



Village of Paw Paw
Village Council Regular Meeting

February 23, 2026, 7 PM

Paw Paw District Library, Community Room
609 W. Michigan Ave, Paw Paw, MI 49079

Agenda

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call:** President Roman Plaszczak; President Pro-Tem Douglas Craddock; Trustees Holly Hamilton, Nicolas Martinez, David McQueen, Steve Richardson, and Donne Rohr.
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
- V. Approval of Minutes**
 - Regular meeting of February 9, 2026
- VI. Authorization to Pay Claims.** February 23, 2026 (Rohr, Craddock), March 9, 2026 (Hamilton, Richardson)
- VII. Audience Participation (Limited to 3 minutes per speaker)**
- VIII. Council Member Comments**
- IX. Public Hearings:** None
- X. Action Items –**
 - Appointment to DDA – Eric Cook
 - PA152 Opt Out Resolution
 - Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Amendments & Adoption of Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget
- XI. Workshop Items:**
 - Hawthorne Meadows update & discussion (Hazen St)
 - Special assessments for failing sewer services

XII. Committee Meetings and Reports (committees may have items to bring to the council) *Estimated 30 minutes for all with next meeting dates.*

- Area Parks & Rec. Board (McQueen): April 6 - **4:30 PM**
- Downtown Development Authority (Plaszczak): March 16 - **5:30 PM**
- Economic and Residential Opportunity (Plaszczak): *TBD*
- Farmers Market (Martinez): March 20 - **5 PM**
- Fire District Board (Craddock): March 3 - **7 PM**
- Historical Commission (Plaszczak): March 18 - **4 PM**
- Housing Commission (Rohr): March 18 - **3 PM**
- Maple Lake Preservation & Improvement (Plaszczak): March 17 - **4 p.m.**
- Planning Commission (Martinez): March 5 - **7 PM**
- Wine & Harvest Board (Craddock): March 4 - **6 PM**

XIII. Council Member Comments

XIV. Manager & Departmental Reports

XV. Tabled Items Expected to come back before the Village Council

- Short Term Rentals
- Sidewalk Vendor Regulation

XVI. Adjournment

Notice to Public Attendees

If you would like to speak to the Village Council, please make your statements during the Audience Participation Period. Public comments are limited to **3 minutes** per speaker. Please note that this is not a question-and-answer exchange. If you would like follow-up, provide your name and phone number/email on the sign-in sheet at the Clerk's table. The appropriate member of the Village Council or Village Staff will contact you.

Minutes

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, February 9, 2026**

Motion by Martinez with support from Craddock to close the public hearing at 7:47 pm. Roll call vote; Martinez, Rohr, McQueen, Plaszczak, Craddock, Hamilton and Richardson voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Craddock with support from McQueen to approve the site plan for Culver's Restaurant upon adherence to the nine conditions recommended by the Planning Commission. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martinez with support from Hamilton to approve American Gold Star Mothers' requested to hold a Military Suicide Awareness Walk-A-Thon in the Village on Sunday, May 17th. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from McQueen to table further discussion regarding amending the Parks & Recreation Ordinance. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Richardson to adopt Resolution 26-03 to Adjust Fees for Mobile Food Vendors Operating Within the Village. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to renew MML Liability & Property Insurance coverage for 2026-2027. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

The Parks & Rec Board would like to utilize social media to promote the upcoming park's millage renewal.

None.

None.

None.

None.

None.

None.

Maple Lake Preservation Committee will be canceling their February meeting.

The Planning Commission approved Culver's site plan and reviewed the draft plan from Warner Vineyards.

**Action Items:
Culver's Site Plan**

**Military Suicide
Awareness Walk-A-Thon**

**Parks & Rec Ordinance
Amendment**

**Resolution-Mobile Food
Vendor Fee**

**MML Liability &
Property Insurance
Renewal**

**Committee Meetings
Parks and Rec**

DDA

**Economic & Residential
Opportunity**

Farmers Market

Fire Board

Historical Commission

Housing Commission

**Maple Lake
Preservation**

Planning Commission

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, February 9, 2026**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, February 9, 2026, convened at 7:00p.m. at the Paw Paw District Library, Community Room. President Plaszczyk presiding.

