



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

APPROVED 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, Good, Powers-Taylor
 - B. Absent: Howlett, Ogden
3. Vice-Chair Cattell led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Cattell, supported by Fairbotham, to approve the agenda for March 20, 2025, with the following additional Item added: *Police Contract* under New Business between G and H. All in favor, Motion Passed.
5. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Cattell, supported by Fairbotham, to amend the Budget Hearing Minutes and approve the February 20, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor, Motion passed.
6. Public comment: None.
7. Guests: None.
8. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Motion by Morehouse supported by Fairbotham to pay the bills in the amount of \$154,724.44.

Roll Call:
Aye- Good, Cattell, Morehouse, Fairbotham, Powers-Taylor
Nay- None.
Absent- Howlett, Ogden
All in favor, Motion passed.
9. Department & Committee Reports:
 - A. Police Department Report provided.
 - B. DPW Report, none.
 - C. Zoning Administrator Report provided.
 - D. Building Committee Report provided.
 - E. President's 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. Water Billing Update, no discussion.

12. New Business:

- B. Positively Chiropractic 5K Road Closures

Motion was made by Powers-Taylor, supported by Morehouse, to approve the proposal by Positively Chiropractic for a Be Fit 5K Fun Run, which includes road closures at Clinton/Elizabeth, Center/Elizabeth, and the closure of Center Street to Main. All in favor, Motion passed

- C. DPW Service Line Locator

Motion was made by Morehouse, supported by Powers-Taylor, to approve the purchase of a Service Line Locator for the DPW, up to a maximum amount of \$4,500.00, after obtaining two additional quotes.

Roll Call:

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

Nay- None

Absent- Howlett, Ogden

All in favor, Motion passed

- D. Hall Roof Replacement

Tabled by Cattell.

- E. MERS HSA Plan



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Motion was made by Fairbotham, supported by Good, to approve the full-time staff of the Police Department and the Office enrolling in the MERS HSA Plan.

Roll Call:

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

Nay- None.

Absent- Howlett, Ogden

All in favor, Motion passed.

F. Water & Sewer Resolution Updates

Motion made by Powers-Taylor supported by Morehouse to adopt the Water Resolution 2025-03-20.001 as amended and the Sewer Resolution 2025-03-20.002 as written.

Roll Call:

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

Nay- None.

Absent- Ogden, Howlett

All in favor, Motion passed.

G. Cemetery Tree Maintenance

Motion was made by Fairbotham, supported by Powers-Taylor, to approve the Duke's Tree Service Quote for Oaklawn Cemetery at \$1,900.00.

Roll Call

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

Nay- None.

Absent- Howlett, Ogden

All in favor, Motion passed

H. Police Contract

Motion was made by Powers-Taylor, supported by Cattell, to approve the contract presented between Stockbridge Township and the Village of Stockbridge for Police Services.

Roll Call

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

Nay- None.

Absent- Howlett, Ogden

All in favor, Motion passed



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I. Police Department Part-Time Help

Motion was made by Powers-Taylor, supported by Fairbotham, to approve the hiring of Amanda Bartus as the Police Department Admin Assistant at \$17.00 per hour, not to exceed 15 hours per week, with a start date backdated to March 10, 2025, and an end date of June 1, 2025.

Roll Call

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

Nay- None.

Absent- Howlett, Ogden

All in favor, Motion passed

J. Police Department Patrol Car

Motion made by Fairbotham supported by Good to approve the purchase of a vehicle up to \$50,000.00 for the Police Department.

Tabled by Cattell.

K. Woodhill UB Proposal

Motion made by Powers-Taylor supported by Fairbotham to approve the addendum to the previous contract dated 11.4.2024 for Woodhill Group to perform Water and Sewer Billing Database & Process Review and Analytics,

Roll Call

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

Nay- None.

Absent- Howlett, Ogden

All in favor, Motion passed.

L. DPW Heavy Equipment Quote

Tabled by Cattell.

M. Amendments to Council Rules and Procedure

Motion made by Powers-Taylor supported by Good to adopt the amendments to the Council Rules and Procedures.

Roll Call

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

Nay- None.

Absent- Howlett, Ogden

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13. Public Comment:

Ford made a comment to the microphones not working well for the audience to hear, stated the council is spending too much money, and asked how many employees the Village now has.

Mills made a comment that the water & sewer connection fees are not going to attract businesses.

14. Council Member Comments:

Fairbotham commented on meter installations.

Powers-Taylor commented that the Village's water infrastructure is failing, and revenue is needed to help replace the crumbling infrastructure.

Morehouse commented that the Village needs to build trust and that funds are necessary for infrastructure development.

15. Attorney Comments: None

16. Next Meeting:

- A. Planning Commission, April 3, 2025, at 6:30 pm.
- B. Ordinance Committee, April 7, 2025, at 5:00 pm.
- C. SDDA Meeting, April 7, 2025, at 7 pm
- D. Utilities Committee, April 10, 2025, at 6 pm.
- E. Regular Meeting, April 17, 2025, at 7 pm.

17. Adjournment. Motion by Powers-Taylor, supported by Cattel, to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 p.m. All in favor, Motion Passed.

Signed by:

Heather R. Armstrong
Village Clerk