

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, May 9, 2022**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, May 9, 2022, convened at 7:00p.m. at the Paw Paw District Library, Community Room. President Roman Plaszcak presiding.

Meeting Convened

Present: President Plaszcak and President Pro-tem Douglas Craddock and Trustees Amanda Bartlett, Nadine Jarvis, Mary McIntosh, Ashley Nottingham (excused) and Donne Rohr (excused). Also present: Village Manager Will Joseph, Village Clerk Karla Tacy, Chief of Police Eric Marshall, Lieutenant Eric Rottman and Interim Department of Public Services Director Tim Brandys.

Members Present

Motion by Jarvis with support from Bartlett to approve the agenda as presented with the addition #5 Going into a closed session to discuss a letter of understanding for the police union, #6 Consideration of letter of understanding under Action Items and Discussion on a submission request to Van Buren County for ARPA funds under Non-Action Items. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Bartlett with support from Jarvis to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 25, 2022. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Craddock with support from McIntosh to approve the special joint meeting minutes of April 25, 2022. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by McIntosh with support of Craddock to approve claims for Monday, May 9, 2022, in the amount of \$437, 362.40. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Paw Paw Public Schools Superintendent, Rick Reo, expressed his appreciation to the community for passing one of the recent school bond proposals.

**Audience
Participation:**

Yvonne Porter of 406 N Kalamazoo St, reports that she has broken sewer lines that run under M-40 and will be costly to repair.

David Van Zoren, a landlord at 416 E Michigan Ave, inquired on if the Village will be assisting Ms. Porter with her repair.

Holly Hamilton, owner of H2 Designs, asked if the Village informs new home owners that they can purchase insurance to assist with sewer line repairs.

Motion by Bartlett with support from Jarvis, to close the regular session at 7:32pm and enter into a public hearing to take comments on the Special Assessment Police Millage. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Public Hearing:
Special Assessment
Police Millage**

Rachel Semrau, of 312 S LaGrave, inquired as to why the Police Special Assessment only requires a 2/3 vote of council and not a vote of the people.

Carley Porter expressed her frustration that her mom already has sewer repairs to pay for and now the Village is asking taxpayers to possibly pay more.

Nick Martinez, of 402 S Niles St, urges the Council to vote yes to increase the Police Special Assessment Millage. Mr. Martinez inquired if residents could contact Council members directly if they have questions.

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David Jones, owner of multiple apartments downtown, asked if it was common for municipalities to issue special assessments.

David Van Zoren inquired if Walmart pays property taxes or are they exempt. Mr. Van Zoren also asked if a reduction of State Revenue Sharing has led to less money in the Village's General Fund.

Holly Hamilton asked if the Police Department has considered sponsoring officer candidates.

Linda Lauer, of 628 Paw Paw St, believes the assessment letter that was mailed to residents was poorly worded.

Motion by McIntosh with support from Craddock to close the public hearing at 9:05pm and re-enter regular session. All members present voting yes, motion carried

Motion by Bartlett with support from Jarvis to set a public hearing on June 6, 2022 at 6:00pm for the special assessment police millage. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by McIntosh with support from Craddock to approve the **Wings of God Pledge for Pearls Event's** use of public spaces limited to the four corners of Kalamazoo and E Michigan Ave, sidewalk of E Michigan at the entrance of Little Caesars and Dollar Tree parking lot, corner of E Fadel St and S Kalamazoo St, corner of N Kalamazoo St and Oak St from 8am to 1pm on Friday, June 17th and Saturday, June 18, 2022. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by McIntosh with support from Craddock to award the bid for traffic cones and barricades to the lowest bid from Transportation Supply LLC for the amount of \$10,258.25. Roll call vote; Plaszczak, Craddock and McIntosh voting yes, Bartlett and Jarvis voting no, motion carried.

It was the consensus of council to not make a contribution to the Streetscape Celebration being held during Paw Paw Days.

Motion by Jarvis with support from Craddock to enter into a closed session for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation **the POAM** collective bargaining agreement, which is exempt from disclosure as allowed under the Michigan Open Meetings Act MCL 15.268 (c) at 9:46 pm. Roll Call Vote: Bartlett, Jarvis, Plaszczak, Craddock and McIntosh voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Jarvis with support from Bartlett to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 pm. Roll Call Vote: Bartlett, Jarvis, Plaszczak, Craddock and McIntosh voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Bartlett with support from Jarvis to approve the Letter of Understanding, implementing changes to Article #15.1 Vacation Time in the POAM Collective

**Action Items:
Set Public Hearing
for Special
Assessment Police
Millage**

**Approval of Wings of
God Pledge for Pearls
Event**

**Approval of Bid for
Traffic Cones and
Barricades**

**Contribution to Paw
Paw Days Streetscape
Celebration**

Closed Session

**Letter of
Understanding**

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Bargaining Agreement. Roll Call Vote: Bartlett, Jarvis, Plaszczak, Craddock and McIntosh voting yes, motion carried.

It was the consensus of council to allow Manager Joseph to submit applications requesting ARPA funds to Van Buren County for upcoming Village projects.

No Report.

No Report.

Jarvis reported the Parks & Rec Board discussed the Maple Island natural shoreline project and Tyler Field restrooms.

No Report.

No Report.

No Report.

Craddock reported construction on the new Fire Hall is progressing on schedule.

The next Historical Commission meeting will be held at the library on May 17th at 4:00 pm.

No Report.

No Report.

No Report.

McIntosh hopes to get the Wellhead Protection Committee back together in the near future and begin discussing projects.

Craddock reports Marilyn has done an outstanding job getting sponsorships for the festival and notes all vendor spots have been filled.

Bartlett hopes the recent issues with posting notices and cancelations have been remedied for the future.

Jarvis thanked Chief Marshall for his great presentation during the public hearing for the Police Special Assessment Millage.

Joseph assured council that a friendlier, more explanatory letter regarding the Police Special Assessment Millage will be going out to residents.

**Non-Action Items:
Request to Van Buren
County for ARPA
Funds**

**Committee Meetings
and Reports
Finance and Admin**

Public Services

Parks and Rec

DDA

Economic Develop

Farmers Market

Fire Board

Historical Committee

Housing Commission

**Maple Lake
Preservation**

Planning Commission

Wellhead Protection

Wine & Harvest

**Council Member
Comments:
Bartlett**

Jarvis

Manager Comments:

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Motion by Craddock with support by McIntosh to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m. **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Tacy
Village Clerk

Roman Plaszczak
Village President