Meeting Convened

Present: President Roman Plaszczyk, Pro Tem Douglas Craddock, Trustees Steve Richardson, Holly Hamilton, Nicolas Martinez, David McQueen and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Bryan Myrkle, Village Clerk Karla Tacy, Director of Public Services Tim Brandys and Police Chief Eric Rottman.

Members Present

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez 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 January 26, 2026. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Hamilton with support from McQueen to approve claims for Monday, February 9, 2026, in the amount of \$869,271.06. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Claims

None.

Audience Participation

None.

**Council Member
Comments:**

Motion by Rohr with support from McQueen to enter into a public hearing regarding the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget at 7:05 PM. Roll call vote; Richardson, Hamilton, Craddock, Plaszczyk, McQueen, Rohr and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**Public Hearing: FY
2026-27 Budget**

Michael McCarthy inquired as to whether there is an option for the Village to sell the electric system to MEC or AEP.

Trustee Rohr appreciates staff's hard work drafting the budget.

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to close the public hearing at 7:45 pm. Roll call vote; Richardson, Hamilton, Craddock, Plaszczyk, McQueen, Rohr and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from McQueen to enter into a public hearing regarding an amendment to the Parks & Recreation Ordinance at 7:46 PM. Roll call vote; Martinez, Rohr, McQueen, Plaszczyk, Craddock, Hamilton and Richardson voting yes, motion carried.

**Public Hearing: Parks &
Rec Ordinance
Amendment**

No public comment was received.

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
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None.

Wine & Harvest

Trustee Martinez thanked Trustee Hamilton for stepping in to do claims when needed.

**Council Member
Comments
Martinez**

Trustee Craddock inquired as to when the Economic and Residential Opportunity was going to meet next.

Craddock

Trustee Hamilton believes the Village needs to stay transparent and communicate with residents.

Hamilton

Manager Myrkle reports that as an energy providers, the Village must comply with State Law PA235 regarding renewal energy credits.

Manager Comments

Police Chief Rottman reported that he recently attended the Michigan Chiefs Conference. He noted the Village has significant money over the past year by allowing the PD employees to switch to The Pool health insurance.

**Staff Comments
Rottman**

Motion by Craddock with support by McQueen to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Tacy
Village Clerk

Roman Plaszczak
Village President

DDA Appointment

Eric Cook

Village of Paw Paw MICHIGAN

Memorandum

To: Village Council
From: Bryan Myrkle, Village Manager
Re: DDA Appointment – Eric Cook
Date: February 20, 2026

Background

The Downtown Development Authority Board voted unanimously at its meeting on Monday, February 16 to recommend the appointment of Eric Cook to the DDA Board. Village President Roman Plasczack has accepted the recommendation and is presenting the appointment to the Village Council for confirmation.

As most of you probably know, Mr. Cook is the owner of several downtown businesses, including The Strand movie theater, 120 Taphouse & Bistro, and Ruby's Sandwich Shop.

Recommendation

Confirm the appointment of Eric Cook to the DDA Board.

**PA 152 Opt Out
Resolution**

**VILLAGE OF PAW PAW
COUNTY OF VAN BUREN
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

RESOLUTION NO. 26-05

**A RESOLUTION ELECTING TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PUBLIC
ACT 152 OF 2011 BY EXERCISING THE VILLAGE'S RIGHT TO EXEMPT ITSELF
FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACT**

