VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN
24221 FRONT AVE
MATTAWAN, MI 49071
DDA MEETING JULY 21, 2026

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER ***8:30 AM***
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ATTENDANCE
4. WELCOME TO PUBLIC
5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING BEING RECORDED
6. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
7. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF **JUNE 16, 2026**
9. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS
10. OLD BUSINESS
    A. SCULPTURE UPDATE – *Clerk Storm-Artis*
    From Kelly Vander Kley: The work has been completed in between all of the crazy weather at the very end of June. Please take a look and let me know what you think. I did also add another coating of the blue paint to a majority of the sculpture and added sealant in the areas of metal that are not reachable with the blue paint. I suspect I'll have to run down there once a year to touch it up as weathering happens."

    B. UPDATED BANNERS ON POLES – *Clerk Storm-Artis*
    Display Sales has banners in the 18"x36" from $70.00 to $100.00 each, for 13 poles
    Sample Designs will be presented during the meeting

    C. MDOT SMALL URBAN MAIN ST PROJECT UPDATE– *Clerk Storm-Artis*

    D. CONCERT IN THE PARK – Chair Brooks and Vice-Chair Chipouras

11. NEW BUSINESS

    A. CD RATES – *Clerk Storm-Artis*
    Kalamazoo County State Bank – 3.65 APY for 6-months on $400,000

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B. HOLIDAY LIGHTED TRUCK CONVOY DATE/TIMES – *Clerk Storm-Artis*

C. METAL FRAME HOLIDAY TREES – *Clerk Storm-Artis*

12. COMMUNICATIONS

13. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

14. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

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MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER ***8:30 AM***

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ATTENDANCE: ***Brininger, Brooks, Kalinka, Laughlin, Moyle, Penning, Reed***
ABSENT: ***Chipouras, Coy, Crooks, Stuut***
OTHERS PRESENT: *Clerk Storm-Artis, Superintendent Anthony*
Motion by Brooks, seconded by Reed to excuse members Chipouras, Coy, Crooks, and Stuut for personal commitments. 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 Brooks, seconded by Reed to approve the agenda as presented. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF **MAY 19, 2026**
Motion by Brooks, seconded by Reed to approve the minutes of May 19, 2026. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

9. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS

10. OLD BUSINESS

    A. DOWNTOWN PARKING SOLUTIONS – *Superintendent Anthony*
    Extensive discussion took place regarding the proposed project.
    Motion by Brininger, seconded by Brooks to discuss this project in one year. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

    B. SCULPTURE UPDATE – *Clerk Storm-Artis updated the DDA with the response received from artist Kelly Vander Kley.*
    No action taken.

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C. MULCH UPDATE – *Clerk Storm-Artis informed the DDA that the mulch and been completed over the past weekend. The invoice would be paid with the bills at council on June 22, 2026.*
No action taken.

D. UPDATED BANNERS ON POLES – *Clerk Storm-Artis*
Discussion took place and Clerk Storm-Artis was asked to get prices for the banners from Display Sales. Superintendent Anthony stated that he would provide the sizes of the banners and provide that to Clerk Storm-Artis.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. DECORATIVE SIGNS FOR DDA AREA – *Superintendent Anthony*
Discussion took place.
Motion by Brooks, seconded by Reed to approve the purchase of decorative traffic related signs for the downtown area from Forsite in the amount of $8,160.58. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

12. COMMUNICATIONS
Chair Brooks informed the DDA of the passing of several long-time members of the community.
Condolences go out to the families of Budd Penning, Laurlene Hubbard, and Gary Barton.

13. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS ***None***

14. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS ***None***

15. ADJOURN @ ***9:27 AM***
Meeting adjourned without objection.

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From: Emily Melton
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2026 3:38 PM
To: Oshtemo Township Supervisor - Cheri Bell; Oshtemo Township Clerk - Dusty Farmer; offices; Paw Paw Village Clerk - Karla Tacy; Paw Paw Township Clerk - Rebecca F. Payne; Paw Paw Township Deputy Clerk - Roxie Fargo; Lawrence Village Manager - Amy Cordes; Hartford City Manager - Nicol; Hartford City Clerk - RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht; Watervliet City Manager - Tim Sutherland; Watervliet City Clerk - Melanie Marvin; Watervliet City Deputy Clerk - Tonia Bobay; Watervliet Township Clerk - Linda Rizzo; Paw Paw Coordinator - Mary Springer; Coloma Chief of Police - Wes Smigielski
Subject: 2026 Red Arrow Convoy: Official Event Date & Planning Information

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Good afternoon,

I hope you're all doing well!

As planning begins for the 2026 holiday season, I wanted to share the official date for this year's Red Arrow Convoy so our partner communities can begin planning accordingly.

The **2026 Red Arrow Convoy** will take place on **Saturday, December 12, 2026.**

One of our long-term goals is to establish the second Saturday in December as a consistent holiday tradition for the communities along the Red Arrow route. By keeping the event on the same date each year (the second Saturday in December), we hope communities can plan Christmas parades, tree lightings, holiday festivals, and other seasonal events around the same day. This allows our villages, cities, townships, and public safety agencies to better coordinate personnel and resources while creating a full day of holiday activities for residents to enjoy.

For planning purposes, below are our approximate arrival times through each community. Please note these are estimates and may vary slightly due to traffic, weather, or operational conditions.

Community	Approximate Arrival
Kalamazoo – Corporate Woods Dr. & W N Ave.	6:10 PM
Mattawan – Red Arrow Hwy. & CR 653	6:20 PM
Paw Paw – Michigan Ave. & M-40	6:40 PM
Lawrence – St. Joseph Ave. & N. Paw Paw St.	7:00 PM
Hartford – Red Arrow Hwy. & Center St.	7:20 PM
Watervliet – Red Arrow Hwy. & M-140	7:40 PM
Coloma – Red Arrow Hwy. & S. Church St.	8:00 PM

If your community is planning holiday events that day, we'd love to know about them. Feel free to send us your event information or flyers, and we'll gladly help share them through the Red Arrow Convoy's communication channels.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We appreciate everything your communities and departments do to help make the Red Arrow Convoy possible, and we look forward to another successful holiday season together.

Warm regards,

Emily Melton

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Red Arrow Convoy Coordinators

Noah Melton, Convoy Host
Emily Melton, Convoy Director: