

**VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

APRIL 11, 2016

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 7:08 after ZBA meeting
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ATTENDANCE **Ashbaugh, Beck, Daly, Kirklin, Markle, Rossman, Smith**
4. WELCOME TO PUBLIC
5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING BEING RECORDED
6. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
President Markle removed New Business A. Added a request from Dan Abbott to address the Council regarding his run for Van Buren County Sheriff.
7. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Motion by Beck, supported by Ashbaugh to approve the agenda as amended. 6 members voted in favor. Smith voted no.
8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2016
Motion by Rossman, supported by Daly to approve the minutes of March 28th as corrected. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
9. BILLS TO BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,861.38
Motion by Smith, supported by Ashbaugh to approve the bills in the amount of \$44,861.38 Roll call vote taken. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
10. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM **NONE**
11. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. POLICY & PERSONNEL- *Chair Markle presented the report stating that we have not received any letters of interest in the Planning Commission. We have several letters of interest for the DDA and are waiting for an additional letter to come in.*
12. STAFF REPORTS
 - A. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS- *Superintendent Anthony presented his report. He explained that there have been working on several plugged pumps at the lift stations. He has had several meeting with the engineer working on the school.*

He met with MDOT and our Engineer on the Front Avenue Project. Tom and James attended the MRWA Conference and attended several classes

- B. ATTORNEY'S REPORT- *Attorney Graham has no specific report but will discuss on several agenda items.*
- C. ENGINEER'S REPORT- *Engineer Woodhams explained that he met with MDOT and that they made revisions to the Front Avenue Project as requested by MDOT and waiting to hear back*

13. *OLD BUSINESS*

- A. *REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR HCBD- Tim Woodhams explained that he still needs to get a land description done before proceeding and that he is still waiting to hear from the MEDC on the grant application.*
- B. *COMBS PROPERTY- after a lengthy discussion **Motion by Smith supported by Beck to ask Fulton for an extension to April 26th or proceed with demo if they are not willing to extend the bids. Roll call vote taken. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.***
- C. *WHITE PINES UPDATE- Attorney Graham explained that after the water was turned off to White Pines a resident filed a lawsuit against White Pines. At the hearing the Court ordered that the water be turned back on. We went to Court last week and the Court lifted the restraining order. We received a payment of \$10,000.00 from White Pines and they still have a balance of approximately \$64,000.00. It is up to the Council if they want to set a deadline for the account to become current or they could face another shut-off.*

Motion by Smith, supported by Daly to allow White Pines to pay \$20,000.00 per month due by the 25th of each month and with hold any penalties on the previous balance until it is paid current and if payment is missed or late that all penalties be reapplied and the water be turned off. Roll call vote taken. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

14. *NEW BUSINESS*

- A. *ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE VAN BUREN COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2016 UPDATE*

Motion by Beck, supported by Smith to table this item and ask that Tom Anthony review and make a recommendation back to Council. Roll call vote taken. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

- B. *LETTER REQUESTING RELIEF OF PENALTIES FROM MPI RESEARCH*

Motion by Smith, supported by Daly to deny the request for relief of penalties. Roll call vote taken. Beck, Daly, Kirklin and Smith voted yes. Ashbaugh, Markle and Rossman voted no. Motion carried.

C. METER PURCHASE- See Memo

Motion by Smith, supported by Rossman to purchase the meters for an amount not to exceed \$2,975.00 Roll call vote taken. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

D. WELL REHAB- We are now due for the overhaul of well pump and motor for well #3. The estimate from Peerless Midwest to complete the project is \$25,000.00

Motion by Smith, supported by Daly to approve the rehab for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 Roll call vote taken. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

E. PURCHASE OF DUMP TRAILER- this will replace the one that was stolen.

Motion by Rossman, supported by Smith to approve the purchase of the dump trailer for an amount not to exceed \$6,232.90 Roll call vote taken. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

F. WELL HEAD ORDINANCE AND MASTER PLAN- Superintendent Anthony would like to have the Attorney, Engineer and Planning Commission to go over the Well Head Ordinance and Master Plan so that it could be adopted and added to Village documents.

Motion by Smith, supported by Beck to approve sending to Attorney and Planning Commission for review. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

G. BUILDING AND GROUNDS- Superintendent Anthony would like to do a brick façade on the old DPW Building and would like to start the project. He would like approval to spend \$2,500.00 dollars for it.

Motion by Smith, supported by Beck to approve the cost for an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 Roll call vote taken. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

H. MOTOR POOL – the 2008 diesel truck needs tie rods, axle joints, bushings, axle u joints and 4 tires. Robs Tire and Auto bid was \$1,809.51

Motion by Smith, supported by Rossman to approve the repairs for an amount not to exceed \$1,809.51 Roll call vote taken. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

I. SEWER BUDGET – Under the current Fiscal budget there is \$79,000.00 in Contractual. Tom would like to use \$25,000 to pay back the project fund, \$30,000 for cell modem upgrade and \$2,800 towards the purchase of a new map scanner & printer.

Motion by Smith, supported by Daly to approve the purchase provided \$2,800 comes from contractual or water so that the budget stays balanced. Roll call vote taken. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

15. COMMUNICATIONS

-Letter from Kingscott regarding Mattawan Schools

16. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Phil Tarchala from Antwerp Township Planning commission is here to request a letter of support for their Trail way project. They are proposing it to run along the south side of I-94 from the Wal-Mart in Paw Paw to Western near Mattawan Schools. He explained that they are looking to make it an “Honor Trail” to honor local individuals.

Motion Beck, supported by Daly to write a letter of support with Attorney approval. Roll call vote taken. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Chris Ballingall would like the Council to reconsider the request from MPI Research. In the past these types of requests have gone to the DPW Committee. She stated that MPI has done a lot for the Village and stated that she believes the Council made the wrong decision.

Paul Hamre stated that he is here to educate himself on what is happening in Mattawan. He is running for County Commission and wanted to introduce himself.

Lesley Markle would like the Council to send the Incentive Program for DPW to policy & Personnel for review.

Motion by Markle, supported by Smith to send the Incentive Program to Policy & Personnel for review. Roll call vote taken. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

17. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

18. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:36