At a regular meeting of the Village Council for the Village of Paw Paw, Michigan, held at the Paw Paw District Library on the 23rd day of February 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following Resolution was offered by____and supported by_____.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2011 the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, Act No. 152 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2011 ("Act 152"), became effective in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Act 152 establishes standards and a process with respect to medical benefit plans offered by public employers; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Paw Paw has recognized, in its role as steward for the public funds entrusted to it, that it must efficiently manage those limited resources; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Paw Paw constantly engages in a review of expenditures in order to maximize the value it receives for goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village of Paw Paw believes that, as the elected representatives for the Village and answerable directly to the Village's voters, it is best positioned to determine what benefits (including medical benefits) ought to be offered in order to attract and retain the best qualified Village employees at the lowest overall costs; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village of Paw Paw further believes that compensation determinations for Village employees are most properly the responsibility of the Village's elected representatives, and not the State of Michigan or its officials; and

WHEREAS, to express its support for home rule government and to recognize that it is the Village Council's duty to manage Village affairs in order to be most responsive to Village voters, taxpayers and residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Pursuant to Section 8 of Act 152, the Village of Paw Paw hereby exempts itself from the requirements of Act 152 for the 2025 Plan Year and;

YEAS:
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

VILLAGE OF PAW PAW

CERTIFICATION

I, Karla Tacy, the duly appointed Clerk of the Village of Paw Paw, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Village of Paw Paw at a regular meeting held February 23, 2026, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, the minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

VILLAGE OF PAW PAW

BY: _____
Karla Tacy, Village Clerk

**Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget
Amendments & Adoption of
Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget**

Village of Paw Paw, Van Buren County

Resolution 26-04

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AND
ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027, BEGINNING
MARCH 1, 2026.**

At a regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Paw Paw held in the Community room at the Paw Paw Community Library, 609 West Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan, on the 23rd of February, 2026.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember_____ and supported by Councilmember_____

WHEREAS, the Village of Paw Paw is required to operate on an adopted balanced budget; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal year for the Village of Paw Paw begins on March 1st of each year; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council held a hearing, duly noticed and published, on February 9, 2026, during which public comment regarding the budget could be considered; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Paw Paw is required to adopt a budget for each fiscal year prior to the commencement of that fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Council of the Village of Paw Paw hereby amends the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget; authorizes specified transfers between funds, and adopts the budget of all revenues and expenditures for all funds for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, which begins on March 1, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Council adopts and acknowledges the following information regarding the budget:

Amended Budget Fiscal Year 2025-2026

SECTION 1: The 2025-2026 Fiscal Year budget ending February 28, 2026 shall be amended to reflect the following Fund amendments: *(Note: Amendments are required where Revenues are expected to be less than originally budgeted and where Expenses are expected to be more than budgeted. Only those categories which require-amending are further explained below.)*

	Original Budget		Amended Budget	
	Revenue	Expenses	Revenue	Expenses
General Fund (101)	\$2,340,522.00	\$2,335,140.00	\$2,385,885.00	\$2,340,959.00
Major Streets (202)	\$384,908.00	\$664,590.00	\$410,593.00	\$349,138.00
Local Streets (203)	\$664,864.00	\$664,590.00	\$704,518.00	\$287,722.00
Muni Streets (204)	\$488,406.00	\$764,059.00	\$496,031.00	\$733,599.00
Parks (208)	\$145,160.00	\$126,618.00	\$145,160.00	\$109,722.00
Natural Resources (230)	\$1,875,000.00	\$3,766,384.00	\$870,075.00	\$3,156,672.00
DDA (248)	\$337,700.00	\$362,094.00	\$367,800.00	\$287,113.00
Wine & Harvest (296)	\$155,150.00	\$132,132.00	\$160,208.00	\$150,687.00
Police Millage (301)	\$288,000.00	\$288,000.00	\$314,000.00	\$313,144.00
Electric (582)	\$5,599,500.00	\$6,800,354.00	\$6,148,286.00	\$6,787,653.00
Waste Water (590)	\$1,283,800.00	\$1,163,150.00	\$1,806,202.00	\$1,518,417.00
Water (591)	\$4,229,100.00	\$4,168,705.00	\$3,613,776.00	\$2,019,919.00
Motor Pool (661)	\$437,500.00	\$312,866.00	\$366,935.00	\$301,505.00
Totals	\$ 18,229,610	\$ 21,548,682	\$17,789,469.00	\$18,356,250.00

An explanation of the changes follows:

Local Streets – Fewer local street reconstruction projects accomplished than anticipated
Natural Resources- Remainder of grant for Briggs Dam replacement funding to be received next fiscal year.

