# VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN
# 24221 FRONT AVE
# MATTAWAN, MI 49071
# DDA MEETING AUGUST 18, 2026

**MINUTES**

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ATTENDANCE ***Brininger, Brooks, Coy, Crooks, Laughlin, Penning, and Reed***
ABSENT: ***Chipouras, Kalinka, Moyle and Stuut***
OTHERS PRESENT: *Clerk Storm-Artis*
***Motion by Brooks, seconded by Coy to excuse members Chipouras, Kalinka, Moyle 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
Chair Brooks added Old Business D – Rental Tree.

7. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
***Motion by Brooks, seconded by Crooks to approve the agenda as amended. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.***

8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF **JULY 21, 2026**
***Motion by Crooks, seconded by Brooks to approve the minutes of July 21, 2026. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.***

9. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS ***None***

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. CD INVESTMENT – *Chair Brooks*
The CD was invested at Kalamazoo County State Bank for $400,000 at 4.35%
No action taken.

B. METAL FRAME HOLIDAY TREES – *Clerk Storm-Artis*
Discussion took place. No action taken.

C. UPDATED BANNERS ON POLES
No action taken. Will be on the agenda for the next DDA regular meeting on September 15, 2026 at 8:30 AM.

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D. RENTAL TREE
Discussed with old business B. No action taken.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. HOLIDAY EVENTS
For 2026 holiday events the DDA paid for Santa in the park from 4 PM to 7 PM at a cost of $100 per hour. A request was also sent to Village Council for a food truck permit application fee waiver for any food trucks wanting to participate in the event. ***Motion by Brooks, seconded by Laughlin to approve hiring the Santa for the holiday events in the park from 4 PM to 7 PM for $100 per hour. Roll call vote taken. Brininger, Brooks, Coy, Crooks, Laughlin, Penning, and Reed voted yes. Motion carried 7-0.***

12. COMMUNICATIONS
Clerk Storm-Artis informed the DDA of the upcoming ZBA variance meeting on September 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Antwerp Township Activity Center.

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

14. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS
Chair Brooks discussed the happenings at the Village Council Meeting on August 10, 2026.

15. ADJOURN @ ***9:05 AM***
***Meeting adjourned without objection.***

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