

Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, March 13, 2023

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, March 13, 2023, convened at 7:00p.m. at the Paw Paw District Library, Community Room. President Plaszcak presiding.

Meeting Convened

Present: President Plaszcak and President Pro-tem Douglas Craddock and Trustees Steve Richardson, Nicolas Martinez, Donne Rohr. Trustees Jarvis and Nottingham absences were excused. Also present: Village Manager Will Joseph, Department of Public Services Interim Director Tim Brandys and Chief of Police Eric Marshall.

Members Present

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve the agenda as presented with an additional action item after Wastewater Rates and before Closed Session to Discuss Union Negotiation Strategy. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 27, 2023 with corrections (1) Add language indicating absences by Trustee Rohr and Jarvis were excused (2) Add that Resolution 23-02 was the P.A. 152 exemption. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to approve claims for Monday March 13, 2023, in the amount of \$761,907.89. All members voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Van Buren County Sheriff Abbot discussed crime statistics from the last year.

Audience Participation

No Presentations or guests.

Presentations and Guests:

No Public Hearings.

Public Hearings:

President Plaszcak and Village Manager William Joseph led a discussion about a report from Barr Engineering. Peter Hinck from Barr Engineering was present. Consensus from Council was to review the previous dam design proposals.

Action Items: Briggs Pond Dam Next Steps

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve bid from West Shore Inc. to install siren control at the Paw Paw Fire Station for an amount not to exceed amount \$13,981.78. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Bid for Siren System

Motion by Martinez with support from Richardson to approve use of public spaces for the 2023 Crop Walk.

Crop Walk

Motion by Craddock with support from Richardson to approve water rate increases for fiscal years 2024-2026 by 7.06% each year as demonstrated below:

Water Rates

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Monthly Water Supply Ready-to-Serve Charges by Meter Size (7.6% increase per year)

Meter Size	FY 2023 (Current rates)	FY 2024 Approved	FY 2025 Approved	FY 2026 Approved
5/8"	\$18.21	\$19.59	\$21.08	\$22.69
¾"	\$18.21	\$19.59	\$21.08	\$22.69
1"	\$29.97	\$32.25	\$34.70	\$37.34
1 1/2"	\$63.55	\$68.38	\$73.58	\$79.17
2"	\$110.58	\$118.98	\$128.03	\$137.76
3"	\$244.93	\$263.54	\$283.57	\$305.13
4"	\$433.02	\$465.93	\$501.34	\$539.44
6"	\$970.43	\$1,044.18	\$1,123.54	\$1,208.93

Water Supply Commodity Charge per 1,000 Gallons (7.6% increase per year)

Year	Rate
2023 (Current)	\$3.38
2024	\$3.64
2025	\$3.91
2026	\$4.21

All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Craddock with support from Rohr to approve wastewater rate increases for fiscal years 2024-2026 by 9.93% per year as demonstrated below:

Wastewater Rates

Sewer Ready-to-Serve Charges by Meter Size (9.93% increase per year)

Meter Size	2023 (Current Rates)	FY 2024 Approved	FY 2025 Approved	FY 2026 Approved
5/8"	\$10.12	\$11.12	\$12.23	\$13.44
¾"	\$10.12	\$11.12	\$12.23	\$13.44
1"	\$16.66	\$18.31	\$20.13	\$22.13
1 ½"	\$35.32	\$38.83	\$42.68	\$46.92
2"	\$61.46	\$67.56	\$74.27	\$81.65
3"	\$136.14	\$149.66	\$164.52	180.86
4"	\$240.68	\$264.58	\$290.85	\$319.73
6"	\$413.48	\$454.54	\$499.67	\$549.29
Twp. Lift	\$784.34	\$862.22	\$947.84	\$1,041.96
MHP	\$469.70	\$516.34	\$567.61	\$623.98

Sewer System Commodity Charge per 1,000 gallons (9.93% increase per year)

Year	Rates
2023 (Current)	\$3.64
2024	\$4.00
2025	\$4.40
2026	\$4.84

All members voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve the proposal from Williams and Works to provide planning consulting services to the Village once the contract is finalized and approved by legal counsel and staff.

**Williams and Works
Planning Consulting
Proposal**

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Motion by Craddock with support from Rohr to enter closed session to discuss strategy and negotiation connected with a collective bargaining agreement. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting in the affirmative at 8:45pm, motion carried.

Closed Session

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez at 9:23pm to exit closed session. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting in the affirmative, motion carried.

President Plaszczak and Village Manager William Joseph led a discussion on future budget priorities.

Non-Action/Workshop Items: Budget Discussion

Board discussed bathroom improvements and Maple Island Bridge at the last meeting.

Committee Meetings and Reports:

No Report.

Parks and Rec

No Report.

DDA

Board meeting on Wednesday, there is a concern about the ordinance and how it regulates membership.

Economic Develop

Craddock praised Chief DeGroff's leadership and announced mustache competition in honor of Lt. Ethan Quillen.

Farmers Market

Progress being made on historical tour at Prospect Hill Cemetery, group is looking for volunteer actors.

Fire Board

No Report.

Historical Committee

No Report.

Housing Commission

Working on update of the Master Plan.

Maple Lake Preservation

No Report.

Planning Commission

No Report.

Wellhead Protection

No Council Member Comments.

Wine & Harvest

No Comments from Village Manager.

Council Comments:

No Staff Comments.

Manager Comments:

Staff Comments:

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Motion by Craddock with support by Martinez to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:07p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

William Joseph
As Acting Scribe

Roman Plaszczak
Village President