. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND DECISION ON IFT APPLICATION FOR CHARLES RIVER
LABORATORIES, INC.

B. ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF CHARLES RIVER
LABORATORIES, INC. FOR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION
CERTIFICATE FOR A NEW FACILITY FOR REAL AND PERSONAL
PROPERTY

Motion by Cole, supported by Daly to adopt the resolution approving the IFT Application submitted by Charles River Laboratories. Cole, Daly, Wheeler voted yes. Kroll, O'Dell, Taylor voted no. Motion failed.

Member Wheeler asked Attorney Graham if the Council could reconsider this item at the next meeting so that all members could be present. Attorney Graham explained that if a member of the group voting in the majority requests reconsideration at the next meeting that could be done. Robert's Rules say that in a tie that both sides are considered the prevailing side. If a motion was passed to reconsider at the next meeting, that would be a proper motion. With a deadline of October 31st at the State, that perhaps the Council should consider scheduling a Special Council Meeting at which time a motion to reconsider the Application could be acted upon.

15. COMMUNICATIONS

A. SEWER EXPENSES PAID TO THE CITY OF KALAMAZOO

B. MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING (MADD) OF MICHIGAN AWARD –
NOMINATION OF MATTAWAN POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR
OUTSTANDING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN 2020

16. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Lesley Markle stated that she is very disappointed in the Council decision to deny the IFT Application.

17. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Motion by Wheeler, supported by Cole to hold a Special Meeting by the end of the week. Roll call vote taken. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

18. ADJOURNMENT @ 7:49 PM ***Motion by Wheeler, supported by Cole to adjourn. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.***