

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council  
Regular Meeting, March 9, 2020**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, March 9, 2020, convened at 7:30p.m. at the Paw Paw Community Library, 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan. President Roman Plaszcak presiding.

**Meeting Convened**

Present: President Plaszcak and Trustees Douglas Craddock, Amanda Bartlett, Mary McIntosh, Nadine Jarvis and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Sarah Moyer-Cale, Village Clerk Karla Tacy, Chief of Police Eric Marshall and Department of Public Services Director John Small.

**Members Present**

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Jarvis with support from Bartlett to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 24, 2020, with corrections. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Craddock with support of Rohr to approve all claims for Monday, March 9, 2020, in the amount of \$651,288.78. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Claims**

Randy Peat, District 5 County Commissioner, updated the Council on agenda items Van Buren County has been working on the past month. Mr. Peat reported the County recently received a \$1.2 million grant towards county's transit system. The county also received a \$76,000 grant to be used towards veteran's services. He also noted, Van Buren County Sheriff's Dept signed a 1-year contract allowing the television show Live PD to ride along and film with the officers. The Council thanked Mr. Peat for his updates.

**Audience  
Participation**

Marilyn Murphy handed out articles regarding communities that have voted to allow medical and recreational marijuana facilities.

Resolution 20-04 would support an application to MDOT for a grant through the Transportation Alternatives Program. The grant request is for \$426,920 for work being done to the sidewalk, lighting and any other "behind the curb" work.

**New Business:  
Resolution 20-04  
Transportation  
Alternatives**

Motion by McIntosh with support from Jarvis to adopt Resolution 20-04 to support the MDOT Transportation Alternatives Grant application. Roll call vote; Craddock, Rohr, Plaszcak, McIntosh, Jarvis, and Bartlett, all voting yes, motion carried.

Resolution 20-05 authorizes the application to the USDA for a Rural Development Business Grant to support engineering and design costs associated with the Michigan Avenue Streetscape project. The grant request is for \$99,999.

Motion by Jarvis with support from Bartlett to adopt Resolution 20-05 to authorize the application to USDA for a grant for engineering and design services. Roll call vote; Bartlett, Jarvis, McIntosh, Plaszcak, Rohr and Craddock, all voting yes, motion carried.

**Resolution 20-05  
USDA-RDBG Grant  
Application**

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Motion by Rohr with support of Craddock to approve the contract with Abonmarche for engineering and design associated with the Michigan Avenue Streetscape Project. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Abonmarche  
Engineering Contract  
Approval**

Motion by Rohr with support of Bartlett to approve President Plaszcak's board and committee appointments as presented. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Board and  
Commission  
Appointments**

Motion by Craddock with support of McIntosh to have Council continue deliberating ordinances regarding medical marijuana facilities. Roll call vote; Bartlett, Jarvis, McIntosh voting yes, Plaszcak, Rohr and Craddock, voting no, motion does not pass.

**Ongoing Business:  
Medical Marijuana  
Discussion**

Motion by Jarvis with support of Bartlett to schedule a special meeting on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Carnegie Center to interview potential council appointees. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Council Vacancy**

Motion by McIntosh with support of Rohr to approve the contract with Night Magic Displays to hold a firework display over Maple Lake September 11, 2020 (Sept 12<sup>th</sup> rain date) for an amount not to exceed \$7,750. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Wine and Harvest  
Fireworks Approval**

Moyer-Cale reported Councilperson McIntosh has requested that Council recommence discussion regarding the keeping of honeybees with the village. In February 2018, the planning commission recommended an ordinance to the council to allow chickens and honeybees, the discussion was previously tabled. It is now the consensus of Council to move forward with having the village's attorney draw-up an ordinance for honeybees within the village.

**Honeybees**

Rohr reported the Finance and Admin committee met to discuss cyber security insurance, 3-year goals and water rates.

**Committee Meetings  
and Reports  
Finance and Admin**

Jarvis reported the Public Services committee met to discuss the lead and copper rules, 2020 road improvements and sidewalk projects.

**Public Services**

Jarvis reported the Parks and Rec board discussed possibly obtaining a small-town rural development grant for Sunset Park improvements. The board also discussed the Tyler Field bathroom project and spring park clean-ups.

**Area Parks & Rec**

No Report.

**DDA**

No Report.

**Economic Develop**

No Report.

**Farmers Market**

Due to Eric Larcinese's resignation, Doug Craddock reported he is the new Fire board president and secretary.

**Fire Board**

No Report.

**Historical Committee**

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No Report.

**Housing Commission**

No Report.

**Maple Lake  
Preservation**

Jarvis reported the Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding texts amendments to the open-air business ordinance. The commission also reviewed Paw Paw Township's site plan for their new parking lot and the Wings of God annual report.

**Planning Commission**

No Report.

**Wellhead Protection**

Craddock reported the Wine & Harvest board held a meeting to discuss the 2020-21 budget.

**Wine & Harvest**

Plaszczak reminded everyone that there are several millage issues to vote on during the upcoming election. President Plaszczak also noted he has been working with Commissioner Randy Peat regarding the village possibly leasing County Park.

**Council Member  
Comments  
Plaszczak**

McIntosh was made aware by a village resident of a case of possible racial profiling by another policy entity (not Paw Paw PD). McIntosh asked Chief Marshall what Paw Paw Police Departments policy is regarding profiling. Chief Marshall said there is not a written policy in place but all department staff attends the most up-to-date diversity trainings.

**McIntosh**

Bartlett is excited to further discuss allowing honeybees within the village and hopefully at some point chickens too. She is happy with the village's recent progress moving towards being greener.

**Bartlett**

Rohr reported she has had requests by residents for a village wide clean-up day. Moyer-Cale said this is being looked into and quotes for dumping costs are being obtained.

**Rohr**

Chief Marshall says he owes the Chamber of Commerce for not being in attendance at their recent fundraiser/awards banquet to receive an award on behalf of the police department.

**Staff Comments**

Motion by Craddock with support by Bartlett to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted:

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Karla Tacy  
Village Clerk

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Roman Plaszczak  
Village President

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