

**VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

NOVEMBER 22, 2021

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 7:00 PM
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ATTENDANCE *Cole, Daly, Kroll, O'Dell, Smith, Taylor,*
ABSENT: *Wheeler*
Others Present: Village Manager McLean, Chief Herbert, Sgt. Mansfield
*Motion by Smith, supported by O'Dell to excuse Wheeler. All members voted in favor.
Motion carried.*
4. WELCOME TO PUBLIC
5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING BEING RECORDED
6. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA *None*
7. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
*Motion by Daly, supported by Smith to approve the agenda as presented. All members voted
in favor. Motion carried.*
8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8, 2021
*Motion by Smith, supported by Daly to approve the minutes of November 8, 2021. All
members voted in favor. Motion carried*
9. BILLS TO BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$81,697.16
*Motion by Smith, supported by Taylor to approve the bills in the amount of \$81,697.16. Roll
call vote taken. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.*
10. LIMITED PUBLIC-COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM *None*
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
Meeting November 16, 2021

- D. LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE – CHAIRPERSON COLE
No Meeting, no report
- 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
Nothing on Agenda, approved minutes from previous meeting
- I. DDA COMMITTEE – CHAIRPERSON COLE
No meeting, no report.
- J. KATS – CHAIRPERSON DALY
Meeting November 24, 2021 Nothing pertaining to the Village. Meeting will resume in person after January 1, 2022 and Daly will no longer be able to serve on KATS

12. STAFF REPORTS

- A. POLICE DEPARTMENT – *Police Chief Herbert* reported there were 85 complaints and 43 citations issued.
- B. ENGINEER'S REPORT - *Engineer Woodhams Not present*
- C. ATTORNEY'S REPORT - *Attorney Graham Not present*

13. OLD BUSINESS

None

14. NEW BUSINESS

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRING AND RETENTION

- Memo from Sgt Mansfield
- Memo from Chief Herbert

Sgt Mansfield explained the challenges that the Police Department is facing with the current climate. It has been difficult to attract new officers to the department. They would like to increase wages as well as offer a bonus for new hires as well as the current officers. They are asking to reallocate funds that are in the current budget. Chief Herbert said that other departments are spreading a sign on bonus over a 3-year period. He said that the education funds could also be used. Sgt Mansfield said he has spoken to the current officers and most of them feel that they are not financially secure enough to be able to start families and have a home. If we can retain our officers, the safety of the community becomes higher. Daly stated that we need to look at all wages throughout the Village and not just the Police Department and that raising the Police Special Assessment next year may need to be done. President Cole would like to reallocate the \$10,000 in part time wages for police and allow Chief Herbert to use it as he sees fit.

The Council has asked that Chief Herbert and Sgt Mansfield put a plan together and present it back to the Council for consideration. Manager McLean will also discuss this with Attorney Graham if the Village can do a "bonus".

Motion by Smith, supported by Daly to have Chief Herbert and Sgt Mansfield put a plan together and bring it back to Council. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

B. VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN CURFEW ORDINANCE #160 & VIOLATION NOTICE UPDATE

Motion by Smith, supported by Daly to approve the update to the curfew Ordinance making it 18 years of age. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

C. REQUEST BY ANTWERP TOWNSHIP RESIDENT, AT 51973 26TH STREET TO CONNECT TO VILLAGE WATER *Susan Hickman, owner would like to annex into the Village. Her property is ½ in the Village and ½ in the Township. She has spoken to Antwerp Township in the past and advised that the Township Supervisor has given her permission to pursue connection to the Village water/sewer system. She states that her water is like sludge and wants to annex her property into the Village.*

Manager McLean will discuss information with the Village Attorney to find a path to move forward.

15. COMMUNICATIONS

-VAN BUREN CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROGRAM UPDATE

- AMTRAK BRIDGE UPDATE-See Memo from Superintendent Anthony

16. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS *None*

17. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL *None*

18. ADJOURNMENT @ 7:45

Motion by Smith, supported by O'Dell to adjourn. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.