City of Hart, Michigan
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
July 8, 2025, 7:30 PM
407 State St. – Council Chamber
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call – Burillo, Cunningham, Hodges, Mullen, Root, Thomson, Klotz
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Public Comments – **Public comment on any matter other than a scheduled public hearing. We ask that you please limit your comments to 3 minutes.**
    a. Correspondence, Events, Presentations
6. Consent Agenda:
    a. Approval of Minutes from June 24, 2025
    b. Bills, Claims, Payroll
    c. Reports of Boards, Commissions, and Committees
    d. Department Reports – Police/BioPure/Public Works/Energy/♥C&E Dvlp./Parks & Rec
7. Action Items
8. Discussion Items
    a. Michigan Municipal League Conference 2025
    b. Michigan Municipal Electric Association 2025 Conference
    c. Fiscal Year 2025 Investment Review
    d. Water Tower Antenna Lease Update
    e. Property Maintenance Code Enforcement and Rental Inspection Program
9. City Manager Report
10. Communications from the Mayor and Council (Including board and committee updates)
11. Adjournment –

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CITY OF HART
407 S. STATE ST.
HART, MI 49420
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL - COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 24th, 2025
MINUTES – DRAFT

PRESENT: Mayor Amanda Klotz, Councilors, Catalina Burillo, Jim Cunningham, Andrew Mullen, Betty Root and Karen Thomson

ABSENT: Dean Hodges

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager – Rob Splane, Clerk/Treasurer – Karla Swihart, BioPure Superintendent – Paul Cutter, Energy Superintendent – Mike Schiller, Hart Police Chief – Juan Salazar, Cristina Juska, Antony and Lauren (Dark Water Coffee), and Dirk Williams

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- B. Root motioned to approve the Agenda and was supported by K. Thomson
  - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Dirk Williams, Director of Operations at Grey and Company – I am here tonight because I heard that City Manager Rob Splane is resigning and we have an ongoing issue with the City and I wanted to make sure that City Council is aware of the water supply issue with the Fire Suppression system at Grey and Company is having. With Rob still here I will just talk to him after the meeting regarding.

CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

- Dark Water Coffee Company
  Proposal To City of Hart
  Roasting Facility Development

Introduction,

We, Lauren and Ton Dematteo, are the co-owners of Dark Water Coffee Roasters, a small batch specialty coffee roasting company proudly based in Hart, Michigan since 2018, we have been roasting and producing coffee from the Starting Block, a biral resource that has supported our early growth and operations. With deep gratitude for the foundation this space has provided, we are now preparing to take the next step in our business journey: establishing a dedicated roasting facility that allows us to grow, hire local talent, and enrich the Hart Community.

Proposal Summary,

We respectfully submit this proposal to the City of Hart to express our interest in obtaining a parcel of land on Industrial Park Drive, which we understand is city-owned. Our intent is to develop a custom roasting facility for Dark Water Coffee Roasters that will serve as:

- A full-scale production hub
- A space to employ local residents
- A community-focused destination for education and coffee appreciation

This facility represents not only a necessary operational expansion but also a long-term investment in Hart's economic and cultural fabric.

Background & Business Overview

Dark Water Coffee Roasters has operated in Hart for over six years. What began as a passion project has grown into a respected regional brand, known for quality, transparency, and craft. Our products are served in cages and homes across Michigan, and we contiue to see rising demand for both our wholesale and retail offerings.

Operating from The Starting Block has given us the tools and flexibility to incubate and refine our methods. However, our production needs are now exceeding what shared space can accommodate. We are ready to build a permanent home that supports future growth.

Vision for the Facility

The proposed facility would be designed for:

- Roasting & Packaging Operations: A modern, efficient space to handle increased production volume with room for equipment expansion.
- Training & Education: A small tasting lab and brewing education area, offering classes and experiences for locals and visitors alike – mirroring what companies in cities like Grand Rapids offer but with a distinctly Hart Identity.
- Community Employment: We anticipate hiring local team members in the first 12-18 months of operation, with roles in production, fullfillment, and education.
- Destination Appeal: The artisanal nature of specialty coffee roasting and our open-door philosophy means the facility could serve as a micro-destination within Hart – offering bours, classes, and more.

Request from the City of Hart

We are requesting:

- Information on abailable property parcels on Industerial Park Drive
- The process and timeline for consideration of sale
- Any applicable incentives or support programs for businesses expanding or relocating within Hart

We are open to discussion on flexible arrangements and eager to work alongside City leadership to ensure our development aligns with the goals of Hart's economic and community development plans.

