

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council  
Regular Meeting, June 12, 2023**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, June 12, 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 (excused), 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 Richardson with support from Craddock to approve the agenda as presented with the additions of #6 Wings of God Bucket Brigade and #7 Truth in Taxation Resolution under Action Items. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Jarvis with support from Rohr to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 22, 2023. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Martinez with support from Jarvis to approve the closed session meeting minutes of May 22, 2023. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Jarvis to approve the special meeting minutes of June 5, 2023. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Richardson with support from Rohr to approve claims for Monday, June 12, 2023, in the amount of \$1,308,133.65. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Claims**

Steve Donkersloot and Bob Lalonde of MPPA, gave a presentation on Behind the Meter Generation.

**Presentations:  
MPPA**

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to enter into the public hearing at 7:45pm. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Public Hearings:  
Truth in Taxation**

No Public Comment was received during the public hearing.

Motion by Rohr with support from Jarvis to exit the public hearing at 7:50pm. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to enter into the public hearing at 7:51pm. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Public Safety Special  
Assessment**

Scott Szekely inquired as to whether the Police Special Assessment Millage would be used for upgrades or to maintain the services we currently have.

Tim Barchett inquired if the Police Special Assessment Millage would be remaining at the 3 mils from last year.

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Wendy McKenzie appreciates the great service the police department provides.

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to exit the public hearing at 8:11pm. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Jarvis with support from Craddock to approve Resolution 23-08 to levy a special assessment in support of the Paw Paw Police Department operations for the 2023 summer tax bill. Roll Call Vote: Richardson, Rohr, Craddock, Plaszcak, Jarvis and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Craddock with support from Rohr to approve pay estimate No. 2 for Lounsbury Excavating in the amount of \$377, 121.03. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve Resolution 23-09 to agree to contract number 23-5249 between the Village of Paw Paw and MDOT regarding wayfinding signs. Roll Call Vote: Richardson, Rohr, Craddock, Plaszcak, Jarvis and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Richardson to approve a budget amendment of \$6,000 in the Police Department Fund for electronic equipment and IT services. Roll Call Vote: Martinez, Jarvis, Plaszcak, Craddock, Rohr and Richardson voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Richardson with support from Martinez to approve use of public spaces for Paw Paw Days on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Jarvis to approve use of the public spaces at the corners of Kalamazoo/Michigan Ave, E Fadel/S Kalamazoo and N Kalamazoo/Oak by the Wings of God Bucket Brigade on June 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve Resolution 23-10 to establish millage rates for fiscal year 2023-2024. Roll Call Vote: Richardson, Rohr, Craddock, Plaszcak, Jarvis and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock 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 8:52 pm. Roll Call Vote: Richardson, Rohr, Craddock, Plaszcak, Jarvis and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Jarvis to exit the closed session at 9:53 pm. Roll Call Vote: Martinez, Jarvis, Plaszcak, Craddock, Rohr and Richardson voting yes, motion carried.

**Action Items:  
Resolution 23-08  
Public Safety Special  
Assessment**

**DWSRF Pay Estimate**

**Resolution 23-09  
Wayfinding Signs**

**Police Department  
Budget Amendments**

**Paw Paw Days**

**Wings of God Bucket  
Brigade**

**Resolution 23-10  
Truth in Taxation**

**Closed Session:  
Admin CBA  
Negotiations**

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The Parks and Rec Board discussed the Maple Island restrooms and bridge, the 5-year parks plan and the shoreline restoration project. The next meeting will be August 7<sup>th</sup>.

No Report.

No Report.

No Report.

The next Fire Board meeting will be July 11<sup>th</sup>. Craddock noted the department is in discussion with the utility billing department with concerns about their water/sewer rates.

No Report.

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No Report.

The Planning Commission discussed the 148 E Michigan site plan review and a possible food truck ordinance.

No Report.

Craddock reported the festival were gifted several new ticket booths. Craddock noted Marilyn is doing a fantastic job securing sponsors.

President Plaszcak reported the Sunset Park wildflowers look great. President Plaszcak has been in contact with Congressman Huizinga's office regarding funding of the Briggs' Dam project.

Trustee Craddock reported that Trustees Jarvis, Rohr and himself attended the recent Market Van Buren meeting with Antwerp Township to discuss extending water/sewer services to the high school.

Motion by Jarvis with support by Martinez to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:54p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Karla Tacy  
Village Clerk

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Roman Plaszcak  
Village President

**Committee Meetings  
and Reports  
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:  
Plaszcak**

**Craddock**

**Adjournment**