

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, March 25, 2024**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, March 25, 2024, convened at 7:00p.m. at the Paw Paw District Library, Community Room. President Plaszcak presiding.

Meeting Convened

Present: President Plaszcak, Pro Tem Douglas Craddock, Trustees Steve Richardson, Nadine Jarvis, Nicolas Martinez, David McQueen and Donne Rohr. Also present: Interim Village Manager Ed Hellwege, Clerk Tacy and Chief of Police Eric Rottman.

Members Present

Motion by Jarvis with support from Martinez to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Rohr with support from Richardson to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 11, 2024. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Craddock with support from Jarvis to approve claims for Monday, March 25, 2024, in the amount of \$429,963.41. All members voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Claims

None.

**Audience
Participation**

Trustee McQueen thanked Council for appointing him to the vacant seat.

**Council Member
Comments
McQueen**

This item had been approved at a previous meeting.

**Action Items:
MPPA Power
Purchase
Commitment
Authorization**

Motion by Craddock with support from Rohr to allow Interim Manager Hellwege to send a letter to Paw Paw Township regarding terminating our Sewer Maintenance Project with them, effective June 30, 2024. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Paw Paw Township
Sewer Agreement**

Motion by Craddock with support from Rohr to approve Van Buren County CROP Hunger Walk's request to hold their annual walk on April 28, 2024. All members voting yes, motion carried.

Crop Hunger Walk

Motion by Martinez with support from Rohr to approve moving the Village Parks millage from the winter tax bills to the summer tax bills. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Move Parks Millage
to Summer Tax
Capture**

Motion by Craddock with support from Jarvis to accept Kusmack Lawncare Inc's mowing bid for 2024-2026, for an amount of \$97,080.00 Roll call vote; Richardson, Rohr, Craddock, Plaszcak, McQueen, Jarvis, Martinez voting yes, motion carried. A decision on this topic has been tabled, pending clarifying information.

**Village 2024-2026
Mowing Bids**

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Discussion on EGLE's requested permit to enter property right of ways has been tabled until the next meeting.

Bryan Myrkle has accepted the terms of the offered employment contract. His start date is April 8, 2024.

Mr. Knotek is working on gathering the requested supporting documentation.

Staff is awaiting a response for more information from Abonmarche regarding the recent invoice for additional charges for the Streetscape Project.

No Report.

The DDA awarded a façade grant to Golden Realty at 107 S LaGrave.

No Report.

May 19th will be the first Farmers Market of the season.

No Report.

The Historical Committee will not be holding an April meeting.

No Report.

No Report.

No Report.

No Report.

No Report.

Trustee Martinez looks forward to working with the new Village Manager and thanks Hellwege for his job as Interim.

Trustee Jarvis is happy the Farmers Market will be opening soon with fresh ideas for the new season.

Interim Manager Hellwege is creating an onboarding packet for the new manager. Village Hall will be getting new computers installed on April 2nd.

**EGLE Permit to
Enter Right of Ways**

**Non-Action Items:
Village Manager Hire**

**Knotek Law Request
for Payment**

**Streetscape Project
Additional Fund
Request**

**Committee Meetings
Parks and Rec**

DDA

Economic Develop

Farmers Market

Fire Board

Historical Committee

Housing Commission

**Maple Lake
Preservation**

Planning Commission

Wellhead Protection

Wine & Harvest

**Council Member
Comments:
Martinez**

Jarvis

Manager Comments

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Chief Rottman reported an officer resigned Friday, March 22nd. Several past officers, that are now employed at VBCO have offered to fill-in multiple open shifts. Chief Rottman commended Lt. Carlsen for his hard work and willingness to work the road during staffing shortages.

Rottman

Motion by Craddock with support by Martinez to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Tacy
Village Clerk

Roman Plaszczak
Village President