

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, March 22, 2021**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, March 22, 2021, convened at 7:00p.m. via electronic meeting. President Roman Plaszczak presiding.

Meeting Convened

Present: President Plaszczak and President Pro-tem Douglas Craddock and Trustees Amanda Bartlett, Nadine Jarvis, Mary McIntosh (excused), Ashley Nottingham and Donne Rohr. Each Council member stated they were participating from their homes, located within the Village of Paw Paw, in Van Buren County, in the State of Michigan. 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 March 8, 2021. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Jarvis with support of Nottingham to approve all claims for Monday, March 22, 2021, in the amount of \$999,674.17. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Motion by Jarvis with support from Rohr, to close the regular session at 7:12pm and enter into a public hearing to take comments on the proposed Maple Island boardwalk and fishing platform. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Public Hearing:
Maple Island
Boardwalk and
Fishing Platform**

Let the record show no public comment was received.

Motion by Rohr with support from Bartlett to close the public hearing at 7:21pm and re-enter regular session. All members present voting yes, motion carried

Resolution 21-07 authorizes the submission of an application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for a Trust Fund Grant in the maximum allowable amount of \$300,000 for the replacement of the Maple Island Bridge. Per a 2019 inspection report, the bridge is in considerable disrepair and needs to be replaced. The Village will still need to match the remaining balance of the grant which is \$189,500.

**Action Items:
Resolution 21-07
Authorization of
MDNR Grant
Application**

Motion by Bartlett with support from Rohr to approve Resolution 21-07 to authorize the MDNR MNRTF grant application. Roll call vote; Craddock, Rohr, Nottingham, Plaszczak, Jarvis, Bartlett voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Jarvis to approve board and commission appointments as presented. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**2021-2022 Board and
Commission
Appointments**

Motion to discuss approvals for the Wine and Harvest Festival has been tabled to a later meeting.

**Wine and Harvest
Approvals**

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The bridge and site design for the M-40/I-94 bridge reconstruction project will commence in October 2021. Moyer-Cale presented several options the village has for aesthetic enhancements, some of which are free and some requiring additional funds.

**Non-Action Items:
M-40/I-94 Aesthetic
Treatment Options**

The village will commence more intensive tree trimming procedures starting this year to better maintain the electric system and reduce the number of power outages. Moyer-Cale reported that she found a grant for up \$20,000 to complete a tree study, which will analyze the location and health status of each tree within the village.

Tree Management

Moyer-Cale presented an updated copy of council's three-year goals and their current statuses. As we have had these goals for some time and have new council members, Moyer-Cale feels it may be necessary to evaluate these goals.

Council Goals

The federal government recently implemented the American Rescue Plan, providing funding for local governments to remedy the mismatch between rising costs and falling revenues. The village has not yet been notified on the amount it will be receiving or how the funds will be able to be utilized.

**American Rescue
Plan Funding**

No Report.

**Committee Meetings
and Reports
Finance and Admin**

No Report.

Public Services

No Report.

Parks and Rec

Plaszczak reported the DDA Board recently awarded several façade grants; \$5,000 was awarded to the Whalen Company and \$1,193 to Edgin Creations. Plaszczak also noted that for the time being the DDA will be discontinuing its business loan program.

DDA

It was suggested that Moyer-Cale schedule a meeting for the last week in April.

Economic Develop

Jarvis reported the Farmers Market Board has two new members.

Farmers Market

Craddock reported the plans for the new station are almost complete.

Fire Board

No Report.

Historical Committee

No Report.

Housing Commission

No Report.

**Maple Lake
Preservation**

Nottingham will be taking over Jarvis' position on the Planning Commission.

Planning Commission

No Report.

Wellhead Protection

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No Report

Wine & Harvest

Bartlett inquired as to what the plan is for the DDA flowers downtown for the spring/summer due to the upcoming streetscape project. Moyer-Cale reported their will be flowers in the bridge planters and several large pots on Kalamazoo Street but no hanging baskets.

**Council Member
Comments:
Bartlett**

Rohr thanked Director Small on his assistance trying to determine the cause of excessive water usage at the Miller Court housing complex.

Rohr

Moyer-Cale reported EGLE has recently been conducting environment testing at the former Paw Paw Plating site. During the testing, PFAS were discovered. This information will be posted on the State's website for known PFAS areas.

Manager Comments:

Director Small announced that Patrick Richardson has left his employment with DPS and will be greatly missed.

Staff Comments:

Motion by Craddock with support by Bartlett to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Tacy
Village Clerk

Roman Plaszczak
Village President

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