

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council  
Regular Meeting, August 28, 2023**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, August 28, 2023, convened at 7:00p.m. at the Paw Paw District Library, Community Room. President Plaszczyk presiding.

**Meeting Convened**

Present: President Plaszczyk 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 Director Tim Brandys, Interim Chief of Police Lt. Eric Rottman.

**Members Present**

Motion by Jarvis with support from Martinez to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 14, 2023. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Martinez with support from Jarvis to approve the special meeting minutes of August 17, 2023. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Jarvis with support from Richardson to approve claims for Monday, August 28, 2023, in the amount of \$856,673.64. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Claims**

Joe and Heather Holman voiced their concern with what they believe is a lack of lighting and signage at the intersection of CR 665 and 358.

**Audience  
Participation**

President Plaszczyk announced the recent passing of former DPS employee Rusty Ritsema.

**Council Member  
Comments  
Plaszczyk**

Nate Johnson gave a brief presentation on his Eagle Scout project which entailed removing garbage from Ismons Pond.

**Presentations**

Council would like Manager Joseph to gather more information regarding the MPPA's Renewable Energy Credits purchasing program.

**Action Items:  
Renewable Energy  
Credit Hedge  
Purchase**

Motion by Craddock with support by Richardson to approve staff to work with legal counsel to draft a six-month repayment plan for residential water and sewer connection fees. Roll Call Vote: Martinez, Jarvis, Nottingham, Plaszczyk, Craddock, Rohr and Richardson voting yes, motion carried.

**Water Service Line  
Connection Fee**

Motion by Richardson with support from Nottingham to amend the defined benefit adoption agreement to include severance pay as included compensation. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**MERS DB Revised  
Agreement**

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Director Brandys gave an update on projects the DPS crew is working on such as readying for the Wine & Harvest Festival, brush/leaf pickups and water/electric turn-offs.

Manager Joseph updated Council on information he had received from Antwerp Township's engineering consultant.

Manager Joseph and Director Brandys have been in discussion with the Fire Department regarding possible remedies for the large utility bills they are now receiving for the new fire house.

No Report.

The DDA hopes to begin the installation process for the new wayfinding signs by the end of September.

No Report.

No Report.

No Report.

No Report.

No Report.

Drain Commissioner, Joe Parma, would like to attend the meeting with Barr Engineering regarding the Briggs Dam project.

Trustee Nottingham once again encouraged Council to attend the next Planning Commission meeting regarding the proposed Transition Home at 105 Oak St, as it is a controversial project.

No Report.

No Report.

President Plaszcak would like a representative from Abonmarche to come speak to Council about the Maple Island Bridge project.

Trustee Nottingham is pleased to see the advertising around town for the upcoming Prospect Hill Cemetery tour.

**Non-Action Items:  
DPS Report**

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

**Paw Paw Fire Dept  
Utility Bills**

**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**

**Nottingham**

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Trustee Jarvis announced, her company, Paw Paw Kayak Rentals, will be donating the use of up to 6 kayaks for the planned river clean-up. Jarvis brought up ideas for retirement gifts for Chief Marshall and Teresa Svilpe.

**Jarvis**

Manager Joseph announced Chief Marshall's upcoming retirement on September 5<sup>th</sup>. He noted his dealings with Interim Chief Lt. Rottman have been going well.

**Manager Comments**

Lt. Rottman reported he recently attended the open house for the Domestic Violence Coalition's new location.

**Staff Comments**

Clerk Tacy noted she will not be in attendance at the 9/11 meeting.

Motion by Nottingham with support by Jarvis to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:26p.m.

**Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted:

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Karla Tacy  
Village Clerk

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Roman Plaszczak  
Village President