

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council  
Regular Meeting, July 24, 2023**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, July 24, 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 (excused). Also present: Village Manager Will Joseph, Village Clerk Karla Tacy, Department of Public Services Director Tim Brandys and Chief of Police Eric Marshall (excused).

**Members Present**

Motion by Martinez with support from Richardson to approve the agenda as presented with the additions of #3 DDA Board Appointment and #4 Request for Santa Run under Action Items. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Jarvis with support from Nottingham to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 10, 2023. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

Motion by Richardson with support from Nottingham to approve claims for Monday, July 24, 2023, in the amount of \$1,325,553.54. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Claims**

Luke Butler inquired as to whether Council has considered lowering the utility reconnection fee for low-income families.

**Audience  
Participation**

Conrad Buitron of 313 Hazen St reports his yard floods during rain events and would like the Village to install a drain to help remedy the issue.

Gretchen Evans thanked the Village for allowing the library to host their recent Library at the Lake events at the amphitheater at no charge. Ms. Evans also gave an update on the library's new programs.

Fire Chief, Jim DeGroff, believes the emergency sirens are beneficial to the department and provides safety to the public.

President Plaszcak thanked Ms. Evans for allowing the Village Council to hold its meetings at the library.

**Council Member  
Comments**

Trustee Jarvis noted she will not be in attendance at the 8/14 Council meeting.

Motion by Craddock with support from Nottingham to approve pay request number six for the CWSRF project in the amount of \$530,795.59. Roll Call Vote: Richardson, Craddock, Plaszcak, Nottingham, Jarvis and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**Action Items:  
CWSRF Payment  
Request**

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Motion by Jarvis with support from Richardson to approve pay request number four for the DWSRF project in the amount of \$314,422.06. Roll Call Vote: Martinez, Jarvis, Nottingham, Plaszcak, Craddock and Richardson voting yes, motion carried.

**DWSRF Payment Request**

Motion by Richardson with support by Craddock to appointment Barbara Carpenter to the DDA Board. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**DDA Board Appointment**

Motion by Martinez with support of Nottingham to approve the Rotary Club's Santa Run on Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 8am until 11:00am. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Request for Santa Run**

DPS Director Brandys reported that Lounsbury is in the process of finishing up the water main replacement work on S LaGrave and will be moving on to Dykman St. Brandys also noted that DPS has been discussing purchasing new snow removal equipment for the sidewalks.

**Non-Action Items:  
DPS Update**

Discussion regarding possibly extending sewer and water services out of town to the high school area continued.

**Paw Paw High School Water/Sewer Extension**

Manager Joseph reported SolAmerica Energy has submitted their application for approval to construct a solar farm on North St.

**Solar Project**

Van Buren County will be conducting a land survey of their 3 parcels near the proposed Hazen St residential development project.

**Hazen St Residential Project**

No Report.

**Committee Meetings and Reports  
Parks and Rec**

Plaszcak reported that façade grants were award to Jason Deibler-Love of 404 E Michigan Ave, Dorothy Mottl of 217 E Michigan Ave and John Whalen at 161 Commercial Ave.

**DDA**

No Report.

**Economic Develop**

8/6 Will be Kids Day at the Farmers Market.

**Farmers Market**

No Report.

**Fire Board**

No Report.

**Historical Committee**

No Report.

**Housing Commission**

The Maple Lake Preservation and Improvement Committee will be holding a meeting at Village Hall on 8/16 at 4:00pm.

**Maple Lake Preservation**

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The Planning Commission discussed the revised application for the proposed Wings of God Transition Home at 105 Oak St. Trustee Nottingham encourages all Council members to attend the next Planning Commission meeting.

**Planning Commission**

No Report.

**Wellhead Protection**

No Report.

**Wine & Harvest**

Trustee Craddock thanked Ms. Evans for attending staying for tonight's Council meeting. Craddock discussed the water rates for the new fire hall with Manager Joseph and DPS Director Brandys.

**Council Member  
Comments:  
Craddock**

Trustee Martinez agrees with Trustee Nottingham's earlier statement that board vacancies should be posted for the public to apply.

**Martinez**

Manager Joseph reported the Village Attorney is drawing up a contract for the new fireworks vendor. Joseph noted he will be attending out of the office Tuesday-Thursday while attending the MME Conference in Frankenmuth.

**Manager Comments**

DPS Director Brandys thanked Trustee Richardson for recently shadowing crew members for a day.

**Staff Comments**

Motion by Craddock with support by Nottingham to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20p.m.

**Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted:

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Karla Tacy  
Village Clerk

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Roman Plaszczak  
Village President