



**VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**118 North Center St**  
**Stockbridge, MI 49285**  
**Monday, February 5, 2024 @ 7:00 pm.**

**Unapproved Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order: President Ogden called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. President Ogden led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call:  
Present: Cattell, Morehouse, Howlett, Powers-Taylor, Ogden  
Absent: Mullins, Fairbotham
4. Approval of Agenda, Motion by Howlett supported by Cattell to approve the February 5, 2024, agenda as amended with Budget Hearing date added. All in favor, Motion passed.
5. Approval of Minutes, Motion by Howlett supported by Cattell to approve the January 8, 2024. All in favor, Motion passed.
6. Public Comment: None
7. Guests: None
8. Financial Reports: Motion by Howlett supported by Cattell to pay the bills in the amount of \$76,831.07.  
Roll Call:  
Aye-Cattell, Morehouse, Howlett, Powers-Taylor, Ogden  
Nay- None  
Absent- Mullins, Fairbotham
9. Department & Committee Reports:
  - A. Police department report provided.
  - B. DPW Report provided.
  - C. Zoning Administrator Report provided.
  - D. President's Report provided.
  - E. Executive committee has nothing to report.
  - F. Ordinance committee has nothing to report.
  - G. Finance committee provided a verbal update on scheduled meetings.
  - H. Utilities Committee report provided.



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- I. Planning Commission minutes provided.
- J. SDDA minutes provided.

10. Communications: None

11. Unfinished Business:

- A. Motion made by Howlett, supported by Cattell, to contact the drain commission about 487 E. Elizabeth Street tree removal. All in favor, Motion passed.
- B. Village Hall Update provided.

12. New Business:

- A. Motion made by Howlett, supported by Cattell, to approve a 5% increase for RTS, Sewer, and Water rates by March 1, 2024.  
Roll Call:  
Aye-Cattell, Morehouse, Howlett, Powers-Taylor, Ogden  
Nay- None  
Absent- Mullins, Fairbotham
- B. Motion made by Morehouse, supported by Howlett, to approve quote as written by Checkered Lawn Care to mow the Veterans Memorial Park, including the Pump Track, for the 2024 season.  
Roll Call:  
Aye- Cattell, Morehouse, Howlett, Powers-Taylor, Ogden  
Nay- None  
Absent- Mullins, Fairbotham
- C. Motion made by Howlett, supported by Cattell, to approve the Snow Emergency Ordinance.  
Roll Call:  
Aye- Cattell, Morehouse, Howlett, Powers-Taylor, Ogden  
Nay- None  
Absent- Mullins, Fairbotham
- D. Motion made by Howlett, supported by Cattell, to approve the Ordinance Approving Amendment to the Penalty Provisions Ch 1, Sec 1-6.  
Roll Call:  
Aye- Cattell, Morehouse, Howlett, Powers-Taylor, Ogden  
Nay- None  
Absent- Mullins, Fairbotham
- E. Motion made by Morehouse, supported by Cattell, to approve the Village Office hours as follows upon the move to the new Village Office Building. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Wednesday from 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm. All in favor, Motion passed.



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- F. Motion made by Cattell, supported by Howlett, to approve the SDDA 2024-2025 Budget.  
Roll Call:  
Aye- Cattell, Morehouse, Howlett, Powers-Taylor, Ogden  
Nay- None  
Absent- Mullins, Fairbotham
- G. President Ogden appointed Nelva Lampart to SDDA Director with support from the Council.  
Roll Call:  
Aye- Cattell, Morehouse, Howlett, Powers-Taylor, Ogden  
Nay- None
13. Public Comment:
- A. Resident asked a question on what constitutes a blight.
  - B. Resident inquired on who pays for surveys and blight court fees.
14. Council Members Comment:
- A. Howlett commented on appreciation for the amendment of the Ordinance. She also voiced appreciation towards Morehouse for all his work on the Utilities Committee.
  - B. Morehouse stated that blight complaints are corporate responsibility but need due process and balance.
15. Attorney Comments: None
16. Schedule of upcoming meetings for Utilities Committee on February 7th at 6:00 pm; Budget Hearing on February 20th at 6:00 pm; Regular Council Meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.
17. Adjournment. Motion made by Cattell, supported by Howlett, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. All in favor, Motion passed.

Signed by:  
H.R. Armstrong  
VOS Clerk