

Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council  
**Regular Meeting, November 27, 2023**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, November 27, 2023, convened at 7:51p.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, Department of Public Services Director Tim Brandys and Interim Chief of Police Lt. Eric Rottman.

**Members Present**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Martinez with support from Rohr to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 13, 2023 with corrections. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Craddock with support from Rohr to approve claims for Monday, November 27, 2023, in the amount of \$337,706.73. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Approval of Claims**

Jacob Diljak from the Van Buren Conservation District gave an update on the Paw Paw River Clean Up. Recycle Round Up will take place June 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm

**Audience Participation**

None.

**Council Member Comments**

Motion by Martinez with support from Craddock to approve Resolution 23-14 with amendments appointing the Village Manager or their designee as the Authorized Representative to MPPA. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Action Items:  
Resolution 23-14  
MPPA Authorized  
Representative**

Motion by Richardson with support from Rohr to award the proposal for Temetra Meter reading system in the amount not to exceed \$50,000. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Proposal for Temetra  
Meter Reading  
System**

Motion by Martinez with support from Richardson to indicate to MDOT the Village's preference to keep open one lane during the I-94 Bridge Construction. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**I-94 Bridge MDOT  
Response**

Motion Rohr with support from Craddock to confirm the hiring of Police Chief Eric Rottman. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Confirmation of  
Police Chief**

Village Manager Joseph and President Plaszcak assisted by Village Attorney Brad Fowler discussed a response to the Fire Board.

**Non-  
Action/Workshop  
Items: Fire Board  
Response Letter**

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No Report.	<b>Committee Meetings and Reports Parks and Rec</b>
DDA Board discussed the landscaping position and will investigate the option of hiring an outside firm in comparison to hiring additional staff	<b>DDA</b>
No Report.	<b>Economic Develop</b>
The Farmers Market Board had their last meeting of the year and will resume meeting in February.	<b>Farmers Market</b>
No Report.	<b>Fire Board</b>
The Historical Committee will next meet in January.	<b>Historical Committee</b>
The Housing Commission will next meet in January and will not be hosting a Christmas Dinner this year.	<b>Housing Commission</b>
No Report.	<b>Maple Lake Preservation</b>
No Report.	<b>Planning Commission</b>
No Report.	<b>Wellhead Protection</b>
No Report.	<b>Wine &amp; Harvest</b>
President Plaszcak reported the successful hiring of a new mechanic. Christmas in the Village is happening this weekend. Reminder to Council about the Special Meeting Thursday at 6pm to discuss the Village Manager search.	<b>Council Member Comments: Plaszcak</b>
President Pro-Tem Craddock discussed working with Trustees Rohr and Martinez on the Village Manager search. Trustees would like candidates to meet with department heads, tour the Village and likely have 2-3 rounds of interviews.	<b>Craddock</b>
Trustee Rohr reinforced the ideas of the committee for the Village Manager search.	<b>Rohr</b>
Trustee Martinez discussed the committee is contacting references and searching social media and news articles. Martinez also brought up the recent loosening of education requirements for state jobs and the Village should consider a similar approach.	<b>Martinez</b>
Trustee Richardson reported he will not be able to be present for the special meeting on Thursday and also discussed the large community support for the family and friends of India Diebler-Love after her recent passing.	<b>Richardson</b>

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Manager Joseph thanked the Council for the opportunity to work for the Village and wishes the Council, staff and community the best moving forward.

**Manager Comments**

Director Brandys stated leaf pick up is ongoing dependent on weather, he will complete the ordering of the metering equipment and thanked the Council for their support. Staff is ready for the upcoming festivities for Christmas in the Village.

**Staff Comments**  
**Brandys**

Lt. Rottman reported hiring has been tough but he has been diligent in finding opportunities. Rottman updated the Council on general activities and personnel shortages due to resignation and injury.

**Rottman**

Motion by Craddock with support by Martinez to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:07p.m.

**Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted:

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Karla Tacy  
Village Clerk

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Roman Plaszczak  
Village President