

**Minutes, Paw Paw Village Council
Regular Meeting, March 27, 2023**

The Regular Village Council meeting of Monday, March 27, 2023, convened at 7:00p.m. at the Paw Paw District Library, Community Room. President Plaszczyk presiding.

Meeting Convened

Present: President Plaszczyk and President Pro-tem Douglas Craddock and Trustees Steve Richardson, Nadine Jarvis, Nicolas Martinez, Ashley Nottingham, and Donne Rohr. Also present: Village Manager Will Joseph, Village Clerk Karla Tacy Department of Public Services Interim Director Tim Brandys and Chief of Police Eric Marshall.

Members Present

Motion by Rohr with support from Nottingham to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of March 13, 2023 Closed Session minutes. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Jarvis with support from Martinez to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 13, 2023. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to approve the closed session minutes of March 13, 2023. All members present voting yes, motion carried

Motion by Jarvis with support from Richardson to approve claims for Monday, March 27, 2023, in the amount of \$406,160.88. All members voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Jeff Jason believes his home's foundation is being damaged from the weight of the Van Buren Star Public Transit bus that passes his house daily.

**Audience
Participation**

Susan Rice would like the Village to consider changing its mowing ordinance to allow residents to refrain from mowing until after Memorial Day, to protect the pollinators.

Library Director Gretchen Evans would like the Village to consider the library's request to have an authorized company do a control burn of their prairie grass.

Library Board member Suzanne Miller voiced her support for the controlled burn.

Jason Straw provided to Council information regarding public restrooms and ideas to help eliminate vandalism of the restrooms.

Motion by Nottingham with support from Jarvis to approve changes in the zoning ordinance updating definitions of child care facilities as recommended by the Village of Paw Paw Planning Commission. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**Action Items:
Zoning Ordinance
Amendment: Child
Care Facilities**

Motion by Richardson with support from Craddock to approve appointments as recommended by President Plaszczyk. All members voting yes, motion carried.

**Appointments to
Boards and
Commissions**

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Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to enter into a closed session for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement, which is exempt from disclosure as allowed under the Michigan Open Meetings Act MCL 15.268 (c) at 7:37 pm. Roll Call Vote: Richardson, Rohr, Craddock, Plaszcak, Nottingham, Jarvis, and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

**Closed Session- DPS
CBA**

Motion by Martinez with support from Jarvis to exit the closed session at 8:19 pm. Roll Call Vote: Richardson, Rohr, Craddock, Plaszcak, Nottingham, Jarvis, and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martinez with support from Nottingham to approve the 2023-2027 collective bargaining agreement with the Operating Engineers Local 324 representing the Department of Public Service employees. Roll Call Vote: Martinez, Jarvis, Nottingham, Plaszcak, Craddock, Rohr and Richardson voting yes, motion carried.

**Consideration of CBA
for DPS**

Motion by Rohr with support from Craddock to enter into a closed session for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement, which is exempt from disclosure as allowed under the Michigan Open Meetings Act MCL 15.268 (1)(h) at 8:26 pm. Roll Call Vote: Martinez, Jarvis, Nottingham, Plaszcak, Craddock, Rohr and Richardson voting yes, motion carried.

**Closed Session- Legal
Opinion**

Motion by Rohr with support from Martinez to exit the closed session at 8:41 pm. Roll Call Vote: Richardson, Rohr, Craddock, Plaszcak, Nottingham, Jarvis, and Martinez voting yes, motion carried.

DPS Interim Director Brandys updated council on various projects his crew has been working on.

**Non- Action Items:
DPS Monthly Report**

A workshop to discuss the Briggs Dam project has been scheduled for 6:00pm on 4/24.

Briggs Dam

No Report.

**Committee Meetings
and Reports
Parks and Rec**

DDA has been working with the designer to begin production of the wayfinding signs.

DDA

President Plaszcak would like to get an Economic and Residential Opportunity meeting scheduled.

Economic Develop

The Farmers Market Board discussed their upcoming season.

Farmers Market

No Report.

Fire Board

No Report.

Historical Committee

No Report.

Housing Commission

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No Report.

**Maple Lake
Preservation**

No Report.

Planning Commission

No Report.

Wellhead Protection

No Report.

Wine & Harvest

President Plaszcak would like to have Joseph schedule a workshop to discuss utilizing the ARPA funds. Plaszcak would like to get a copy of each MML handbooks for Council members. President Plaszcak would like to get information and have a discussion regarding possibly creating police special assessment districts.

**Council Comments:
Plaszcak**

Trustee Richardson would like the library to be able to have its controlled burn.

Richardson

Martinez inquired as to how Council would go about changing the mowing ordinance.

Martinez

Nottingham would like the Village to create a youth council.

Nottingham

Craddock inquired about the agreement between the Village and Rocket football regarding use of the Tyler Field restrooms.

Craddock

Jarvis thanked everyone for their condolences regarding her husband's recent passing.

Jarvis

Chief Marshall reported the Fire Chief is opposed to the library's request for the controlled burn for multiple reasons. Chief Marshall voiced his concern of the threat of termination of health care coverage for administrative employees from the IUOE.

Staff Comments:

Motion by Craddock with support by Nottingham to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:55p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:

Karla Tacy
Village Clerk

Roman Plaszcak
Village President