Electric Fund- Increased revenue from earned interest.

Wastewater Fund – Received funds for state revolving loan funds for wastewater treatment plant project. Completed wastewater treatment plant project.

Water Fund – Water main replacement project underway with bond matching revenue. reduced expense due to postponement of MDOT M40 project.

For all funds in Fiscal Year 2025-2026, total revenues were budgeted at \$18,229,610. Actual revenues are expected to total \$17,789,469.00. Expenses were budgeted at \$21,548,682.00. Actual expenses are projected to total \$18,356,250.

Operating Budget Fiscal Year 2026-2027

SECTION 1: The proposed 2026-2027 FY budget is based upon an anticipated levy of 10.6809 mills for general operations and 4.2719 for road maintenance and construction, 1.4792 mills for parks and 3 mills for public safety; and

SECTION 2: The proposed 2026-2027 FY budget proposes no tax increases; and

SECTION 3: All claims against the Village of Paw Paw shall be approved by the Village Council prior to being paid, excepting claims which are due prior to the next available date for Council approval, and excepting claims for which early payment will allow the Village to receive a discount, provided that a list of all claims paid under these provisions be provided to the Village Council at the first Council meeting following payment; and

SECTION 4: the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year budget for the period March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027 shall be adopted to reflect the following for categories (functions) of the Village's General Fund revenues and expenditures:

Revenue: \$2,717,020

Expenses: \$2,544,070

SECTION 5: the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year budget for the period March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027 shall be adopted to reflect the following for all the other Village Funds revenues and expenditures, including transfers to other funds:

	Original Budget	
	Revenue	Expenses
General Fund (101)	\$ 2,717,020	\$ 2,544,070
Major Streets (202)	\$ 390,700	\$ 863,285
Local Streets (203)	\$ 781,250	\$ 919,285
Muni Streets (204)	\$ 467,800	\$ 854,283
Parks (208)	\$ 155,600	\$ 117,031
Natural Resources (230)	\$ 1,051,031	\$ 795,193
DDA (248)	\$ 368,200	\$ 331,450
Wine & Harvest (296)	\$ 143,250	\$ 138,832
Police Millage (301)	\$ 284,000	\$ 284,000
Electric (582)	\$ 5,839,600	\$ 7,100,436
Waste Water (590)	\$ 1,427,000	\$ 1,438,943
Water (591)	\$ 1,851,350	\$ 1,869,923
Motor Pool (661)	\$ 349,000	\$ 501,671
Totals	\$ 15,825,801	\$ 17,758,402

SECTION 6: The budget included in the previous section includes authorization of the following transfers between funds:

Electric Fund to Natural Resources fund \$46,031 toward lake and dam improvements
Municipal Streets Fund to Local Streets Fund \$600,000 for street projects

Motion by _____ with support from _____ to adopt the resolution.

ROLL CALL:

AYES:

NAYS:

Resolution declared **adopted** this 23rd day of February 2026.

CERTIFICATION

I, Karla Tacy, the duly appointed Clerk of the Village of Paw, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a Resolution, passed by the Paw Paw Village Council, on the 23rd day of February 2026, the original of which is on file at the Paw Paw Village Hall.

Karla Tacy, Clerk
Village of Paw Paw

Hawthorne Meadows Update & Discussion

Village of Paw Paw MICHIGAN

Memorandum

To: Village Council
From: Bryan Myrkle, Village Manager
Re: Hawthorne Meadows streets & utilities discussion (Hazen St. Development)
Date: February 20, 2026

Background

As Village Council members know, the Hawthorne Meadows housing development project was approved with the understanding that the internal streets and utilities would be privately constructed and privately owned. The Village Council also supported a Brownfield Redevelopment Plan that captures property tax dollars and pays them to the developer as an incentive for the project. The project is approved as a Planned Unit Development.

