

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, March 23, 2026**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, March 23, 2026, 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 (excused), Trustees Steve Richardson, Holly Hamilton, Nicolas Martinez, David McQueen and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Bryan Myrkle 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 Hamilton to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 9, 2026. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Richardson with support from Hamilton to approve claims for Monday, March 23, 2026, in the amount of \$908,913.74. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Claims

None.

Audience Participation

None.

**Council Member
Comments:**

Motion by Rohr with support from Richardson to enter into a public hearing to receive public comment regarding amendments to the Heritage Woods PUD at 7:10 PM. Roll call vote; Richardson, Hamilton, Plaszcak, McQueen, Rohr and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**Public Hearing:
Heritage Woods PUD
Amendment**

Developer Greg Watts clarified reducing the number of units from 38 to 37.

Rena Noeldner voiced her concern regarding the amount of fill dirt brought to the site.

Trustee McQueen commented about checking on wetlands before starting development.

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to close the public hearing at 7:24 pm. Roll call vote; Richardson, Hamilton, Plaszcak, McQueen, Rohr and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**Action Items:
Heritage Woods PUD
Amendment**

Motion by Martinez with support from Rohr to approve the Heritage Woods PUD amendments, subjective to following the five conditions listed on Planner Anderson's March 17th report. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

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A decision regarding Warner Vineyards' parking request has been ~~tabled~~ **postponed**. Manager Myrkle will draft a parking agreement to present to Council.

**Warner Vineyards
Parking Request**

Motion by Rohr with support from McQueen for the Village to enter into an Addressing Services Agreement with Van Buren County. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**VBCO Addressing
Services Proposal**

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to adopt Resolution 26-07 authorizing application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for a Maple Lake Improvement Project. Roll call vote; Martinez, Rohr, McQueen, Plaszczak, Hamilton and Richardson voting yes, motion carried.

**Resolution 26-07
Amphitheater Park
MDNR Grant
Application**

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to award the Elm Street project bid to Lounsbury Excavating in the amount of \$534,021, contingent on the change order to the units. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Elm Street
Reconstruction Project
Bid Award**

Motion by Hamilton with support from Richardson to accept Fleis & Vandenbrink's proposal for construction engineering and management of the Elm Street Reconstruction project, for the amount of \$63,900. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Elm Street Project
Construction
Management Agreement
Fleis & Vandenbrink**

Motion by Rohr with support from McQueen to approve repairs to Lift Station #1, for an amount not to exceed \$145,987. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Lift Station #1 Repairs

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to approve replacement of a damaged light pole in front of Village Hall on East Michigan Ave, for the amount of \$20,666. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**East MI Ave Light Pole
Repair**

Motion by Rohr with support from McQueen to W.P. Roofing's quote of \$14,800 to repair the roof of the motor pool garage. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Motor Pool Garage Roof
Repair**

Motion by Rohr with support from McQueen to reappoint the Board and Committee members listed in the attachment with the addition of the Farmers Market Board, Maple Lake Committee and Historical Commission members. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**2026 Board &
Committee
Appointments**

None.

**Committee Meetings
Parks and Rec**

The DDA Board discussed painting the lettering on the Carnegie building, obtaining a FM radio transmitter and the downtown flowers.

DDA

None.

**Economic & Residential
Opportunity**

The Farmers Market Board discussed the upcoming season and a kickoff potluck. May 17th is the first day of market.

Farmers Market

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None.

Fire Board

The Historical Commission will be hosting the Prospect Hill Cemetery Tour again this year.

Historical Commission

Charles Black resigned as the Director of the Housing Commission.

Housing Commission

The March 17th Maple Lake Improvement Committee meeting was canceled.

**Maple Lake
Preservation**

None.

Planning Commission

None.

Wine & Harvest

Trustee Rohr noted that water was flowing over the new weir at Briggs Dam.

**Council Member
Comments
Rohr**

Trustee McQueen discussed the condition of the parking lot at Briggs Dam from the heavy construction vehicles.

McQueen

Manager Myrkle discussed his April contract renewal. He recently went over the lease agreement with Paw Paw Schools for the water wells located on school property.

Manager Comments

Police Chief Rottman reports that Office Manager Marler hopes to return from medical leave by the end of the month. He notes one of the department's officers is looking for an out-of-state position.

**Staff Comments
Rottman**

Motion by Craddock with support by McQueen to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Tacy
Village Clerk

Roman Plaszczak
Village President