Conclusion

We are proud to call Hart our homes – personally and professionally. Our roots are here, and we're committed to growing in a way that honors this community. We see this facility as a milestone not just for Dark Water Coffee Roasters, but for Hart's thriving netwrok or small businesses and future workforce.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this vision further with the City of Hart and are happy to provide business plans, finanical statements, or meet in person at your convenience.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of minutes from June 10th, 2025
- Bills, Claims, Payroll
- Reports of Boards, Commissions, and Committees
- Department Reports – Police/BioPure/Public Works/Energy/C&E Dvlp
    - J. Cunningham motioned to approve Consent Agenda and supported by B. Root
        - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

ACTION ITEMS:

- Resolution 2025-19 Adopt FY25 End-of-Year Budget Amendments

  WHEREAS, the City Council may amend the annual budget to reflect changes in purchasing patterns or revised objectives; and

  WHEREAS, the City Council desires to secure the benefits of efficient self-governance and to promote and protect our common interests and welfare; and

  NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE HART CITY COUNCIL:

  Amends the FY2025 Annual Budget as follows:

Fund	GL Number	*DESCRIPTION*	Activity	Original Budget	Amended Budget
General	**101-301.000-702.900**	*OVERTIME*	$ 55,813	$ 40,000	**$56,000**
General	**101-441.000-702.800**	*WAGE Reg Employee*	$ 235,091	$ 231,000	**$241,000**
General	**101-441.000-970.000**	*Dump Truck Purchase*	$ 49,515	$ 15,000	**$21,700**
General	**101-441.000-970.000**	*Outfit Dump Truck for Salter use*	$ 15,000		
	fund 202 to fund 203	*Transfer $90,000*			
Major Streets	**202-970.000-801.000**	*West Main Resurfacing*	$ 2,172,346	$ -	**$315,555**
Local Streets	**203-970.000-801.000**	*Engineering & Contactor for Dryden proj*	$ 2,172,346	$ 18,250	**$0**
Park	**208-751.000-801.000**	*Professional Services*	$ 48,286	$ 22,500	**$34,886**
HEART	**244-728.000-818.000**	*Contractural Service*	$ 26,538	$ 4,800	**$26,538**
Energy	**580-537.300-740.000**	*Operating Supplies*	$ 410,710	$ 205,000	**$415,000**
Energy	**580-537.300-801.000**	*Professional Services*	$ 48,457	$ 20,000	**$49,000**
Energy	**580-537.300-818.000**	*Contractural Service*	$ 51,656	$ 15,000	**$52,000**
Energy	**580-537.300-818.500**	*Tree Trimming Contractual*	$ 40,000	$ 102,395	**$105,000**
Energy	**580-537.300-818.661**	*Motor Operations*	$ 158,721	$ 25,000	**$16,000**
Energy	**580-537.300-970.661**	*Vehicle/EquipPurchases*	$ 104,743	$ -	**$248,437**
BioPure	**590-527.100-801.000**	*Professional Services*	$ 334,235	$ 75,000	**$1,400**
BioPure	**590-527.100-983.200**	*Sludge Removal*	$ 752,377	$ 480,000	**$752,377**
BioPure	**590-527.400-970.598**	*SewerSystemImprovements/SRF repay*	$ 211,888	$ -	**$211,888**
	Fund 591 to 590	*Transfer 2,632,140*			
	Fund 591 to 590	*Transfer 407,185*			
Water	**591-547.400-801.002**	*2200777 - DWAM Grant expenditures*	$ 93,688	$ 20,000	**$96,500**

- A. Mullen motioned to approve Resolution 2025-19 and supported by K. Thomson
  - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

- Resolution 2025-20 Approve TIFA Streetscape funding conditions

  WHEREAS, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) has tentatively offered grant assistance to The City of Hart to revitalize and develop public space through the Revitalization and Placemaking (RAP) program; and

  WHEREAS, proposed funding for the project includes a contribution from the City of Hart Tax Increment Finance Authority in the amount of $660,000; and

  WHEREAS, the City of Hart TIFA Board has met multiple times to discuss funding the project; and

  WHEREAS, the TIFA Board has stipulated that their approval of the fund allocation will be contingent on three conditions; and

  WHEREAS, the City Council now considers the stipulations as set forth by the TIFA Board; and

  NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE HART CITY COUNCIL

  Approves and authorizes the TIFA imposed grant funding conditions as follows:

  1. The Main Street Market Chalets are to be permanently removed from the parking lot
  2. The renewed parking will become ADA compliant
  3. TIFA is to be renewed for an additional 15-year term so that TIFA can support continued downtown development.