After the PUD was approved, the developer approached the Village about taking ownership of the streets, utilities and funding the construction of the electrical infrastructure. This delayed the approval process, because it results in the Village taking responsibility for the maintenance of these streets and utilities without the support of tax revenue to finance them.

The developer has also requested that the Village fund the construction of the electrical utilities.

While the timing of these requests is unfortunate, there is still time to act on them.

Streets, water & sewer

I recommended that the Van Buren County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board delay its final approval of the Brownfield incentive, so that we can renegotiate with the developer. In working with the County's Brownfield consultant, Dave Stegink of Fishbeck, to restructure the

Brownfield development and reimbursement plan to better compensate the Village for the streets and underground utilities.

The current iteration of the plan has the Village eventually receiving \$385,000 for the expenses associated with the reconstruction and maintenance of the 'County Road' that runs east and west between Hazen Street and the Paw Public School's service drive. It is the only compensation for the Village in the current plan.

We are proposing that the plan be restructured to provide \$400,000 for the reconstruction of this street, to be paid in 4 annual payments of \$100,000 at the beginning of the plan. Furthermore, that the Village be paid \$20,000 each year for the life of the Brownfield plan to fund activities associated with street and utility maintenance, such as snow plowing, pothole filling, etc.

Based on our calculations, this appears to be reasonable compensation for making these streets and utilities a public responsibility.

Electrical

Whether to participate in funding the electrical infrastructure for all or a portion of this development is a separate question and is not addressed in the Brownfield Plan.

Standards for this vary widely among electrical providers, but in general, providers do not pay the full up-front cost of installation. In most cases, of course, electricity comes from a large utility, and the calculation might be somewhat different when electricity is provided by a local municipality which has additional interest in seeing a new housing development built.

There is also a greater interest in helping fund electrical infrastructure for residential development over commercial development. In simplest terms, one can predict that a house will exist and be a local electrical customer for 50-100 years. The same cannot be said for businesses which tend to come and go on much shorter timeframes.

Rather than funding the upfront cost, electrical providers will generally structure financial assistance in the form of rebates over time as new meters are installed and services connected. This can take the form of a percentage rebate. For example, if the cost of the electrical service for this development is estimated at \$400,000 and there are 118 residential units proposed, that works out to approximately \$3,400 per unit. The Village might choose to rebate a percentage of that cost to

the developer for each unit constructed and connected over the first 5 years of the project. Similar to the Brownfield Plan, these arrangements can also serve as an incentive to complete the project in a timely manner.

One of the concerns of the developers for this project is that the current cost of home construction, which is at an all time high, is working against the overall affordability of the homes proposed to be built. Any participation by the Village will help keep the prices of these homes competitive in the regional market.

I would also like to recommend that, if the Village decides to offer a rebate to this developer for the electrical expenses, that it adopt this as a policy of the Village so that future developments can be treated similarly.

Recommendation

- Consider whether a revised Brownfield Plan as outlined above is reasonable compensation for the Village to take ownership of the streets and water/sewer utilities.
- Consider whether and to what extent the Village is willing to participate in a rebate program to help the developer pay for the cost of electrical infrastructure.

Special Assessments for failing sewer services

Village of Paw Paw MICHIGAN

Memorandum

To: Village Council
From: Bryan Myrkle, Village Manager
Re: Special Assessments for failing sewer services
Date: February 20, 2026

Background

There are several known instances of failing sewer services at residential addresses in the Village. At least one of these is well known, as it attracted media attention in 2022 [See: A Stinky Nightmare: Paw Paw homeowner drowns in sewage, questions leaders as reported on WWMT Channel 3 news]. However, there are at least two other, similar and ongoing problems at other locations.

