

**VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN
24221 FRONT AVE.
MATTAWAN, MI 49071
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

JANUARY 12, 2026

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER @ **7:00 PM**
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
3. ATTENDANCE **Begeman, Daniel, Gurley, Monroe, Streeter**
ABSENT: **McLean, Stuut**
OTHERS PRESENT: *Manager McGrew, Clerk Storm-Artis, Attorney Graham, Engineer Woodhams*
Motion by Begeman, seconded by Streeter to excuse members McLean and Stuut. All members vote in favor. Motion carried.
4. WELCOME TO PUBLIC
5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING BEING RECORDED
6. CONSENT AGENDA
 1. Special and Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 22, 2025
 2. Bills in the amount of \$81,998.04 + \$71,386.46 = \$153,384.50*Items 1 and 2 of the consent agenda approved without objection.*
7. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
Pro Tem Begeman removed Department of Public Works and Manager's Report from staff reports, added new business G-DDA Open Seat and new business H-Van Buren County Letter of Support.
8. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Motion by Monroe, seconded by Streeter to approve the agenda as amended. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
9. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM **None**
10. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. FINANCE COMMITTEE – CHAIR STREETER
No meeting, no report
 - B. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – CHAIR DANIEL
No meeting, no report
 - C. DPW COMMITTEE – CHAIR MCLEAN

No meeting, no report

D. LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE – CHAIR GURLEY

No meeting, no report

E. PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE – CHAIR MONROE

No meeting, no report

F. POLICY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – CHAIR BEGEMAN

Meeting needs to be scheduled

G. ZONING AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – CHAIR STUUT

No meeting, no report

H. PLANNING COMMISSION LIAISON REPORT – LIAISON STREETER

No meeting, no report

I. DDA COMMITTEE – CHAIR ROB BROOKS

Meeting scheduled 1/20/2026

J. KATS – MANAGER MCGREW

No meeting, no report

11. STAFF REPORTS

A. ENGINEER'S REPORT - *Engineer Woodhams stated his items were on the agenda.*

B. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – *Attorney Graham stated his items were on the agenda.*

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. AMENDING THE VILLAGE CHARTER – *Clerk Storm-Artis*

Discussion took place.

Motion by Monroe, seconded by Gurley to postpone item to the next regular Village Council meeting on January 26, 2026. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

B. APPROVE CIVICA INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,486.60

Motion by Daniel, seconded by Streeter to approve the Civica Engineering invoice in the amount of \$38,486.60. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

C. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #4

Brief discussion took place.

Motion by Daniel, seconded by Gurley to approve change order #4. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

D. SEND 4-DAY OFFICE WORK WEEK TO POLICY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Discussion took place.

Motion by Daniel, seconded by Streeter to send the proposal of a 4-day work week to the policy and personnel committee. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

E. SCHEDULE MPD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

Motion by Monroe, seconded by Streeter to schedule a MPD special assessment workshop for Friday, January 23, 2026 at 4:30 PM. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

F. PARK NATIVITY – *Member Streeter*

Member Streeter expressed his concern with the cost of the replacement nativity statues, as there were less expensive options available with different companies. DDA Chair Brooks explained the process the DDA took and delays experienced to approve the purchase through Bronner's that caused increases to initial presented price, and changes needing to be made to the initial order.

No action taken.

G. DDA OPEN SEAT

Short discussion took place.

Motion by Begeman, seconded by Streeter to appoint Ami Kalinka to the open seat on the DDA. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

H. VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION LETTER OF SUPPORT

Motion by Streeter, seconded by Daniel to approve the letter of support for the Van Buren County Road Commission bridge project. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

14. COMMUNICATIONS

Revenue and Expense Report

15. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Rob Brooks spoke about the potholes on Main St. near the Amtrak bridge, the new Antwerp Township speed trailer, and a vehicle rollover going up the hill on Main St. south of Front Ave.

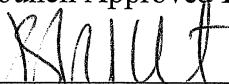
16. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Pro Tem Begeman stated the traffic flasher light on Main and Front was not working. Manager McGrew stated he would have DPW follow up.

17. ADJOURNMENT @ 7:44 PM

Meeting adjourned without objection.

Council Approved 1/26/26



Jessalyn Stuut, Council President



Jolie Storm-Artis, Village Clerk