  Authorizes and directs the City Manager or TIFA administrator to sign MEDC RAP grant documents on behalf of the City of Hart.

- B. Root motioned to approve Resolution 2025-20 and supported by A. Mullen
  - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

- Resolution 2025-21 Approve Streetscape design and funding commitment

  VOIDED

- Resolution 2025-22 City Manager Recruitment firm selection

  WHEREAS, pursuant to the City Charter, the City of Hart operates under a Council-Manager form of Government; and

WHEREAS, resultant to a May 2025 resignation of the existing City Manager, the City must seek a new City Manager; and
WHEREAS, due to the complexities of recruiting, evaluating, screening, interviewing, and selecting a City Manager, a qualified executive search organization should be retained to assist the City through this process; and
WHEREAS, the City Council desires to secure the benefits of efficient self-governance and to promote and protect our common interests and welfare; and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE HART CITY COUNCIL:
Accepts proposals from: Double Haul Solutions, Michigan Municipal League, and Pivot Group Municipal Services
Awards the Contract to Double Haul Solutions to provide executive recruitment services for the quoted fee of TBA
Authorizes and directs the City Manager to sign the aforementioned proposal on behalf of the City of Hart.

- A. Mullen motioned to approve Resolution 2025-22 and supported by K. Thomson
  - Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- NONE

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Updates:

- City officials met with members of the Veterans Coalition represented through the Hart-VFW "brick team." A tentative agreement was reached where the group would procure quotes to replace worn paver bricks with the City providing 50/50 matching funds and the coalition handling the procurement and installation of the replacement bricks. Funds obligated to this effort will end up being matching funds towards the pending DNR grant to reconstruct the park.
- Daupler Communication System is nearing launch in the next 1-2 weeks. That launch will be seamless in how our customers and residents notify the City of utility issues. All phone numbers remain the same, with Daupler fielding calls and triaging them to our on-call personnel. More information will be distributed to the public after the launch.
- Regarding the Water Tower lease, during title work, a property ownership issue was uncovered. The City is working to resolve that issue, more information is coming soon.
- In April, TIFA held a pitch competition seeking to convey the Congregational Church property to an entity to bring the property to a higher and better use for the community. Cindy Beth Davis-Dykema was selected for "The Monarch" project which will include wellness, rental, and community gathering space. She will be seeking grants, tax abatements/incentives, and other support from the City to be discussed in July.
- The Hart Parks and Recreation Movie Night was more strongly attended yesterday. Movie nights will continue on Mondays through the summer, weather permitting.
- The National Asparagus Festival kicked off with a concert at the fairgrounds on Friday night, attended by over 300 people. The weather was great for the weekend, seeing near record numbers at all events including the combination car show and Taste of Asparagus at the Hart Historic District.
- Paul Cutter received the Doris Van Dam Operations Professional of the Year award on June 17th at the Michigan Water Environment Association's Conference, where the MWEA also celebrated its 100th Anniversary.
- City Manager to race in the 172nd Queens Cup sailboat rave across Lake Michigan- crossing Wednesday and racing back Friday Night.

Legacy Topics:

- Safe Routes to School trail project – work with MDOT is on-going – [Cadaver Dog right-of-way search being scheduled]

Upcoming Topics:

- Redevelopment Ready Community re-certification in 2025
  Adopt Zoning Board of Appeals By-Laws (Pending Legal Review)
  Adopt two new ordinances (July 22,2025)
- Council review of rental inspection policies, procedures, and implementation.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

- J. Cunningham meeting with the VFW, I think a favorable solution will be worked out for the bricks, and I also wanted to bring up that we talked about the airplane in talks about painting it. I strongly urge them to not do that as very few of them airplanes are painted and how many thousands of lbs. of weight it would add to the plane, with it already having flat tires so we don't need to add any more weight to it, so I feel there was an agreement to not paint the plane. And I also am very pleased with the comments from the VFW about the bricks and how the City and VFW will share responsibility.
- C. Burillo just a reminder that this Thursday is the 1st music on the commons also this Saturday June 28th is Taco's and Tracs for trials which is a walk, ride or run followed by tacos in the village green. What this fundraiser is for goes towards the maintenance funds for the proposed Pentwater/hart bicycle trail. Registration is still open through Friday. You can find that online if you go to Pentwater/hart website. Also, just a thought several years ago there was talk of Hart Rotary about a splash pad. I happened to be at the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Getty Park in Shelby and it was pretty awesome, but I wanted to remind Hart to keep going. It would be nice to have one in our town so thought id bring back that idea to the Council.

