



Village of Stockbridge

Regular Council Meeting

Village Hall

118 N. Center St

Stockbridge, MI 49285

Thursday, April 16, 2026, 7:00pm

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

- A. President Odgen called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.
- B. ROLL CALL:
Present: McManaman, Connolly, Cattell, Howlett, Morehouse, Ogden
Absent: Fairbotham
- C. President Ogden lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- D. Motion was made by Howlett, supported by Ogden to approve the agenda.
All in favor motion passed.
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Motion made by Howlett supported by Ogden to approve the March 12,2026 Special meeting minutes and the March 19, 2026, Regular Council meeting minutes.
All in favor, motion passed.
- F. Public Hearings:
Motion made by Howlett supported by Cattell to open the public hearing.
All in favor, motion passed.
- Public Hearing — President Ogden opened the public hearing at 7:06pm to receive public comment on the establishment of a Police Services Special Assessment District. Staff explanation was provided regarding the proposed district.



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Public Comments:

Beckwith Preserve-Legacy Land Conservancy discussed being a tax-exempt 501c3 and requested to be excluded from the proposed district.

There being no further comment,

Cattell made a motion supported by Howlett to close the public hearing at 7:21pm
All in favor motion passed.

Motion made by Howlett supported by Cattell to open the next public hearing.
All in favor motion passed.

Public Hearing- President Odgen opened the public hearing at 7:22pm to receive public comment on the proposed Police Services Special Assessment Levy for FY 2026-2027. Staff explanation was provided regarding the proposed levy.

Public Comments:

Jackie Sheller, Jack Marshall, Jake McQuirsky, Mary Wilson, CG Lantis, Linda Dancer, Taylor Allen, Jim Johnson, Tom Ford and Michelle Outwater all discussed concerns with the levy, budgets, and the police department. Many others discussed the Police Services Special Assessment.

There being no further comment,

Motion made by Cattell supported by Howlett to close the public hearing at 8:21pm
All in favor motion passed.

G. Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

H. Guests: None



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I. Financial Reports:

Motion made by Howlett supported by Cattell to pay the bills in the amount of \$69,496.76.

Roll Call:

AYE:McManaman

Cattel

Connolly

Howlett

Morehouse

Ogden

Nay: None

Absent:Fairbotham

All in favor, motion passed.

J. DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Reports - Provided

DPW Report - Provided

Zoning Administrator Report – Provided

Manager Report - Provided

Ordinance Committee - None

Utilities Committee – Provided

Planning Commission minutes for review – provided

SDDA minutes for review – provided

K. Communications: None

L. Utilities Update – Village Manger discussed meters and grants



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M. New Business:

A. Resolution 04-16-2026-001 to Establish the Police Special Assessment District & Levy (FY 2026-2027)

Motion made by Howlett supported by Cattell approving the resolution to describe the plans for the improvement of a special assessment district for the operation and maintenance of the Stockbridge Police Department and the estimated costs of said improvement and set the public hearings on establishing the special assessment district and levy.

Roll Call:

AYE:Connolly

Howlett

Cattell

McManaman

Morehouse

Ogden

NAY: None

Absent: Fairbotham

All In favor, motion passed.

Rescinded Vote on Resolution:

- It was clarified that the item presented as two separate resolutions constituted one resolution.
- Motion made by Howlett supported by Cattell to rescind resolution to describe the plans for the improvement of a special assessment district for the operation and maintenance of the Stockbridge Police Department and the estimated costs of said improvement and set the public hearings on establishing the special assessment district and levy.

Voice Vote:

All in favor, motion passed.



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Roll Call:

AYE: Connolly

Howlett

Cattell

McManaman

Ogden

NAY: Morehouse

Absent: Fairbotham

All in favor, motion passed.

B. DPW Temporary Seasonal Hire:

Motion made by Howlett supported by McManaman to hold off on DPW seasonal hire.

Voice Vote:

All in favor, motion passed.

C. Road Closures

Motion made by Howlett supported by Cattell to approve the road closures for listed events:

All Clubs Ride

Positively Chiropractic – 5K

A Day in The Village

Voice vote:

All in favor, motion passed.



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D. Veteran's park Mural at Playground

Motion made by Howett supported by Cattell to approve the Veteran's Park painting and artwork mural at the park.

Voice Vote:

All in favor, motion passed.

E. Ordinance to Sell Alley

Motion made by Morehouse supported by Howlett to amend section (4) of ordinance

No. 2024-04-001.004 to sell the alley at a private sale.

Roll Call:

AYE: Cattell

Howlett

Morehouse

Connolly

McManaman

Ogden

NAY: None

Absent: Fairbotham



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F. Resolution to approve text Amendment for CBD C-2 Business District
Motion made by Morehouse supported by Cattell to approve a resolution of text Amendments to the zoning ordinance after a public hearing regarding bars and lounges in the central business district and the C-2 business district.

Roll Call:

AYE: Howlett

Cattell

McManaman

Connolly

Morehouse

Ogden

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: Fairbotham

N. Public Comment:

Ann Bell and Taylor Allen discussed the special assessment and the police department.

O. Council Member Comments:

Morehouse discussed being in support of SASEA and police authority. If a millage for authority passes, he hopes taxes go down.

Howlett discussed, hoping the taxes will go down.

McManaman – No Comment

Connolly discussed hoping the assessment is a onetime assessment.

Cattell discussed that he voted believing this is a one-time assessment.

President Ogden shared the sad news of her buddy Clifford's passing. He was a staple in the village and will be greatly missed by all.

President Ogden also encouraged community engagement regarding the police authority.



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P. Attorney Comments:

Attorney John Gormley answered many of the questions that were asked in public comments.

Q. Schedule of Meetings:

SDDA Meeting May 2026 at 6:15 p.m.
Utilities Committee Meeting May 13, 2026 8:15 a.m.
Planning Commission Meeting May 7, 2026 6:30 p.m.
Regular council Meeting, May 21, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

R. Adjourn

Motion made by Howlett supported by McManaman to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Voice Vote:

All in favor motion passed.

Signed by:
Robyn Hanson
Clerk / Treasurer