

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, March 24, 2025**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, March 24, 2025, convened at 7:00p.m. at the Paw Paw District Library, Community Room. President Plaszczak presiding.

Meeting Convened

Present: President Roman Plaszczak, Pro Tem Douglas Craddock, Trustees Steve Richardson, Holly Hamilton (excused), 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 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 March 10, 2025. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Rohr with support from Richardson to approve the special meeting minutes of March 17, 2025. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Rohr with support from McQueen to approve claims for Monday, March 24, 2025, in the amount of \$665,802.66. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Contractors Adam Garland and Matt McDaid voiced their frustration with SafeBuilt's permitting process and extended time it takes to receive a permit.

**Audience
Participation**

Steve Iott questioned why the site plans for the Hazen St housing development submitted to the Planning Commission differ from what is being discussed tonight with Council.

Luke Butler inquired as to whether Council has reconsidered lowering utility reconnection fees for low-income residents. Mr. Butler questioned as to whom is paying for the decorative lighting along the rooftops downtown.

Trustee McQueen would like Council to discuss Mr. Butler's concerns.

**Council Member
Comments:
McQueen**

Trustee Craddock believes the rule allow residents 3 minutes to speak during Council meetings should be reenforced fairly to everyone.

Craddock

Motion by Martinez with support from Craddock to approve the final site plan for 854 S Kalamazoo upon adherence to the nine conditions recommended by the Planning Commission, with the change to condition #8 from providing a performance bond to providing money to be placed in an escrow account for the amount of the landscaping costs plus 25%. Roll call vote; Martinez, Rohr, McQueen, Plaszczak, Craddock and Richardson voting yes, motion carried.

**Action Items:
854 S Kalamazoo
Site Plan**

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Motion by Craddock with support from Martinez to accept Resolution 2025-4 approving the proposed Hazen Street Brownfield Redevelopment Plan. Roll call vote; Richardson, Craddock, Plaszczak, McQueen, Rohr and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**Hazen St Housing
Development
Brownfield Plan**

Motion by Rohr with support from McQueen to reappoint the Board and Committee members listed in the attachment with the addition of listing Varnum as a Village Attorney and a listing of the Farmers Market members at a later date. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Appointments to
Village Committees**

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to authorize the Village Manager to manage the change order agreement with Barr Engineering for Briggs Dam Detailed Engineering and Development, for an amount not to exceed \$64,100. All members voting yes, motion carried

**Barr Engineering
Professional Services**

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to accept the Planning Commission's annual report. All members voting yes, motion carried

**Planning
Commission Annual
Report**

Motion by Rohr with support of Craddock to approve the contract with Paw Paw Quick Response for emergency services for 2025 for \$6,000.

**Paw Paw Quick
Response**

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to accept the proposal for professional services from Fishbeck for the preliminary evaluation of groundwater conditions at the Department of Public Services garage. Roll call vote; Martinez, Rohr, McQueen, Plaszczak, Craddock and Richardson voting yes, motion carried.

**Fishbeck
Professional Services**

None

**Committee Meetings
Parks and Rec**

None

DDA

No Report.

**Economic &
Residential
Opportunity**

No Report.

Farmers Market

No Report.

Fire Board

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**

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No Report

**Planning
Commission**

No Report

Wine & Harvest

Trustee Martinez notes that the Farmers Market is still seeking applicants for the assistant manager position.

**Council Member
Comments:
Martinez**

Manager Myrkle reports that a representative from MML Risk Management recently conducted a facility tour at DPS.

Manager Comments

Director Brandys reported Doug Noble and Bob Harvey recently attended the Michigan Rural Water conference.

**Staff Comments
Brandys**

Chief Rottman announced that Lt. Carlsen has resumed his detective duties.

Rottman

Motion by Craddock with support by McQueen to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Tacy
Village Clerk

Roman Plaszczak
Village President