ADJOURN:

- There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Klotz adjourned the meeting at 8:53pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on July 8th, 2025, at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Karla Swihart

Karla Swihart, City Clerk

Payables Date 07.09.2025	Description	Total	General +	DPW	Energy	BPTF	Water
A&M Bait Farms, LLC	Fishing Bait - JGP	$ 76.50	$ 76.50				
APX, Inc	Load Base Fee	$ 23.09			$ 23.09		
Barney's Sewer & Drain Cleaners	Jetting Services - Sewer	$ 566.45				$ 566.45	
C & D Fuehring Farms, Inc	Biosolids Hauling	$ 49,857.50				$ 49,857.50	
C & D Fuehring Farms, Inc	Biosolids Hauling	$ 32,375.00				$ 32,375.00	
Carey, Malcom	Utility Deposit Refund	$ 122.99			$ 122.99		
Cintas	Bathroom Supplies - JGP 6/24	$ 237.93	$ 237.93				
Cintas	Bathroom Supplies - Hart Commons 6/24	$ 63.17	$ 63.17				
City of Hart	Utilities	$ 44,637.57	$ 3,950.18	$ 1,111.81	$ 2,411.03	$ 33,564.87	$ 3,599.68
Concannon, Darby	Utility Deposit Refund	$ 161.33			$ 161.33		
Cummins Sales and Service	Lifstation Maintenance/Repairs - Hart Portable	$ 1,292.48					$ 1,292.48
Cummins Sales and Service	Lifstation Maintenance/Repairs - Polk Rd	$ 1,295.53					$ 1,295.53
DaCott	Power Purchase Report	$ 650.00			$ 650.00		
DTE Energy	Natural Gas	$ 912.83	$ 293.98	$ 68.61	$ 293.83	$ 201.75	$ 54.66
Echo Publishing, Inc	Notice/Advertisement	$ 172.00	$ 172.00				
Fleis & VandenBrink	Vet's Park Improvements	$ 1,902.38			$ 1,902.38		
Fleis & VandenBrink	Vet's Park Improvements	$ 8,704.00			$ 8,704.00		
Fleis & VandenBrink	Vet's Park Improvements	$ 6,573.00			$ 6,573.00		
Fleis & VandenBrink	Vet's Park Improvements	$ 1,441.05			$ 1,441.05		
Fleis & VandenBrink	Vet's Park Improvements	$ 5,137.22			$ 5,137.22		
Hydrocorp	Cross Connection Control Program	$ 764.00					$ 764.00
Klotz Auto Parts	Parts/Services	$ 371.31		$ 332.95	$ 17.22	$ 21.14	
Larson's ACE Hardware	Parts/Supplies	$ 3,924.75	$ 1,057.80	$ 2,387.22	$ 167.63	$ 312.10	
LEAF	Copier Lease/Insurance Fee - Police Dept	$ 49.61	$ 49.61				
Linde Gas & Equipment	Cylinder Rentals	$ 256.99		$ 110.44	$ 146.55		
Mc Kenna	Planning Services	$ 201.25	$ 201.25				
Midwest Tractor & Equipment	Pivot Set	$ 851.55		$ 851.55			
Mika Meyers	Legal Services	$ 517.50	$ 517.50				
Mika Meyers	Legal Services	$ 759.00	$ 759.00				
Model Coverall Service	Uniforms	$ 174.18			$ 69.28	$ 104.90	
MPPA	Purchased Power - 6/24	$ 14,301.54			$ 14,301.54		
MPPA	Purchased Power - 7/1	$ 25,033.52			$ 25,033.52		
MWEA	Annual Conference - P. Cutter	$ 400.00				$ 400.00	
MWEA	Membership Dues - P. Cutter	$ 100.00				$ 100.00	
MWEA	MWEA Conference - R. Splane	$ 815.00	$ 815.00				
Napa Auto Parts	Parts/Supplies	$ 13.56	$ 13.56				
Office Machines Company	Copier Lease Payment/Overage Fees - Police Dept	$ 70.13	$ 70.13				
Oudbier Instrument Co.	Repairs - #2 Pump Well	$ 790.00					$ 790.00
Pitney Bowes	Postage	$ 502.25	$ 125.57		$ 125.56	$ 125.56	$ 125.56
Power Line Supply	Uniforms	$ 142.00			$ 142.00		
Power Line Supply	Parts/Supplies	$ 2,377.51			$ 2,377.51		
Power Line Supply	Parts/Supplies	$ 571.81			$ 571.81		
