

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

APRIL 13, 2026

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 7:00 PM
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
3. ATTENDANCE: **Begeman, Daniel, Gurley, McLean, Streeter, Stuut**
ABSENT: **Monroe**
OTHERS PRESENT: *Manager McGrew, Clerk Storm-Artis, Attorney Graham, Lieutenant Britton, Administrative Assistant Ranney-Holroyd*
Motion by Begeman, seconded by Streeter to excuse Monroe for a personal commitment. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
4. WELCOME TO PUBLIC
5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING BEING RECORDED
6. CONSENT AGENDA
 1. Special Council Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2026 at 5:00 PM
 2. Regular Council Meeting and Closed Sessions Minutes of March 23, 2026 7:00 PM
 3. Bills in the amount of \$ 84,457.41 + \$17,982.39 = \$102,439.80**Items 1, 2, 3 approved without objection.**
7. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
President Stuut added new business H-Discuss 60th Ave. and Main St. Intersection Safety
8. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Motion by McLean, seconded by Daniel 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
11. STAFF REPORTS
 - A. ENGINEER'S REPORT - *Engineer Woodhams not present, no report*
 - B. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – *Attorney Graham stated he had reviewed and completed a letter to Dick Roberts regarding the non-compliant shed that would be followed up on by Manager McGrew.*

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. LIEUTENANT BRITTON AND DEPARTMENT HEADS EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS

Item moved to the end of the meeting for closed session request.

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. REQUEST FROM JOE GARNAAT FOR FENCE CONTINUED USE – *Manager McGrew*

Motion by Streeter, seconded by Gurley to approve the continued special use of the currently constructed 6-foot-high fence due to the fence serving as a buffer between commercial and residential districts, with stipulations that the fence be moved back one foot from the sidewalk area. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

B. REQUEST FROM NICK MCLAUGHLIN FOR FENCE CONTINUED USE – *Manager McGrew*

Motion by McLean, seconded by Streeter to approve the continued special use in the current location as is currently constructed due to the fence being installed in its current location for more than 30-years, with the stipulation that at such time the fence would need replacement or repair the new installation would require conformance with ordinances in place at that time. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

C. REQUEST FROM PAULINE WILLIAMS FOR FENCE VARIANCE – *Manager McGrew*

Motion by McLean, seconded by Streeter to approve the continued special use in the current location as is currently constructed due to the fence being installed in its current location for more than 40-years. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

D. SEND CREATION OF AI POLICY TO POLICY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – *Clerk Storm-Artis*

E. SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON MAY 11, 2026 7:00 PM TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE 2026/2027 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Motion by Begeman, seconded by Daniel to set a public hearing on May 11, 2026 at 7:00 PM to receive comment on the 2026/2027 fiscal year budget and millage. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

F. SEWER RELIEF REQUEST FROM STACY JENSEN FOR PROPERTY AT 59460 RAVENNA DRIVE FOR LEAK

Motion by McLean, seconded by Streeter to approve sewer relief in the amount of \$254.07 to Stacy Jensen for leak at property 59460 Ravenna Dr. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

G. DEVELOPMENT FEE SCHEDULE – *Clerk Storm-Artis*

Attorney Graham clarified that since there was a vote to bill developers on April 24, 2023 invoices of costs incurred to the Village can be sent to the developers.

H. DISCUSSION ON 60TH AVE. AND MAIN ST. INTERSECTION

Manager McGrew stated he would be reaching out to the Van Buren County Road Commission to determine what could be done to improve safety at that intersection.

Motion by McLean, seconded by Daniel to enter closed session to discuss the employment contract with Lieutenant Britton. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Entered Closed Session 7:46 PM.

Motion by McLean, seconded by Streeter to re-enter open session. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Entered Open Session 8:13 PM.

Discussion took place regarding the Lieutenant's and Manager McGrew's conversation about employment.

Chief Mansfield entered the meeting.

Discussion continued regarding job performance and conversations between Chief Mansfield and Manager McGrew.

14. COMMUNICATIONS *None*

15. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Molly Chipouras discussed the entrance to the parking area next to Village Workspace and a possible easement for the portion of property that is in the entryway. She also spoke about some rocks that were plowed in the parking area during the winter.

16. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

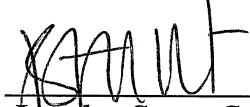
Member Begeman asked about the variance fees for the fences discussed earlier in the meeting. Attorney Graham clarified that the amount is de minimis and not precedent setting.

Policy and Personnel Committee scheduled Monday, April 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Special Council Meeting to continue discussion on Department Head Contracts scheduled Monday, April 20, 2026 at 5:30 PM.

17. **ADJOURNMENT @ 8:57 PM**
Meeting adjourned without objection.

Council Approved 4/27/26



Jessalyn Stuut, Council President



Jolie Storm-Artis, Village Clerk