

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, September 25, 2023**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, September 25, 2023, convened at 7:00p.m. at the Paw Paw District Library, Community Room. President Plaszcak presiding.

Meeting Convened

Present: President Plaszcak, Pro Tem Craddock, Trustees Steve Richardson, Nadine Jarvis (excused), Nicolas Martinez, Ashley Nottingham (excused), and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Will Joseph, Village Clerk Karla Tacy, Department of Public Services Director Tim Brandys and Interim Chief of Police Lt. Eric Rottman (excused).

Members Present

Motion by Rohr with support from Richardson to approve the agenda as presented with the change moving the Village Manager's Closed Session Evaluation to the end of the agenda. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 11, 2023 with corrections. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Martinez with support from Rohr to approve claims for Monday September 25, 2023, in the amount of \$807,524.09. All members voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Claims

President Plaszcak appointed Trustee Richardson to the Economic and Residential Opportunity Committee and Trustee Martinez to the Farmers Market Board.

**Council Member
Comments
Plaszcak**

Motion by Craddock with support from Martinez to approve Resolution 23-11 Enabling a Payment Plan for Connection to Village Water System. Roll Call Vote: Richardson, Rohr, Craddock, Plaszcak and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**Action Items:
Water Connection
Resolution 23-11**

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

**MIREC Hedge
Purchase
Authorization**

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve use of public spaces for the Paw Paw High School Homecoming Parade, October 6,2023. All members voting yes, motion carried.

Homecoming Parade

Motion by Martinez with support from Craddock to award bid to CC Power for electrical system project #102, for an amount not to exceed \$68,533.00. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Award Bid for
Electric Project #102**

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve a pay request for the DWSRF project in the amount of \$120,411.77. Roll Call Vote: Richardson, Rohr, Craddock, Plaszcak and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**DWSRF Payment
Request #6**

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Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to approve a pay request for the CWSRF project in the amount of \$204,564.09. Roll Call Vote: Richardson, Rohr, Craddock, Plaszcak and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

Manager Joseph will be meeting with Fire Chief DeGroff regarding the proposed amendments to the Burn Ordinance.

Manager Joseph reported that Antwerp Township members are running the financials to show if it would be profitable for the Village to proceed with the proposed water/sewer extension.

Manager Joseph, President Plaszcak, Trustee Rohr and Trustee Jarvis attended a meeting last Friday with Abonmarche representatives, to discuss the Maple Island Bridge replacement project.

Manager Joseph led a discussion regarding the Fire Department's utility bills and solutions he will be proposing at the next Fire Board meeting.

Due to the absence of several Council members, a special meeting will be held, Monday, October 2nd at 7:00pm at Village Hall to discuss the Village Manager's performance evaluation.

No Report.

The DDA approved \$5,000 façade grants to Brandon Yanna for 929 E Michigan Ave and Harold Schuitmaker for his 228-232 E Michigan buildings. The wayfinding signs are in production and the hope is for them to be installed the end of October.

No Report.

Trustee Martinez thanked Manager Joseph for attending the recent Farmers Market Board meeting.

No Report.

Dress rehearsals have begun for the upcoming Prospect Hill Cemetery Tour.

No Report.

No Report.

No Report.

**CWSRF Payment
Request #8**

**Non-Action Items:
Burn Ordinance
Amendment**

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

Maple Island Bridge

Fire Dept Utility Bills

**Village Manager
Performance
Evaluation**

**Committee Meetings
and Reports
Parks and Rec**

DDA

Economic Develop

Farmers Market

Fire Board

Historical Committee

Housing Commission

**Maple Lake
Preservation**

Planning Commission

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No Report.

Wellhead Protection

No Report.

Wine & Harvest

President Plaszczyk gave a summary on the 9/15 meeting with Barr Engineering regarding the Briggs Dam project. He notes the expected construction dates are October 2024 through February 2025.

**Council Member
Comments:
Plaszczyk**

Trustee Martinez commended Manager Joseph on his professionalism regarding the Shawn and Deb Klinger resident complaint.

Martinez

Trustee Rohr inquired as to status of the planned Hazen St residential development project.

Rohr

Trustee Craddock was impressed with the recent Chamber of Commerce event held at The Lucky Wolf.

Craddock

Trustee Richardson inquired as to whether Community Development Coordinator, Leonard Lux, had responded to the Klinger complaint.

Richardson

Manager Joseph noted discussion on the Briggs Dam project will continue over the next several meetings.

Manager Comments

Director Brandys reported that crews will be repairing a water line break located in Michigan Ave Kalamazoo St in front of PNC bank this week.

Staff Comments

Motion by Craddock with support by Martinez to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Tacy
Village Clerk

Roman Plaszczyk
Village President