

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, May 8, 2023**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, May 8, 2023, convened at 7:00p.m. at the Paw Paw District Library, Community Room. President Plaszcak presiding.

Meeting Convened

Present: President Plaszcak and President Pro-tem Douglas Craddock and Trustees Steve Richardson, Nadine Jarvis, Nicolas Martinez, Ashley Nottingham, and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Will Joseph, Village Clerk Karla Tacy, Department of Public Services Interim Director Tim Brandys and Chief of Police Eric Marshall.

Members Present

Motion by Rohr with support from Nottingham to approve the agenda as presented with the additional of approving the closed session meeting minutes for 3/27, 4/10 & 4/24 and adding # 3 closed session to discuss material exempt from disclosure under Non-Action Items. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Martinez with support from Jarvis to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 24, 2023. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Jarvis with support from Rohr to approve the closed session meeting minutes of March 27, 2023. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Nottingham to approve the closed session meeting minutes of April 10, 2023. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Jarvis with support from Craddock to approve the closed session meeting minutes of April 24, 2023. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martinez with support from Rohr to approve claims for Monday, May 8, 2023, in the amount of \$618,837.28. All members voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Holly Hamilton would like the Village to schedule a special Planning Commission meeting to discuss her site plan which was originally approved in 2018.

**Audience
Participation**

Sarah Snoeyink of Market Van Buren was in attendance to continue a previous discussion with Council regarding possibly extending sewer and water services out of town to the high school area.

**Presentations:
Market Van Buren**

Ryan Sylvester, owner of the Paw Paw Brewing Company, expressed his interest in leasing/buying the Village owned parking area that abuts his property. It was the consensus of Council to have Manager Joseph look into the legalities further.

Ryan Sylvester

Motion by Nottingham with support from Craddock to approve Resolution 23-07 to recommend approval for a new off-premises tasting room license to the Paw Paw Brewing Company. Roll Call Vote: Richardson, Rohr, Craddock, Plaszcak, Nottingham, Jarvis and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**Action Items:
Resolution 23-07 Off
Premise Tasting
Room License**

Manager Joseph provided a year-to-date budget update.

**Non- Action Items:
Budget Update**

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President Plaszcak and Manager Joseph recently met with Representative Wendzel and Senator Nesbitt regarding possible funding opportunities for the Briggs Dam replacement project. Plaszcak and Joseph also met with County Commissioner Randall Peat who suggested requesting ARPA funds from the County for the project.

Briggs Dam

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to enter into a closed session to discuss a legal option, which is exempt from disclosure as allowed under the Michigan Open Meetings Act MCL 15.268 (1)(h) at 9:33 pm. Roll Call Vote: Richardson, Rohr, Craddock, Plaszcak, Nottingham, Jarvis and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**Closed Session:
Legal Opinion**

Motion by Rohr with support from Jarvis to exit the closed session at 10:05 pm. Roll Call Vote: Martinez, Jarvis, Nottingham, Plaszcak, Craddock, Rohr and Richardson voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Jarvis to enter into a closed session for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement, which is exempt from disclosure as allowed under the Michigan Open Meetings Act MCL 15.268 (1)(c) at 10:06 pm. Roll Call Vote: Richardson, Rohr, Craddock, Plaszcak, Nottingham, Jarvis and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**Closed Session:
Admin CBA
Negotiations**

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to exit the closed session at 11:05 pm. Roll Call Vote: Richardson, Rohr, Craddock, Plaszcak, Nottingham, Jarvis and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**Committee Meetings
and Reports
Parks and Rec**

The Parks and Rec Committee reviewed the 5-year Parks and Rec Plan. The committee also discussed the recent vandalism to several park restrooms and the upcoming Maple Island shoreline restoration project.

No Report.

DDA

No Report.

Economic Develop

The Farmers Market will open May 21st for the season.

Farmers Market

The Fire Department will be holding an Open House for their building on May 20th. The Department placed an order for a new fire truck.

Fire Board

No Report.

Historical Committee

No Report.

Housing Commission

Drain Commissioner, Joe Parma is looking into sediment removal above Briggs Pond.

**Maple Lake
Preservation**

The Planning Commission discussed the 148 E Michigan rooftop expansion project, the Village's Master Plan and a work plan for the commission for the year.

Planning Commission

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No Report.

The Wine & Harvest Board discussed the new firework's vendor. Craddock reports sponsorship amounts are up from previous years.

President Plaszcak reported Representative Wendzel and Senator Nesbitt will be looking into the delayed I-94 bridge project. Plaszcak announced Harloff Manufacturing is planning a large expansion.

Trustee Jarvis donated an additional \$1,000 towards the reward for the Maple Island and Sunset Park restroom vandals.

Trustee Nottingham applauded the Fire Department's quick response to a recent call to assist a young lady. Nottingham believes Council should apply the 3-minute speaking rule to all audience members and not make exceptions for certain people.

Trustee Martinez thanked Clerk Tacy on her prompt correspondences regarding the Farmers Market.

Trustee Rohr inquired as to whether bid documents are being drawn-up for the Maple Island bridge.

Manager Joseph encouraged everyone to RSVP to the Fire Department's upcoming Open House.

Chief Marshall has been in discussion with the Paw Paw School Superintendent and the Paw Paw Township Supervisor regarding funding a school resource officer for the elementary schools.

DPS Director Brandys reports members of his crew recently underwent testing for obtaining water licenses. Brandys noted hydrant flushing will be taking place the next four days.

Motion by Jarvis with support by Nottingham to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:07p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Tacy
Village Clerk

Roman Plaszcak
Village President

Wellhead Protection

Wine & Harvest

**Council Member
Comments:
Plaszcak**

Jarvis

Nottingham

Martinez

Rohr

Manager Comments:

Staff Comments:

Adjournment