



VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE
Regular Council Meeting
118 N. Center Street Stockbridge, MI 49285
Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 7:00 pm

APPROVED MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: President Ogden called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL:
 - A. Present: Cattell, Morehouse, Fairbotham, Howlett, Ogden
 - B. Absent: Powers-Taylor, Good
3. President Ogden led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Cattell supported by Fairbotham to approve February 20, 2025, agenda with Correction- SDDA January meeting was not canceled and adding Letter H- ESTA Policy under New Business. All in favor, Motion Passed.
5. Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Howlett, supported by Fairbotham, to approve January 16, 2025; February 7, 2025; and February 19, 2025, meeting minutes with Corrections- "not less than" removed from January 16, 2025, minutes. All in favor, Motion passed.
6. Public comment: None.
7. Guests:
 - A. Robert Jabkowski with FirstNet.
8. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Motion by Howlett supported by Cattell to pay the bills in the amount of \$147,716.19.

Roll Call:
Aye- Cattell, Morehouse, Fairbotham, Howlett, Ogden
Nay- None.
Absent- Good, Powers-Taylor
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.



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

10. Communications: None.

11. Unfinished Business:

- A. Utility Billing Update, discussion only.

12. New Business:

- A. Ordinance Amendment for Crossroads Community Church Daycare Center

Motion made by Howlett, supported by Fairbotham, to adopt the Ordinance 2025-02-20.000 Text Amendment to the Villages Municode Code of Ordinance, Chapter 6- Zoning and Land Use, Article iv, Subsection 6-67 (f) (3) and (4).

Roll Call:

Aye- Howlett, Morehouse, Fairbotham, Cattell, Ogden

Nay- None

Absent- Powers-Taylor, Good

All in favor, Motion passed.

- B. Police Holiday Pay

Motion made by Howlett, supported by Cattell, to approve the Police Department Holiday Pay as an annual payout on December 1st.

Roll Call:

Aye- Morehouse, Fairbotham, Cattell, Ogden

Nay- None

Absent- Good, Powers-Taylor

All in favor, Motion passed.



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C. Office Renovation Bids

Motion made by Howlett, supported by Cattell, to accept the bids presented for flooring and framing for the new office for \$10,800.00.

Roll Call:

Aye- Fairbotham, Morehouse, Cattell, Ogden.

Nay- None

Absent-Powers-Taylor, Good

All in favor, Motion passed.

D. Verizon Contract

Motion made by Cattell, supported by Fairbotham, to approve a 2-year contract with FirstNet for the Police Department communications system.

Roll Call:

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

Nay- None

Absent- Good, Powers-Taylor

All in favor, Motion passed.

E. Alley Sale

Motion made by Howlett, supported by Fairbotham, to approve the payment of half of the accrued cost of \$12,605.60 in attorney fees and \$491.84 in expenses as part of the total attorney fees to quiet title to the Alley.

Roll Call:

Aye- None.

Nay- Howlett, Morehouse, Cattell, Fairbotham Ogden

Absent- Good, Powers-Taylor

All opposed, Motion failed.

F. Credit Card Policy

Motion made by Howlett, supported by Fairbotham, to approve the credit card policy as written, with recommendations to add "clerk" wherever the treasurer role is listed, where appropriate.

Roll Call:

Aye- Howlett, Morehouse, Cattell, Fairbotham, Ogden



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Nay- None.
Absent- Good, Powers-Taylor
All in favor, Motion passed.

G. Manager Contract Approval

Motion made by Howlett, supported by Fairbotham, to approve the manager contract as written, with the addition of an ESTA bank requirement and \$70,000 in life insurance with a \$20.00 annual premium.

Roll Call:

Aye- Howlett, Morehouse, Cattell, Fairbotham, Ogden

Nay- None.

Absent- Good, Powers-Taylor

All in favor, Motion passed.

H. ESTA Policy

Motion made by Ogden, supported by Cattell, to add an ESTA 72-hour Bank for all employees.

Roll Call:

Aye- Howlett, Morehouse, Cattell, Fairbotham, Ogden

Nay- None.

Absent- Good, Powers-Taylor

All in favor, Motion passed.

13. Public Comment:

Tom Ford mentioned that he found the alley's deed in his mother's home.

14. Council Member Comments:

Howlett commented, reminding residents to shovel their sidewalks of snow.

Fairbotham inquired about ordinance enforcement.

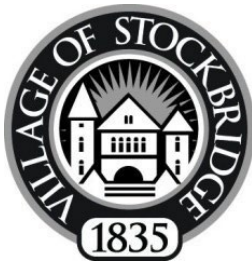
Cattell inquired on blight enforcement status.

15. Attorney Comments: None.

16. Next Meeting:

SDDA Meeting, March 3, 2025, at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting, March 6, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.



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Utilities Committee, March 13, 2025, at 6 pm
Regular Meeting, March 20, 2025, at 7 pm.

17. Adjournment. Motion by Howlett, supported by Cattell, to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m. All in favor, Motion Passed.

Signed by:
Heather R. Armstrong
Village Clerk