Power Line Supply	Parts/Supplies	$ 454.02			$ 454.02		
Power Line Supply	Parts/Supplies	$ 30.20			$ 30.20		
Power Line Supply	Parts/Supplies	$ 2,255.39			$ 2,255.39		
Power Line Supply	Parts/Supplies	$ 875.25			$ 875.25		
Power Line Supply	Parts/Supplies	$ 1,023.92			$ 1,023.92		
Power Line Supply	Parts/Supplies	$ 22.26			$ 22.26		
Profit Makers	Campstore Supplies/Merch - JGP	$ 187.00	$ 187.00				
Rendon-Farias, Pastor	Utility Deposit Refund	$ 82.03			$ 82.03		
Republic Services	Solid Waste Contract	$ 18,567.80		$ 18,567.80			
Republic Services	Garbage Services - BioPure	$ 127.52				$ 127.52	
Republic Services	Garbage Services - JGP/Historic District	$ 834.66	$ 834.66				
Republic Services	Garbage Services - Bike Trail	$ 50.00	$ 50.00				
Republic Services	Garbage Services - Starting Block	$ 193.55			$ 193.55		
Republic Services	Garbage Services - Washington Lot Dumpster	$ 113.52		$ 113.52			
Ricoh	Copier Overage Fees - City Hall	$ 90.97	$ 90.97				
Rivers ACE Hardware	Parts/Supplies - Historic	$ 276.79	$ 276.79				
Robbins, Russ	Reimbursement - Lowe's Purchase (Historic)	$ 142.04	$ 142.04				
Schopieray, Mark	Utility Deposit Refund	$ 13.02			$ 13.02		
Steve's Auto & Truck	Oil Change - Police Dept	$ 67.93	$ 67.93				
Syncwave, LLC	Internet Hosting	$ 394.70	$ 111.31	$ 91.75		$ 191.64	
T & R Electric	Three Phase Pole Mount	$ 77.08			$ 77.08		
Tanner Plumbing & Heating	Parts/Supplies	$ 157.34				$ 157.34	
Tiefenthal, Danielle	Utility Deposit Refund	$ 107.88			$ 107.88		
Wadel Stabilization	Fire Hydrant Replacements	$ 27,000.00					$ 27,000.00
Wadel Stabilization	Relocate/Install Water Services Polk/72nd	$ 18,860.00					$ 18,860.00
Wadel Stabilization	Peach St Bores	$ 9,735.00			$ 9,735.00		
Wadel Stabilization	Equipment Rental/Lake Rd Bore	$ 3,475.00			$ 3,475.00		
Wilcor International Inc	JGP Campstore Supplies/Merch	$ 666.89	$ 666.89				
	Sub-total	**$ 295,071.24**	**$ 10,830.77**	**$ 23,635.65**	**$ 88,717.14**	**$ 118,105.77**	**$ 53,781.91**
HAND CHECKS/ACH/EFT							
Alerus	City Share 401 Retirement	$ -	$ -				
US Postmaster	Postage/Tax Bills						
AFLAC	Insurance Premium	$ -	$ -				
Guardian	Insurance Premium	$	$				
Delta Dental	Insurance Premium	$	$ -				
MWG/Amfirst	Insurance Premium	$ -	$ -				
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance Premium	$ -	$ -				
	TOTAL HAND CHECKS	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**
Sub-Total Regular Bills/Hand Checks		***$ 295,071.24***	***$ 10,830.77***	***$ 23,635.65***	***$ 88,717.14***	***$ 118,105.77***	***$ 53,781.91***
Gross Payroll	PR238						
Gross Payroll							
Gross Payroll							
	Sub-Total	**$ -**					
	GRAND TOTAL	***$ 295,071.24***	**$ 10,830.77**	**$ 23,635.65**	**$ 88,717.14**	**$ 118,105.77**	**$ 53,781.91**



Convention 2025 attendees will leave this year's event with:

Activation — Inspire communities to embrace new ideas.
Empowerment — Strive for prosperity, quality of life, trust, and belonging.
Innovation — Look at your communities with fresh eyes.
Optimism — Cultivate a positive outlook for the future.
Tangible tools — The information you need to take meaningful action.

