

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council  
Regular Meeting, May 22, 2023**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, May 22, 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 (excused), 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 (excused).

**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 Martinez with support from Nottingham to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 8, 2023. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Rohr with support from Jarvis to approve the closed session meeting minutes of May 8, 2023. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Jarvis with support from Craddock to approve claims for Monday, May 22, 2023, in the amount of \$869,748.34. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Claims**

Cody Winter expressed his concern with the lack of sober living facilities in Van Buren County.

**Audience  
Participation**

Susan Rice appreciates Council approving the No Mow May ordinance change.

Scott Hall of Fleis and Vandenbrink gave an update on the water treatment plant improvement project.

**Presentations:  
Fleis & Vandenbrink**

Motion by Rohr with support from Nottingham to approve the request for use of public spaces on Michigan Ave for the annual Memorial Day Parade and Service on Monday, May 29, 2023, from Gremps Street to the Maple City Veteran's Memorial Park. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Action Items:  
Memorial Day Parade**

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to hold a truth in taxation hearing, June 12, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Paw Paw District Library, to accept comment on the proposed tax rate for 2023. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Set Truth in Taxation  
Hearing**

Motion by Craddock with support from Jarvis to hold a public hearing, June 12, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Paw Paw District Library, to accept comment on the police special assessment tax rate for 2023. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Set Police Special  
Assessment Hearing**

Motion by Nottingham with support from Jarvis to approve payment in the amount of \$737,965.77 to Oselka Constructors Co, LLC for the waste water treatment plant improvement project. Roll Call Vote: Rohr, Craddock, Plaszcak, Nottingham, Jarvis and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**Waste Water Project  
Pay Request**

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Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to approve sample testing on well #4 for an amount not to exceed \$3,500. Roll Call Vote: Martinez, Jarvis, Nottingham, Plaszczak, Craddock and Rohr voting yes, motion carried.

**Well #4 Project**

Director Brandys gave an update on current projects his crew are working on.

**Non- Action Items:  
Public Services  
Update**

At a previous meeting, Ryan Sylvester expressed his interest in leasing/buying the Village parking lot adjacent to his brew pub on Gremps St. It is the consensus of Council to have Manager Joseph to obtain the market value of the property.

**Lease Request Paw  
Paw Brewing**

President Plaszczak would like to schedule a workshop the first meeting of July to discuss replacement options for Briggs Dam.

**Briggs Dam**

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 8:50 pm. Roll Call Vote: Rohr, Craddock, Plaszczak, Nottingham, Jarvis and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**Closed Session:  
Admin CBA  
Negotiations**

Motion by Nottingham with support from Craddock to exit the closed session at 10:04 pm. Roll Call Vote: Rohr, Craddock, Plaszczak, Nottingham, Jarvis and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**Committee Meetings  
and Reports  
Parks and Rec**

No Report.

The DDA Board discussed the wayfinding signs, approval of new paint and flooring in the Carnegie lower level and approval of a \$5,000 façade grant at 200 E Michigan Ave.

**DDA**

No Report.

**Economic Develop**

Jarvis reported the Farmers Market had a great 1<sup>st</sup> market of the season. She also noted the board meetings with the new members are going well.

**Farmers Market**

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

**Fire Board**

No Report.

**Historical Committee**

No Report.

**Housing Commission**

No Report.

**Maple Lake  
Preservation**

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No Report.

**Planning Commission**

No Report.

**Wellhead Protection**

No Report.

**Wine & Harvest**

President Plaszcak reported he will be meeting with Rep. Huizenga's aide to discuss possible funding for Village infrastructure projects.

**Council Member  
Comments:  
Plaszcak**

Trustee Jarvis thanked the Fire Department for their service and commended their wonderful recent open house.

**Jarvis**

Trustee Nottingham thanks Director Brandys on his update and for looking into solutions for future infrastructure needs.

**Nottingham**

Trustee Martinez inquired as to whether Council would be interested in changing the wording of the control burn ordinance to say "when authorized by the fire chief" instead of how it currently reads as "authorized by the police chief".

**Martinez**

Trustee Rohr inquired as to whether bid documents are being drawn-up for the Maple Island bridge. Rohr also inquired as to the status of the Holly Hamilton site plan review.

**Rohr**

Trustee Craddock believes Council should have a discussion regarding electrical grid infrastructure needs.

**Craddock**

Manager Joseph reported the PD accreditation process is moving along and that the new officer training is going well.

**Manager Comments:**

DPS Director Brandys reported Five Star will be here later in the week to complete some finish work from the lead service line replacement project.

**Staff Comments:**

Motion by Nottingham with support by Martinez to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:04p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

**Adjournment**

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Karla Tacy  
Village Clerk

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Roman Plaszcak  
Village President