

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

APRIL 27, 2026

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 7:00 PM
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
3. ATTENDANCE: *Begeman, Daniel, Gurley, McLean, Monroe, Streeter, Stuut*
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: *Manager McGrew, Clerk Storm-Artis, Attorney Graham*
4. WELCOME TO PUBLIC
5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING BEING RECORDED
6. JONATHAN EDWARDS FROM MRWA PRESENTATION OF WATER AND SEWER RATE STUDIES
Public comment was made discussing the impact of the options on residents.

Motion by Daniel, seconded by Streeter to move new business item B to item 6B on the agenda. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
- 6B. DECISION ON WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASES OR READY TO SERVE OPTIONS TO CREATE RESOLUTIONS FOR MAY 11, 2026 MEETING
Motion by Daniel, seconded by Streeter to create resolutions with a water rate of \$6.80/1000 gals, a sewer rate of \$12.90/1000 gals for village residents, and Township rates being 1.5 times Village rates. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
7. CONSENT AGENDA
 1. Special Council Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM
 2. Regular Council Meeting and Closed Session Minutes of April 13, 2026 7:00 PM
 3. Special Council Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2026 at 5:30 PM
 4. Bills in the amount of \$ 43,669.00 + \$5,862.58 = \$ 49,531.58*All items approved without objection.*
8. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
President Stuut added New Business F-Consumer Energy Materials Storage Agreement, G-Meter Replacement Schedule, and H-Eagle Scout Request for Letter of Congratulations
9. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Motion by McLean, seconded by Daniel to approve the agenda as amended. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

10. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM *None*
11. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. POLICY AND PERSONNEL – *Chair Begeman*
Meeting 4/20/26
Chair Begeman explained the items that were discussed in committee and stated they were on the agenda later in the meeting.
 - B. DDA – *Chair Brooks not present*
Meeting 4/21/26
President Stuut explained the items that were discussed at the DDA meeting and stated one item was on the agenda later in the meeting.
12. STAFF REPORTS
 - A. ENGINEER’S REPORT - *Engineer Woodhams not present*
 - B. ATTORNEY’S REPORT – *Attorney Graham stated all his items were on the agenda.*
13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. CHIEF MANSFIELD CONTRACT REVIEW – *Manager McGrew*
Council received an updated copy of the contract proposal for Chief Mansfield and item will be reviewed at the next regular meeting on May 11, 2026.
 - B. RENTAL REGISTRATION PROGRAM – *Clerk Storm-Artis*
Last council action was sending policy review to Attorney Graham during meeting on January 27, 2025
Clarification on specifics with inspection frequency and fees.
Attorney Graham stated he would be able to have a draft policy for review at the next regular council meeting on May 11, 2026.
 - C. BID POLICY REVIEW – *Manager McGrew*
Motion by Streeter, seconded by McLean to approve the changes to the engineering bid policy. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
 - D. VILLAGE MANAGER REVIEW PROCESS – *Policy and Personnel Chair Begeman*
Discussion took place regarding interviews of staff being conducted in closed session for the purpose of obtaining input to review the Village Manager. Attorney Graham clarified only personnel reviews may be conducted in closed session with the written request from the employee being reviewed. Interviews must be conducted in open session if there is more than a quorum of council members present. Further discussion took place.
Motion by Daniel, seconded by Begeman to postpone this item to the regular council meeting on May 26, 2026. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

- E. AI POLICY REVIEW – *Clerk Storm-Artis*
Discussion took place regarding personal responsibility and AI use.
Motion by Daniel, seconded by Streeter to send policy to attorney for review.
Discussion took place, Attorney Graham stated he may be able to review for later discussion in this meeting.
Motion and support withdrawn.

14. NEW BUSINESS

- A. MOU WITH VAN BUREN COUNTY FOR CREATING ADDRESSES IN THE VILLAGE – *Manager McGrew*
Motion by Monroe, seconded by Streeter to approve the MOU with Van Buren County for creating addresses in the Village. Voice vote taken. Nay heard. Roll call vote taken. Begeman, Daniel, Gurley, Monroe, Streeter and Stuut voted yes. McLean voted no. Motion carried 6-1.
- B. DECISION ON WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASES OR READY TO SERVE OPTIONS TO CREATE RESOLUTIONS FOR MAY 11, 2026 MEETING – *Manager McGrew*
Item moved to item 6B on agenda.
- C. MEMORIAL DAY VILLAGE COUNCIL AND STAFF PARTICIPATION – *President Stuut*
DDA is putting on a Memorial Day Parade and asked if any of council or village staff would want to walk or participate in the parade. Manager McGrew and Clerk Storm-Artis stated they had been looking at options for Village of Mattawan logo shirts. Options for Village logo clothing will be reviewed and presented to council at the next regular council meeting.
- D. AUTHORIZATION FOR DISPOSITION OF 2019 DODGE CHARGER – *Chief Mansfield*
Motion by Begeman, seconded by Streeter to approve the sale of the 2019 Dodge Charger through Bidergy. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
- E. SENIOR STAFF EVALUATION POLICY REVIEW – *President Stuut*
Discussion took place, policy remains in place as written. No official action taken.
- F. LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH CONSUMERS ENERGY FOR STORAGE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS
Motion by Begeman, seconded by Stuut to have Attorney Graham review and amended any concerning items and have Manager McGrew sign. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
- G. METER REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

Discussion took place. Manager McGrew stated he would look into the current process of meter replacement to determine if this could be done with a percent annually versus all at once.

H. EAGLE SCOUT REQUEST FOR LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS

Discussion took place. Member Daniel would create a letter and send to office and President Stuut for presentation to Nicholas Guyman.

15. COMMUNICATIONS

Revenue and Expense Report

16. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS *None*

17. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

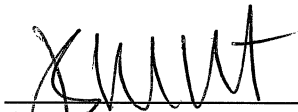
Member Begeman asked about Superintendent Anthony status and supervisory responsibility of DPW while he is off work. She also asked if Eagle Scouts could assist with the retaining wall for the flower beds at the office. It was clarified that this would not be a project that Scouts may want to do.

President Stuut asked about line painting on Front Ave. Manager McGrew stated the parking lines are completed by DPW but the lines for the road should be completed soon.

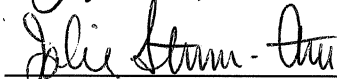
18. ADJOURNMENT @ **9:02 PM**

Meeting adjourned without objection.

Council Approved 5/11/26



Jessalyn Stuut, Council President



Jolie Storm-Artis, Village Clerk