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MMEA

2025 Conference



September 23

5:00 PM to 6:30 PM **Welcome Reception**

Location: Walker's Restaurant, Delta Hotel Atrium
All registered conference attendees and ticketed guests are welcome. Please check in at the door to receive your name badge and guest tickets. Dinner on your own.

September 24

7:30 AM **Registration Opens, Breakfast Available**

Location: VanDyk Convention Center

8:30 AM **Welcome & Award Presentation**

Katie Abraham, Executive Director of the Michigan Municipal Electric Association

8:45 AM **State of the Industry**

When it comes to your energy news, who do you trust and believe anymore, TV, social media, the internet, the newspaper, none of the above? Well, now is your chance to hear from someone you can trust and believe. APPA's very own CEO, Scott Corwin, will join us and give the real inside scoop as to what's happening in Washington D.C. around Public Power policy and politics. Come hear it from someone deep in the know who is fighting on your behalf.

9:45 AM **Break**

10:00 AM **Are YOU Ready for the Storm?**

You never know when that major ice, wind, rain or even pandemic storm will strike but you better be prepared when it does. Come hear from your fellow municipal utilities and Associate Member Verdantas as they share the challenges they faced and the lessons they learned during one of the worst ice storms ever experienced in Michigan. You are sure to think about things differently and be more equipped after hearing their stories.

11:00 AM **Break**

11:15 AM **Session TBD**

This session is under development and further information will be posted once the session description is finalized and available.

12:00 PM **Lunch & Networking**

1:30 PM **Understanding Energy Storage Systems**

Everyone is talking about energy storage, but do you really understand its complexities and related codes and standards? You will leave this session armed with new knowledge and important information about the current state of codes and standards related to Energy Storage Systems and the needs for meeting the minimum safety requirements found in the International Fire Code and NFPA 855.

2:30 PM **Break**

2:45 PM **Energy Hot Topics Rapid Fire**

Is there a question about energy that Pat Bowland can't answer? Come and find out and don't be shy, give it your best shot! With over 20 years spent working in competitive wholesale and retail markets and extensive time developing, planning and negotiating energy deals, Pat has a deep understanding of the Public Power landscape. Come and hear his prognostications on several relevant energy topics and their impacts on the MMEA Membership.

3:30 PM **Break**

3:45 PM **KEYNOTE: Lead Smarter - Unleash Engagement with the 5 People Types**

Do people ever confuse you? Do you ever want to scream, "Why don't people just do their job?" If so, you won't want to miss this year's fast paced, humorous and practical keynote presentation. You will learn a simple yet powerful framework for recognizing the five key people types that shape the workplace, as well as how to bring out the best in yourself and others, halt disruptive behaviors before they destroy morale, and protect high performers from burnout.

5:00 PM **Closing Remarks & Intro to EXPO**

5:00 PM **MMEA EXPO**

Attendees browse the EXPO while playing bingo, networking, and enjoying refreshing beverages.

6:00 PM **Dinner, Prize Drawings, & Discussions**

MMEA Municipal Members enjoy a meal with MMEA Associate & Affiliate Members and win some fantastic EXPO prizes! Drawings will take place during dinner, must be present to win.

8:00 PM **Conference Adjourns**

September 25

7:30 AM **Breakfast**

8:30 AM **MMEA Fall General Membership Meeting**

We encourage all MMEA Members to attend. We'll be giving an overview of MMEA activities and covering some emerging industry topics. Please note that a quorum of Members is necessary to conduct business.

11:30 AM **Fall General Membership Meeting Adjourns**

11:30 AM **MMEA Board of Directors' Meeting**

11:45 AM **MMEA Board of Directors' Meeting Adjourns**

Q&A

Where is the conference? VanDyk Convention Center in Muskegon, MI.

How long is the conference? One evening (September 23), and one full day (September 24). The MMEA Fall Membership Meeting takes place the morning of September 25, and all members are requested to attend this important meeting.

Can I register on site at the conference? Registration closes on September 9, before the conference. We are unable to register attendees on-site at the conference.

Can I bring a guest? Guests are invited to the Welcome Reception on September 23 and the conference dinner on September 24. Tickets are required for guests, and must be purchased in advance. Guests who desire to attend conference sessions must purchase a full conference registration.

I have customers/companies/business partners that are interested in coming. Can I invite them? All non-municipal attendees must be current MMEA Associate or Affiliate Members to attend. If they are interested in joining, please reach out to us! We'd be happy to talk to them about Membership.

