



VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE
Regular Council Meeting
118 N. Center Street Stockbridge, MI 49285
Monday, December 2, 2024, at 7:00 pm

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: President Ogden called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL:
 - A. Present: Cattell, Morehouse, Fairbotham, Howlett, Good, Powers-Taylor, Ogden
 - B. Absent: None.
3. President Ogden led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Howlett supported by Cattell to approve December 2, 2024, with additional Item B added: Water Billing Follow-up, under Unfinished Business. All in favor, Motion Passed.
5. Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Howlett, supported by Powers-Taylor, to approve November 4, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor, Motion passed.
6. Public comment: None.
7. Guests: None
8. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Motion by Cattell supported by Fairbotham to pay the bills in the amount of \$90,342.89.

Roll Call:
Aye- Good, Cattell, Morehouse, Fairbotham, Howlett, Powers-Taylor, Ogden
Nay- None.
All in favor, Motion passed.
9. Department & Committee Reports:
 - A. Police Department Report provided.
 - B. DPW Report, none.
 - C. Zoning Administrator Report provided.
 - D. President's Report, provided.
 - E. Executive Committee, provided.
 - F. Ordinance Committee, none.
 - G. Finance Committee, provided.



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- H. Utilities Committee, provided.
- I. Planning Commission minutes provided.
- J. SDDA minutes none, the meeting was canceled.

10. Communications: None.

11. Unfinished Business:

A. Bartus Agreement Update

Motion made by Powers-Taylor supported by Cattell to approve the updated employment agreement for Chief Matthew Bartus as written with an annual increase of \$1,532.80.

Roll Call:

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

Nay- None

All in favor, Motion passed

B. Water Billing Follow-up: Discussion.

12. New Business:

C. Meeting Schedule for 2025

Motion made by Cattell, supported by Fairbotham, to approve the Regular Village Council meeting dates for 2025, with the meetings moved to the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All in favor, Motion passed.

B. Council Appointments

Ogden made a motion to appoint, supported by Powers-Taylor, Fred Cattell as President Pro-Tem. All in favor, Motion passed.

Ogden made a motion to appoint, supported by Howlett, Cattell and Morehouse for the Finance Committee. All in favor, Motion passed.

Ogden made a motion to appoint, supported by Cattell, Fairbotham and Howlett for the Executive Committee. All in favor, Motion passed.



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Ogden made a motion to appoint, supported by Cattell, Powers-Taylor, and Good, to the Ordinance Committee. All in favor, Motion passed.

Ogden made a motion to appoint, supported by Cattell, Powers-Taylor and Morehouse for the Utilities Committee. All in favor, Motion passed.

Ogden made a motion to appoint, supported by Cattell, Good as the Planning Commission Council Representative. All in favor, Motion passed.

Ogden made a motion to appoint, supported by Cattell, Powers-Taylor as the SDDA Council Representative. All in favor, Motion passed.

C. DPW Supervisor Hire

Motion made by Powers-Taylor, supported by Good, to approve the hiring of Jeff Barr to fill the position of DPW Department Supervisor at the hourly rate of \$30.00.

Roll Call:

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

Nay- None.

All in favor, Motion passed.

D. DPW Laborer Hire

Motion made by Cattell supported by Fairbotham to approve the hiring of Stefan Saunders to fill the position of DPW Laborer, with consideration of holding a C3 water license at the hourly rate of \$25.00.

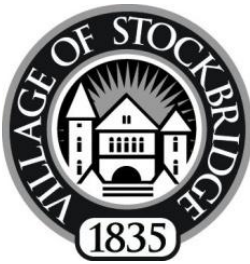
Roll Call:

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

Nay- None.

All in favor, Motion passed.

E. MGM Group Tap Fee Reduction



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Motion made by Morehouse supported by Cattell to approve the reduced tap fees for only the six constructed/remaining condominiums (EB Addresses: 4043, 4045, 4047, 4049, 4051, 4053) at \$2500 for water and \$2500 for sewer. All other future developments will be expected to pay the normal rate for tap fees of \$5000 for water and \$5000 for sewer.

Roll Call:

Aye- Good, Morehouse, Howlett, Cattell, Powers-Taylor, Ogden

Nay- Fairbotham

Motion passed.

F. Investment Policy

Motion made by Howlett supported by Cattell to adopt the Village of Stockbridge Investment Policy.

Roll Call:

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

Nay- None.

All in favor, Motion passed.

G. Participation in Michigan Class

Motion made by Powers-Taylor supported by Good to adopt the Resolution to approve the addition of Michigan Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System as an approved Investment Option.

Roll Call:

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

Nay- None.

All in favor, Motion passed.

H. Bond Council Engagement

Motion made by Powers-Taylor supported by Cattell to approve the Bond Counsel Engagement as written with Dickinson Wright PLLC.

Roll Call:

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

Nay- None.

All in favor, Motion passed.



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I. Way Finding Sign Approval

Motion made by Howlett, supported by Powers-Taylor, to approve the Way-Finding Sign for the Stockbridge Area Senior Center and Stockbridge Community Outreach at Spring Street and West Elm Street.

Roll Call:

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

Nay- None.

All in favor, Motion passed.

K. Resolution for Environmental Consulting Services

Motion made by Howlett, supported by Cattell, to adopt the Resolution to confirm the employment of Village Trustee Mellisa Powers-Taylor through her company, MMPT EHS, LLC, for Environmental Consulting Services for the Village of Stockbridge, and Waive any conflict under the Incompatible Public Offices Act.

Roll Call:

Aye- Good, Morehouse, Fairbotham, Howlett, Cattell, Ogden

Nay- None.

Abstain- Powers-Taylor

Motion passed.

L. Manager Contract

Motion made by Cattell, supported by Fairbotham, to approve the proposed updated contract for Ogden as Village Manager, extending it for a year.

Roll Call:

Aye- Cattell, Powers-Taylor

Nay- Good, Morehouse, Fairbotham, Howlett

Abstain- Ogden

Motion failed.

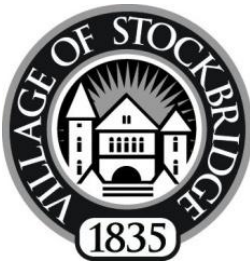
13. Public Comment:

Anderson spoke in regard to Village Business.

14. Council Member Comments:

Cattell spoke of disappointment on the vote toward the manager contract.

Powers-Taylor asked about proposals on wells and who to direct them to.



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Morehouse requested particulars on the agenda printouts and encouraged Ogden to go through the interview process to hire the new manager.

15. Attorney Comments:

Gormley commented on legalities with the management position being open.

16. Next Meeting:

SDDA Meeting, December 19, 2024, at 7:00 pm
Utilities Committee, January 8, 2025, at 6:00 pm
Planning Commission, January 9, 2025, at 6:30 pm
SDDA Meeting for 2025, TBD.
Regular Meeting, January 23, 2025, at 7:00 pm.
Council Goal Setting Meeting, January 2024.

17. Adjournment. Motion by Powers-Taylor, supported by Fairbotham, to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m. All in favor, Motion Passed.

Signed by:

Heather R. Armstrong
Village Clerk