The problems related to older sewer laterals, often made of clay tile or deteriorating cast iron, that have collapsed and need to be completely replaced and reconnected in order to function properly. If not repaired, the home is at serious risk of becoming uninhabitable.

What makes this an especially tricky problem is that these sewer connections are a homeowner responsibility and, in some cases, due to the location of the connection to the sewer main, extremely expensive. In the specific case mentioned above, because the connection to the main is under M-40, a state highway, the cost to divert traffic, dig into the street, make the connection and restore the highway surface far surpasses the actual cost of the sewer lateral replacement. The last estimate I heard from that project was \$40,000 and that was several years old.

Obviously, this kind of expense can be an enormous burden for the homeowner and possibly completely out of reach. I have been looking for a solution to this issue, because due to the age of our housing stock and the proximity to one another for some of these problems, I am concerned that this could be a larger problem that will begin to plague other homeowners. We do not want a

situation where more and more homes in certain neighborhoods become uninhabitable with no options for repair in sight.

I propose that the Village of Paw Paw make available to these homeowners the possibility of a solution, whereby the Village will facilitate and fund the repair, then obtain reimbursement for the expense through a special assessment (additional property tax) attached to the property. This would allow the current and future homeowners to pay for the repairs over time (up to 20 years). There is very little risk to the Village, as repayment would essentially be guaranteed through the tax collection process, even if the property is sold to a new owner.

I do not know if this mechanism would bring the repairs within the reach of the individual homeowners affected by this problem, and I wanted to get feedback from the Village Council before spending much more time working on it. I have confirmed with Village Attorney Brad Fowler that this mechanism is available to us.

Setting up a Special Assessment is a relatively extensive process with a few 'hoops to jump through,' however after it has been done once, many of the same documents can be reused as templates for the next. It is also the case that no other solutions have been identified to help these homeowners.

Recommendation

Consider allowing the Village to assist affected homeowners by facilitating sewer repairs through the Special Assessment process.

Updates & Reports

Village of Paw Paw MICHIGAN

Memorandum

To: Village Council
From: Bryan Myrkle, Village Manager
Re: Village Manager's Report for February 23, 2026
Date: February 20, 2026

Updates & Reports

- **Briggs Dam Replacement** – The relatively mild weather we have experienced over the past couple of weeks has allowed contractors to make significant progress on the Briggs Dam project. Most of the concrete work is completed, and soil backfilling and compaction is in progress. We expect the bridge will be installed very soon. Within the next couple of weeks, we also expect the cofferdam structure to be removed and water to start flowing over the new spillway. As this will be relatively historic occurrence, we will try to make sure you all are made aware of the timing so that you can be there if you'd like to see this. I assume there may also be some public interest in this, so I will work with project principals to determine whether it might be safe to make a public announcement and let people watch from the bridge (for example). It will be important to make sure the public does not have access to the active work site, however.
- **Old Lane Road condos** – As you know the condo project on Old Lane Road has been stalled while a dispute between the developer and EGLE is being worked out. A letter from our State Senator and Representative, also signed by County and Village officials has been sent to EGLE supporting the local developer and urging a quick resolution to the matter.
- **Elm Street** – The two sections of the planned Elm Street reconstruction project are now out to bid. You should have the bid award in front of you for March approval.

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- **Administrative Assistant** – The Village’s new administrative assistant trainee from the AARP program has started and is using the work space adjacent to the Village Hall Conference Room where Ed Hellwege used to be. She will be working a week at a time, alternating weeks. If you get a chance to introduce yourself next time you visit Village Hall, please do so. Her name is Susan Rankin.
 - **Frontier Communications** – As contractors working for Frontier Communications continue installing fiberoptic cable throughout the Village, we have identified several instances where they have bored through underground utilities causing problems for a number of local homeowners. We suspended the permit issued for this work until we could have a meeting with responsible parties at Frontier to address the issues, create a plan for limiting their occurrence moving forward and providing resources to residents who might be affected.