

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, February 10, 2025**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, February 10, 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, Trustees Steve Richardson, Holly Hamilton, Nicolas Martinez, David McQueen and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Bryan Myrkle, Assistant Manager Ed Hellwege, Village Clerk Karla Tacy, Director of Public Services Tim Brandys and Chief of Police Eric Rottman.

Members Present

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Rohr with support from McQueen to approve the meeting minutes of January 27, 2025. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Rohr with support from McQueen to approve claims for Monday, February 10, 2025, in the amount of \$1,113,026.32. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Claims

None

**Audience
Participation**

None

**Council Member
Comments:**

Recently re-elected Van Buren County Commission Chair, Randall Peat, gave Council updates on several projects the County has been working on over the past year. The County has begun a county wide broadband initiative to provide every household access to high-speed internet. Another large undertaking the County is involved in is the recommissioning of the Palisades Nuclear Plant in Covert.

**Speaker: Randall
Peat, Van Buren
County
Commissioner**

Motion by Richardson with support from Hamilton to approve American Gold Star Mothers' requested to hold a Military Suicide Awareness Walk-A-Thon in Village on Saturday, May 18th. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Action Items:
Military Suicide
Awareness Walk-A-
Thon**

The Wine & Harvest Board along with Village staff have reversed their previous decision to utilize Paw Paw Street as the location for the festival entertainment tent.

**2025 W&H Festival
Tent Location**

Motion by Martinez with support from Richardson to authorize the replacement of the water main on S Kalamazoo Street from St. Joseph to Fadel, for the amount of \$250,343.25 with an additional 10% buffer. Roll call vote; Martinez, Rohr, McQueen, Plaszcak, Craddock, Hamilton and Richardson voting yes, motion carried

**Kalamazoo St Water
Main Replacement**

Manager Myrkle presented to Council the proposed 2025-2026 fiscal year budget.

Budget Presentation

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Motion by Rohr with support from Hamilton to set a public hearing to accept comments on the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Proposed Budget, on February 24, 2025, at 7pm at the Paw Paw District Library. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Schedule Budget
Public Hearing**

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to enter into closed session pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act Section 8 (c), for strategy and negotiation sessions of a collective bargaining agreement at 8:35 pm. Roll call vote; Richardson, Hamilton, Craddock, Plaszczak, McQueen, Rohr and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**(Closed Session)
Collective Bargaining
Agreement
Negotiations**

Motion by Martinez with support from Craddock to exit the closed session at 8:50 pm. Roll call vote; Richardson, Hamilton, Craddock, Plaszczak, McQueen, Rohr and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martinez with support from Rohr to accept the 3/1/25-2/28/2029 POAM Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented, with the clarification of Longevity Pay being paid out on the employee's anniversary date. Roll call vote; Martinez, Rohr, McQueen, Plaszczak, Craddock, Hamilton and Richardson voting yes, motion carried

**POAM Collective
Bargaining
Agreement**

No Report.

**Committee Meetings
Parks and Rec**

The DDA Board approved façade grants to Taylors Florist, 120 Taphouse, Strand Theater and the owners of 109 N Gremps St.

DDA

No Report.

**Economic &
Residential
Opportunity**

No Report.

Farmers Market

No Report

Fire Board

No Report

**Historical
Commission**

No Report

Housing Commission

No Report

**Maple Lake
Preservation**

The Planning Commission approved the special land use request for a housing development on Old Lane Rd and an outdoor entertainment ordinance.

Planning Commission

No Report

Wine & Harvest

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Trustee Craddock would like to continue the discussion on transforming from a village to a city.

**Council Member
Comments:
Craddock**

Manager Myrkle reported that the payment drop-box in the rear parking lot was hit/burglarized and will be replaced. Myrkle applauded DPS Director Brandys' recent communications with St. Julian Winery regarding the Commercial Ave water main replacement. Staff has been in discussion with EGLE and Abonmarche regarding permitting for the Maple Island Bridge project.

Manager Comments

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

**Staff Comments
Brandys**

Chief Rottman reports that the last two recruits have one month of on the road training and then they will be on their own, this will allow the detective position to resume.

Rottman

Motion by Craddock with support by Martinez to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Tacy
Village Clerk

Roman Plaszczak
Village President