

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

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, March 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 (excused), 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 Rohr with support from Craddock 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 meeting minutes of February 24, 2025. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Martinez with support from Rohr to approve claims for Monday, March 10, 2025, in the amount of \$526,791.62. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Gabe Guimond gave an update on the Park Vending Machine Agreement.

**Audience
Participation**

Trustee Martinez notes he recently received a certificate for completion of a Farmers Market Manager Program in Alpena.

**Council Member
Comments:
Martinez**

Motion by Rohr with support from McQueen to enter into a public hearing regarding the proposed Heritage Woods Condominium PUD at 7:08 PM. Roll call vote; Hamilton, Craddock, Plaszcak, McQueen, Rohr and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**Public Hearings:
Heritage Woods
Condominiums PUD**

No public comment was received.

Motion by Rohr with support from McQueen to close the public hearing at 7:11 pm. Roll call vote; Hamilton, Craddock, Plaszcak, McQueen, Rohr and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martinez with support from Rohr to enter into a public hearing regarding the creation of a Commercial Rehabilitation District at 854 S Kalamazoo St. at 7:12PM. Roll call vote; Hamilton, Craddock, Plaszcak, McQueen, Rohr and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**854 S Kalamazoo St.
Commercial Rehab
District**

No public comment was received.

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Motion by Martinez with support from Hamilton to close the public hearing at 7:14 pm. Roll call vote; Hamilton, Craddock, Plaszcak, McQueen, Rohr and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to enter into a public hearing to receive comments on a proposed Noxious Weed Ordinance at 7:15pm. Roll call vote; Martinez, Rohr, McQueen, Plaszcak, Craddock and Hamilton voting yes, motion carried.

**Noxious Weeds
Ordinance**

No public comment was received.

Motion by Rohr with support from Hamilton to close the public hearing at 7:16 pm. Roll call vote; Martinez, Rohr, McQueen, Plaszcak, Craddock and Hamilton voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Hamilton with support from Martinez to enter into a public hearing to receive comments on a proposed Blight Ordinance at 7:16pm. Roll call vote; Martinez, Rohr, McQueen, Plaszcak, Craddock and Hamilton voting yes, motion carried.

Blight Ordinance

No public comment was received.

Motion by Rohr with support from Hamilton to close the public hearing at 7:18 pm. Roll call vote; Martinez, Rohr, McQueen, Plaszcak, Craddock and Hamilton voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martinez with support from Rohr to approve the Special Land Use Request for the Heritage Woods Condominium PUD with conditions set by the Planning Commission. Roll call vote; Hamilton, Craddock, Plaszcak, McQueen, Rohr and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**Action Items:
Heritage Woods
Condominium PUD**

Motion by Craddock with support from Hamilton to accept Resolution 2025-3 Establishing a Commercial Rehabilitation District at 854 S Kalamazoo St. for PEK Investment LLC. Roll call vote; Martinez, Rohr, McQueen, Plaszcak, Craddock and Hamilton voting yes, motion carried.

**Commercial Rehab
District**

Motion by Rohr with support from Hamilton to accept the Noxious Weed Ordinance as presented. Roll call vote; Martinez, Rohr, McQueen, Plaszcak, Craddock and Hamilton voting yes, motion carried.

**Noxious Weed
Ordinance**

It was the consensus of Council to discuss some of the wording of the proposed Blight Ordinance with the Village Attorney, before voting on the implementation.

Blight Ordinance

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Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve the DWSRF pay request No. 18 for Lounsbury Excavating in the amount of \$212,511.90. Roll call vote; Hamilton, Craddock, Plaszczak, McQueen, Rohr and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**DWSRF Pay Request
#18**

Motion by Martinez with support from Craddock to approve the drafting of a letter of support for the Van Buren Conservation District's application for The NextCyle Michigan Accelerator Track Program. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Van Buren
Conservation
District Letter of
Support**

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to approve the IT Services Agreement between Van Buren County and the Paw Paw Police Department. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Police Dept- Van
Buren County IT
Services Contract**

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to accept the new language proposed by SolAmerica and authorize execution of the amended Power Purchase Agreement. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Amendment-
SolAmerica Power
Purchase Agreement**

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to Opt-In to the PA 95 Low Income Energy Assistance Fund (LIEAF). Roll call vote; Hamilton, Plaszczak, McQueen, Rohr and Martinez voting yes, Craddock voting no, motion carried.

**Opt-In or Out of PA
95 Low Income
Energy Assistance
Fund**

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to approve the Paw Paw Days event and associated road closures on Saturday, July 26th from 5:30 am until 6pm. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Paw Paw Days

Motion by Martinez with support from McQueen to adopt the proposed Outdoor Entertainment Venue amendment to the Paw Paw Zoning Ordinance, with changes. Roll call vote; Hamilton, Craddock, Plaszczak, McQueen, Rohr and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**Outdoor
Entertainment
Venue Ordinance**

None

Non-Action Items

The Parks and Rec Committee discussed updating the 5-year plan and reviewed possible grant opportunities.

**Committee Meetings
Parks and Rec**

No Report.

DDA

No Report.

**Economic &
Residential
Opportunity**

No Report.

Farmers Market

The Fire Board held their annual Ethan Quillen Memorial Mustache Contest.

Fire Board

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No Report.

**Historical
Commission**

No Report.

Housing Commission

The next Maple Lake Preservation Committee will be held, April 22, at 4pm at Village Hall.

**Maple Lake
Preservation**

No Report

**Planning
Commission**

No Report

Wine & Harvest

President Plaszczak would like to see a memo in the utility bills regarding the PA 95 Opt-in.

**Council Member
Comments:
Plaszczak**

Trustee Martinez reminded Council that the Planning Commission is still interested in hold a joint meeting.

Martinez

Trustee Craddock inquired as to whether the Village would be willing to donate road salt for the Fire Department's parking lot.

Craddock

Manager Myrkle reports McKenna has begun work on updating the Village's master plan.

Manager Comments

Director Brandys reports that DLZ is lining the storm drains on Lake Blvd.

**Staff Comments
Brandys**

Chief Rottman reports that due to lack of funding, the hiring of an SRO for the elementary school is on hold.

Rottman

Motion by Craddock with support by McQueen to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Tacy
Village Clerk

Roman Plaszczak
Village President