

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, January 27, 2025**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, January 27, 2025, convened at 7:00p.m. at the Paw Paw District Library, Community Room. President Plaszcak presiding.

Meeting Convened

Present: President Roman Plaszcak, Pro Tem Douglas Craddock (excused), Trustees Steve Richardson, Holly Hamilton, Nicolas Martinez, David McQueen and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Bryan Myrkle, Assistant Manager Ed Hellwege, Director of Public Services Tim Brandys and Chief of Police Eric Rottman.

Members Present

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Transformer Purchase under Action Items. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Martinez with support from Hamilton to approve the meeting minutes of January 13, 2025. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Craddock with support from Rohr to approve claims for Monday, January 27, 2025, in the amount of \$428,653.93. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Claims

None

**Audience
Participation**

Trustee Martinez voiced his concern about the Village Facility Rental Policy. He questioned charging rental fees if the rented space is to be used for an event open to the public.

**Council Member
Comments:**

Motion by Martinez with support from Rohr to approve the request from Red Arrow Ministries to hold an Easter Egg Hunt on April 9th, at the Tyler Field Pavilion from 9:30AM – 12pm. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Action Items:
Easter Egg Hunt**

Motion by Richardson with support from Rohr to approve the request from Marilyn Clear to hold the annual Wine and Harvest Festival September 5th – September 7th, 2025. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**2025 Wine & Harvest
Festival**

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to approve the purchase of a transformer from the City of South Haven for \$46,032.61. Roll call vote; Martinez, Rohr, McQueen, Plaszcak, Hamilton and Richardson voting yes, motion carried.

**Transformer
Purchase**

Steven Donkersloot, of MPPA, gave a summary of the history of the Solar Project initiated in December 2023 and a status update. Mr. Donkersloot answered Council's questions regarding the proposed revised Power Purchase Agreement with Sol America.

**Speaker: Steven
Donkersloot MPPA**

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It was the consensus of Council to receive additional information from Mr. Donkersloot and to confer with Attorney Fowler, before making a decision regarding Sol America's Power Purchase Agreement.

**Sol America Revised
Power Purchase
Agreement**

No Report.

**Committee Meetings
Parks and Rec**

No Report.

DDA

No Report.

**Economic &
Residential
Opportunity**

No Report.

Farmers Market

No Report

Fire Board

The Historical Commission's next meeting to be scheduled soon.

**Historical
Commission**

No Report

Housing Commission

No Report

**Maple Lake
Preservation**

No Report

Planning Commission

No Report

Wine & Harvest

Trustee Martinez wished Clerk Tacy a Happy Birthday.

**Council Member
Comments:
Martinez**

Manager Myrkle gave an update on his recent meeting with EGLE regarding the Briggs Dam project. Mr. Myrkle also reports that the M40 reconstruction project is being delayed until 2030. This delay will adversely affect the Kalamazoo Street water main replacement project the Village had planned. He distributed the proposed 2025-2026 Village budget, and asked Council members to review and bring any questions they may have to the Feb 10th Council meeting.

Manager Comments

Director Brandys reports that the Commercial Ave water main replacement project is on schedule.

**Staff Comments
Brandys**

Chief Rottman mentioned that he has secured a new health insurance plan for the Police Department, this will result in savings for the Village. Chief Rottman met with the Police Department's attorney regarding Ordinance Enforcement.

Rottman

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Motion by McQueen with support by Martinez to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:31PM.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Edward Hellwege
Assistant Village Manager

Roman Plaszczak
Village President