



**VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**118 N. Center Street Stockbridge, MI 49285**  
**Monday, September 9, 2024, at 7:00 pm**

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER: President Ogden called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL:
  - A. Present: Cattell, Morehouse, Mullins, Fairbotham, Powers-Taylor, Howlett, Ogden
3. President Ogden led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Howlett supported by Cattell to approve the September 9, 2024, agenda with the addition of Letter H- DPW Lab Equipment under New Business. All in favor, Motion Passed.
5. Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Mullins, supported by Howlett, to approve the August 5, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes with Corrections- spelling of Sergeant and adding Fairbotham in Letter I, under New Business, with Roll Call Vote. All in favor, Motion passed.
6. Public comment: None.
7. Guests: None
8. FINANCIAL REPORTS:
  - Motion by Mullins supported by Cattell to pay the bills in the amount of \$74,725.42.
  - Roll Call:
    - Aye- Mullins, Cattell, Morehouse, Fairbotham, Powers-Taylor, Howlett, Ogden
    - Nay- None
  - All in favor, Motion passed.
9. Department & Committee Reports:
  - A. Police Department report provided.
  - B. DPW Report provided.
  - C. Zoning Administrator report provided.
  - D. President's Report provided.
  - E. Cemetery Audit Report provided.
  - F. Executive Committee, none.



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- G. Ordinance Committee, none.
- H. Finance Committee, none.
- I. Utilities Committee, provided.
- J. Planning Commission minutes provided.
- K. SDDA minutes provided.

10. Communications: None.

11. Unfinished Business:

A. Heeney and Sons Quote Adjustment

Motion made by Howlett supported by Cattell to approve the adjustment of the quote from \$3,000 to \$6,000 to account for the corrected square footage.

Roll Call:

Aye- Cattell, Fairbotham, Morehouse, Mullins, Powers-Taylor, Howlett, Ogden

Nay- None

All in favor, Motion passed.

12. New Business:

A thru D. Road Closure Requests

Motion made by Howlett, supported by Cattell, to approve the road closure requests for All Clubs Day, Mary Kay 5K, Harvest Fest, and Homecoming was made with the condition that the Chief of Police, DPW, and Event Coordinator meet with the Village Manager before and after the events. All were in favor, and the Motion passed.

E. Administrative Assistant

Motion made by Powers-Taylor, supported by Cattell, to approve hiring an Administrative Assistant to work during office hours at a rate of \$15.00 an hour, up to 20 hours a week.

Roll Call:

Aye- Morehouse, Mullins, Fairbotham, Cattell, Powers-Taylor, Ogden

Nay- Howlett

Motion passed.



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F. Tree Quotes

Motion made by Howlett supported by Fairbotham to approve Burman's Tree Service for the tree removal project and accept the quote as written.

Roll Call:

Aye- None.

Nay-Cattell, Powers-Taylor, Ogden Morehouse, Mullins, Fairbotham, Howlett,

All opposed, Motion failed.

Motion made by Howlett supported by Fairbotham to approve Woody's Tree Service Quote to remove 4 trees at the cost of \$4300 with the additional expense of stump grinding up to and not to exceed \$5000.

Roll Call:

Aye- Morehouse, Mullins, Fairbotham, Howlett, Cattell, Powers-Taylor, Ogden

Nay- None

All in favor, Motion passed.

G. Simmons Properties Request for Legal Billing

Motion made by Howlett, supported by Fairbotham, to approve the release of the legal fees incurred regarding the alley located at 111 West Main St.

Roll Call:

Aye-None.

Nay- Fairbotham, Howlett, Morehouse, Mullins, Cattell, Powers-Taylor, Ogden

All opposed, Motion failed.

H. DPW Lab Equipment

Motion made by Moorehouse supported by Cattell to approve the purchase of lab equipment for the DPW out of the sewer budget, but not to exceed \$12,500.

Roll Call:

Aye- Howlett, Morehouse, Mullins, Cattell, Powers-Taylor, Fairbotham  
Ogden

Nay- None.

All in favor, Motion passed.



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13. Public Comment:

Anderson, Chair for SDDA, commented that the SDDA is contracted to use 20% of the Clerk and Treasurer's time.

14. Council Member Comments:

Howlett commented on having a newsletter to remind residents about garbage cans in the streets.

Mullins mentioned a reminder for grass clippings in the street, too.

Moorehouse mentioned that TextMyGov is working and inquired about the blight situations not being processed.

15. Attorney Comments: None.

16. Next Meeting:

SDDA Meeting, September 26, 2024, at 7 p.m.

Utilities Committee, October 2, 2024, at 6 pm

Planning Commission Meeting, October 3, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting, October 7, 2024, at 7 pm.

17. Adjournment. Motion by Howlett, supported by Cattell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. All in favor, Motion Passed.

Signed by:

Heather R. Armstrong  
Village Clerk