

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 P.M.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ATTENDANCE
 - A. Present: John R. Beck, Don Cole, Brenda DeRuyscher, Joseph Libbrecht, Lesley Markle, Joanne Rossman
 - B. Absent: None
4. PUBLIC WELCOMED
5. ANNOUNCEMENT MADE OF MEETING BEING RECORDED
6. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
 - A. New Business D and E removed.
 - B. President Markle moved Honorable Judge McKay's presentation to the beginning of meeting (see below).
7. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
 - A. Motion to approve the agenda moved by Rossman, supported by DeRuyscher. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2017
 - A. Motion to approve minutes of March 13, 2017 as amended, moved by Beck, supported by Rossman. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
9. BILLS TO BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,433.46
 - A. Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$19,433.46 moved by DeRuyscher, supported by Rossman. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
10. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM
 - A. Nothing to report.
11. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Department of Public Works: Chair Cole presented a verbal summary of the March 27th, 2017 meeting (see Engineer's report below)
12. STAFF REPORTS
 - A. Administration (Terri McLean): Nothing to report.
 - B. Department of Public Works (Tom Anthony): See Engineer's report below.
 - C. Police Department (Chief Scott Herbert): 121 complaints logged with 60 citations.
 - D. Village Attorney (Scott Graham)
 - i. White Pines Update: A court hearing is scheduled for March 28, 2017 to shut off the water. Graham was advised by the State of Michigan that White Pines does not have a license to operate and must close the park. White Pines must still settle their water bill.
 - ii. Teamsters Update: Packets were mailed out on March 20, 2017 and are due back on April 18, 2017. The votes will be counted on April 19, 2017.
 - E. Village Engineer (Tim Woodhams)
 - i. Discussions with the DDA continue regarding a sculpture for the parking lot pedestal.
 - ii. Woodhams is exploring Historic District eligibility for an income survey for grants.

- iii. Three driveway permits are on hold pending a center line survey and rate of curvature analysis on 60th and Main St. Existing speed limits currently exceed line minimum sight distances required to issue those permits.
- iv. Woodhams is preparing a grant application for the Main St. and Freedom Lane construction project. It will cost approximately \$350,000 with \$160,000 from the Village.

13. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Nothing to report.

14. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE MIKE MCKAY

- i. Judge McKay provided an update on his activities since being elected.
- ii. Judge McKay informed the council of a May 2, 2017 special election wherein Van Buren County electors will be asked to vote on a proposed Millage to Improve Public Safety and Public Services with an increase of 0.70 mills. He did not take a position on the special election.

B. APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE TREASURER

- i. Beck nominated Rossman to become the Village Treasurer. Rossman accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made.
- ii. Motion to approve Rossman as Treasurer moved by Beck, supported by Markle. All members voted in favor. Motion carried. Joanne Rossman became the Treasurer of the Village of Mattawan effective immediately.

C. COUNCIL EMAIL AND WEBSITE

- i. Beck suggested that each council member be assigned a village email address for official village business. Beck also suggested that the village direct their internet service provider to acquire and use the domain name of www.mattawan.gov as the new village website address (while still maintaining a link to the existing www.mattawanmi.com address). New council member emails would use their first initial and last name, for example: jbeck@mattawan.gov.
- ii. Motion to approve new member emails and website moved by Rossman, supported by DeRuyscher. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
- iii. Administrator McLean and office staff will facilitate completion of these tasks.

15. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Timing of the distribution of the next newsletter was discussed.
- B. Woodhams will coordinate with McLean to set up a DDA meeting.

16. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

- A. Christ Ballingall said that donations for a food campaign were being accepted until March 29, 2017 in Lawrence.
- B. Chris Ballingall said that Senior Services donated money to the Mattawan School Food Program to pay off unpaid balances of students.

17. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

- A. Beck congratulated Libbrecht on his new appointment to council.
- B. Beck is working with the MML to conduct a new member orientation workshop.
- C. Beck congratulated Superintendent Anthony on his recent election to the presidency of Michigan Rural Water Authority at their annual conference. Beck suggested the news be posted on the village website.

18. ADJOURNMENT at 8:36 P.M.